

# City of Florence

## Coast Guard City Designation Application Package



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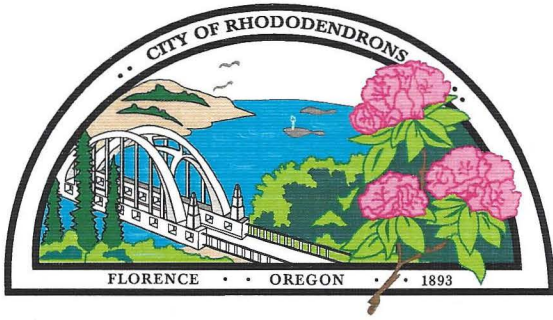
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# City of Florence

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October 17, 2017

**Admiral Paul Zukunft**  
**Commandant, United States Coast Guard**  
**Washington D.C.**  
**Via Chain of Command**

Dear Admiral Zukunft,

I am writing you to request that the City of Florence, Oregon be designated a Coast Guard City USA. Our beautiful coastal town is fairly small with a population of about 10,000 citizens, but we have a huge heart for Team Coast Guard and the members of our local Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River. Our Coast Guard Station will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Florence in 2017 and it has become fully integrated into our community over those 100 years. Thus, we would be honored to be designated a Coast Guard City and we believe there is significant merit for such recognition due to our long and mutually beneficial relationship.

The City of Florence and its citizens value the professional work of the Coast Guard men and women assigned to Station Siuslaw River. The Coast Guard plays an integral role in the safety of mariners on several miles of the Siuslaw River, the river bar and Pacific Ocean. Successful efforts have been made to acknowledge and honor these brave Coast Guard members and we continue to look for other ways to support and embrace them, including submission of this application for Coast Guard City.

Every year our community sponsors several celebrations and events in which the Coast Guard, as well as other military services, are recognized as an important part of the community. The Florence culture is a visibly patriotic one as evidenced by many veterans' groups, the Oregon Coast Military Museum, the Veteran's Memorial Park on the waterfront, and several patriotic events. Our annual Rhododendron Festival and Veteran's Day Parade are just two of the events in which our local Coast Guard members participate and are honored.

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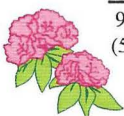
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**Florence Events Center**  
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This year, the Coast Guard will be the celebrated Grand Marshal of our Veteran's Day Parade and our Chamber of Commerce has just announced that in 2017, the Coast Guard will be the Grand Marshal of our Rhododendron Parade, the second largest parade in the State of Oregon. The theme of the 2017 parade will be *Always Ready to Rhody* as an homage to the Coast Guard motto, *Semper Paratus*.

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the City of Florence and the Oregon Coast Military Museum hosted a Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner at the Florence Events Center. It was a semi-formal military style dinner and ball for the sole purpose of the community showing appreciation for local Coast Guard personnel and their guests. Challenge coins, specially designed for the event, were given to Coast Guard members and Auxiliaries as another token of appreciation. The dinner was well attended with over 250 guests.

The city's continued support for Team Coast Guard is demonstrated in the above examples and in other ways described in this application. You will find an extensive record highlighted in the accompanying documentation.

Please find enclosed the application package in both printed and digital format on CD. In this package, you will find several letters of support from citizens, congressman and other elected officials, local organizations, and city officials. Included is the list of things the City of Florence and its citizens do to support the Coast Guard, including the collaborative activities and events in which we participate. You will also find an illustrative photo montage exhibiting activities involving Coast Guard members and other demonstrations of support such as links to some of the Coast Guard related articles printed in the local newspaper.

The Coast Guard has an enduring history with Florence, Port of Siuslaw and the boating community, and we will continue to foster that relationship and help it grow even stronger. We appreciate that Station Siuslaw River members *and* their families are active, integral members of our schools, churches, neighborhoods and economy. The City of Florence was ranked as the [#1 Most Beautiful Town in America](#) by Expedia in 2016 and it continues to grow in population and popularity. Our need for the Coast Guard simultaneously grows with that extra population and increasing boating public including visitors.

In consideration of the aforementioned information and the following documentation, we respectfully request that Florence, Oregon be considered in joining the distinguished list of other Coast Guard Cities. Thank you for taking the time to review our application.

