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**CITY OF NEWPORT
ANNOUNCES VACANCIES ON THE
PLANNING COMMISSION'S
VACATION RENTAL AD-HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The City of Newport is seeking applications from citizens interested in serving on an Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee to assist the Newport Planning Commission in developing a set of recommended revisions to the City of Newport's ordinance regulating vacation rental and B&B establishments. The Committee will be comprised of up to 11 members who either reside, own property, operate a business, or work within the Newport city limits.

It is anticipated that the Committee, supported by City staff, will meet on a bi-monthly basis between January and April of 2018 to review the City's existing vacation rental regulations, evaluate best management practices used by other jurisdictions that regulate vacation rentals, discuss policy options for revising the City's codes, and select preferred alternatives for presentation to the public. One or more public open houses will be held, between April and June of 2018 to solicit feedback on the preferred alternatives. The Committee will then be asked to reconvene to review the comments and discuss whether or not additional changes are needed. This may involve two or three additional meetings. The Committee's work is likely to wrap up in the late spring or early summer with a proposed package of amendments that will be provided to the Planning Commission for its consideration and recommendation to the Newport City Council.

Anyone interested in serving on this committee should apply using the city's committee application which is found on the city website at www.newportoregon.gov; click on "City;"

then on “Committees;” and then on “Application for Committee/Commission.” The completed form can be submitted electronically. Paper copies of the committee application form can also be obtained by contacting Peggy Hawker, at p.hawker@newportoregon.gov, or by telephone at 541.574.0613. The application deadline is December 22, 2017.

Committee appointments will be made by the Planning Commission at its January 8th meeting. Applications must be submitted to the City no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday January 3, 2018.

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