Very Respectfully,



Joe Henry  
Mayor, City of Florence

cc: USCG Station Siuslaw River  
4255 Coast Guard Road  
Florence, Oregon 97439

## How the Community has Honored and Embraced Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River

### ***Background***

As aforementioned, the City of Florence will celebrate their 100 year relationship with the United States Coast Guard in 2017. USCG Station Siuslaw River has a substantial history in this area and the community embraces Station Siuslaw River on several levels as exhibited by vigorous community wide outreach, actions and events shown in the following pages.

Maritime commerce started on the Siuslaw River about 1876 with sawmills and seafood canneries. In 1883, a beacon was placed at the river's mouth due to vessels crossing the bar on a regular basis. As early as 1889, Florence solicited Congress for a life-saving station at the mouth of the Siuslaw River, but initial requests were denied. However, the famous Heceta Lighthouse was completed in 1894 and other maritime improvements came over the years to make the river more navigable. A station was not approved on the Siuslaw until 1915, shortly after the Life-Saving Service became the Coast Guard. The station property was purchased in 1915 and the station construction was finished by 1917.



**Siuslaw River Lifeboat Station 1917.  
Photo Courtesy of the USCG.**



**Siuslaw River Lifeboat Station 1923.  
Photo Courtesy of the USCG.**

## How the Community has Honored and Embraced Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River

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### ***More about Florence***

Located on the central Oregon coast, Florence is a scenic and recreational paradise. It lies at the mouth of the Siuslaw River on the Pacific Ocean about midway between Newport and Coos Bay along U.S. Route 101. A charming town, which was originally a mill and fishing town, Florence has a population nearing 10,000. The Old Town boasts a number of interesting shops and restaurants, and there is a marina and RV campground on the waterfront. Along Highway 101, there are many new businesses in this growing area of the Oregon coast. The town is adjacent to Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.



**Siuslaw River Bridge in Florence, Oregon. Designed by Conde McCullough and completed in 1936, this iconic bridge is on the National Register of Historic Places.**

Fishing, recreational boating, camping, dune buggy rides, sand boarding, shopping, crabbing, clamming, birding, hiking, sightseeing, art galleries and golfing are but a few of the activities available in Florence. Many of these activities are world class. There are two beautiful golf courses, and the Florence Events Center and Three Rivers Casino offer a variety of entertainment. The [Port of Siuslaw](#) is also part of the city and there are other boat launches and a crabbing dock in the vicinity.

Florence is considered a destination tourist area and further economic planning and development are constantly in the works. One of the city's mottos is [A City in Motion](#), referring to the many accomplished and foreseeable goals. People often choose to retire here due to the moderate climate, restaurants, outdoor recreational opportunities and most importantly, an appreciably strong and welcoming sense of community which serves well those Coast Members stationed here. We also have retired Coast Guard residents here and Coast Guard family members who have stayed even after their CG person (usually a child) has transferred elsewhere.

Recognition in 2016: [#1 Most Beautiful Town in America](#) by Expedia and [People's Choice for best Oregon Coast getaway](#) by Oregon Live.

### How the Community has Honored and Embraced Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River

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Crew members aboard the 47' Motor Lifeboat approaching the Siuslaw River Bridge. Facing the camera is USCG Seaman Mark Nelson.

#### ***Events and Outreach Supporting and USCG Station Siuslaw River***

- On October 7, 2016 the City of Florence and the Oregon Coast Military Museum hosted its first [Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner](#) to celebrate the men and women of Station Siuslaw River. Over 250 guests attended the event at the Florence Events Center. It took several months to plan the event and many local organizations were represented on the planning committee. Every Station Siuslaw River active-duty member received personally addressed invitations, as did active Flotilla 52 Auxiliary members. Active-duty members, command staff from Sector North Bend and Auxiliarists all received a specially designed challenge coin upon arrival. The newly minted coin had the CG logo and *Station Siuslaw River* engraved on one side and the City of Florence logo and event date on the other. The local Band of Brothers veteran's group sponsored the coins. The dinner had several local sponsors including businesses, organizations and individual community members.

The program included the station's color guard team, a banquet, live music, speakers and dancing. During the evening, a video played on two large screens, on each side of the podium, showing photos and video clips of this year's activities by Station Siuslaw River. You can view the video [here](#). Speakers for the event included Florence Mayor Joe Henry, USCG Commander Charles Guerrero from Sector North Bend, Senior Chief Petty Officer Tim Tregoning (OIC Station Siuslaw River ) and retired Brigadier General Norm Hoffman, who is also the Flotilla 52 Commander. Wayne Sharp, local radio personality and President of the Oregon Coast Military Museum board, was Master of Ceremonies. Mayor Henry expressed many kudos and recognized the critical importance of what Station Siuslaw River does every day. He expressed that the community stands with them and supports them in their heroic service and as neighbors and friends in the community in general.

**How the Community has Honored and Embraced Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River**

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***Events and Outreach Supporting USCG Station Siuslaw River*** (continued)

- On January 28, 2016, the local movie theater, City Lights Cinema, had a special premiere showing of the Coast Guard movie *The Finest Hours* for local Coast Guard members and their families to acknowledge the professional and often heroic work of the local Coast Guard. The Siuslaw High School culinary team provided a Cape Cod themed menu for the special guests, which also included members from Station Umpqua River. The *Siuslaw News* printed [a feature article](#) and photos on the front page concerning the event, which included a description of the ongoing Coast Guard and community relationship.
- The Florence Chamber of Commerce announced that in 2017, the Coast Guard will be the Grand Marshal of our Rhododendron Parade, the second largest parade in the State of Oregon. The theme of the 2017 parade will be *Always Ready to Rhody* as an homage to the Coast Guard motto, *Semper Paratus*. The *Siuslaw News* printed [an article](#) announcing the event.
- For the 2016 Rhododendron Parade on May 22, local Elks Lodge #1858 entered a beautiful, kinetic float honoring the 100 year presence of the Coast Guard in Florence. Coast Guard members and Auxiliaries rode on the float with Elk members. The float depicted an historical double-ender jumping a wave.
- For many years, Station Siuslaw River has been invited to and participates in both the Rhododendron Parade and Veteran's Day Parade. Over the years, Coast Guard Members have been honored and the Color Guard is often in a prevalent or leading position in the parade. Coast Guard Veteran's are also invited on a regular basis. For the 2016 Rhododendron Parade on May 22, Station Siuslaw River members were invited to and participated with their float, a trailed 25' RBS boat. The color guard also participated, following closely behind the Grand Marshal.
- USCG Station Siuslaw River will be the Grand Marshal of the 2016 Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th. As such, all members will be in a place of honor leading the annual parade.
- The City of Florence has maintained a Safe Boating partnership with the Coast Guard for several years and assists in promoting Safe Boating to the community.

On May 16, 2016, the City of Florence proclaimed Safe Boating Week and invited Station Siuslaw River members to attend the ceremony. Senior Chief Petty Officer Tregoning accepted the proclamation.

For *Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day* on May 20, 2016, city officials and many other community leaders worked with the Coast Guard and donned life jackets to promote the *Wear It* campaign. Participants included the Mayor, City Manager, other city officials, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue members, Port of Siuslaw members and several others.

For *Life Jacket World Record Day* on May 21, 2016, city officials and other community members went to Station Siuslaw River and joined Coast Guard members to add to the official world record count.

In August 2015, the City of Florence declared a city proclamation honoring the Coast Guard for its 225th Birthday. Station Siuslaw River members attended the ceremony.



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**Events and Outreach Supporting USCG Station Siuslaw River** (continued)

- The Port of Siuslaw has maintained a Safe Boating partnership with the Coast Guard and Auxiliary for several years and assists in promoting Safe Boating to the community.

In 2016, the relationship continued with the Port providing classroom space for Safe Boating classes, assisting with Vessel Safety Check events by coning off areas and other duties, and promoting Safe Boating tips via radio PSA's on KCST and other media. The Port also provides a small building near the launch ramp for Auxiliarists to utilize when speaking with boaters and a place to store Safe Boating literature. The building has been provided and utilized for years.

Port of Siuslaw Manager Steven Leskin recently arranged for the Coast Guard to tour *Dredge Yaquina* (in September) when it was dredging the mouth of the Siuslaw River. When called upon, Manager Leskin readily provides support and information for Coast Guard press releases.

The Port provides space near the main boat ramp for remote bar restriction lights, run by solar power.

- In September 2016, Pacific Publishing of Florence released the Central Oregon coast phonebook with a photo of Station Siuslaw River 47' Motor Lifeboat on the cover. (Photo taken by Coast Guard Auxiliarist). Several other Coast Guard photos were dispersed throughout the phonebook. A Coast Guard PSA was included in the phonebook with other public safety PSA's. The publishing company provided extra copies for Coast Guard members and their families. Phonebook enclosed with this application.
- There has been sustained Coast Guard support from the local 126-year-old newspaper, *Siuslaw News*, for nearly the past century. More recently, during the past year, they have published dozens of press releases and Coast Guard-centered articles and photos, including Sailor of the Quarter info and Safe Boating announcements. The *Siuslaw News* works closely with the Station's Public Affairs Officer and they have subsequently published several feature articles including one about Women in the Coast Guard and Change of Watch events. They have featured the Coast Guard numerous times on the front page with *above the fold* photos. Some of those articles are included with this application.

Recent Examples:

March 12, 2016: [Women's History Month: Honoring the women who serve at U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River.](#)

May 14, 2016: ['Coast Guard City' could be on Florence's Horizon.](#)

January 16, 2016: [Coast Guard Auxiliary Hosts Division Conference.](#)

- In October 2016, *Siuslaw News* started production of their 2017 Florence Community Calendar. They have placed a photo of two 47' Motor Lifeboats from Station Siuslaw River on the Cover and other Coast Guard photos inside. (Calendar photos taken by Coast Guard Auxiliarist).

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***Events and Outreach Supporting USCG Station Siuslaw River*** (continued)

- City of Florence citizens volunteer hundreds to thousands of hours annually at Station Siuslaw River as USCG Auxiliarists augmenting watch standing, food services, public affairs, boat crew and mechanics on a daily or weekly basis. They have formed a close working relationship with Station members and command. Flotilla 52, which includes the active Florence detachment, celebrates 50 years this year.
- The Boys and Girls Club in Florence offers scholarships to CG dependents, allowing free membership to their children. The station's Food Services crew recently gave cooking classes to the children.
- The local Daughters of the American Revolution chapter provides welcome baskets for Coast Guard families newly stationed in Florence and bakery goods to the crew on major holidays.
- Sea Lions Caves, a local attraction, offers free admission to all active duty Coast Guard members and their families and extends the offer to Coast Guard Station Yaquina Bay members.
- Several local businesses offer discounts to local Coast Guard and other military. Examples include Fred Meyers' weekly military discount day and Grocery Outlet's discount card for active-duty military and veterans. They even offer a special parking space for disabled veterans.
- Local community radio station KXCR offers radio broadcast time for Coast Guard Safe Boating PSA's and announcements for Safe Boating events.
- For the past 3 years including 2016, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue escorted Station Siuslaw River members during the annual Law Enforcement Torch run on Highway 101 through town.
- When the Oregon Coast Military Museum opened, Heceta Self Storage donated 5,000 dollars to the museum for a flag pole and Coast Guard flag that honors the United States Coast Guard.
- Besides recently hosting the Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner and honoring the local troops, the Oregon Coast Military Museum is actively making efforts to improve and enlarge their Coast Guard display.

***Future Proposals***

- The City of Florence is working on a proclamation for 2017 declaring it *The Year of the Coast Guard* in Florence, Oregon.
- The City of Florence Public Information Officer and Station Siuslaw River Public Affairs Officer will meet on a regularly scheduled basis (as often as needed) to discuss collaborative projects, continue to promote the Safe Boating partnership and continue to strengthen the relationship between the community and the local Coast Guard.
- The City of Florence proposes to make the Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner or a Public Safety Dinner (to include the Coast Guard) an annual event.

## How the Community has Honored and Embraced Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River Cont'd from Page 10

### ***Other Community Partnerships and Events***

Coast Guard members and their families are an integral part of the City of Florence. They are involved with and partnered in many community activities on-duty and off-duty, from school events and job fairs to sports and other community programs.

- Senior Chief Petty Officer Tim Tregoning and his wife Amy were recently instrumental in helping set up the Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association for different age levels. They serve on the board, coach and referee. Four other station members coach and one other referees.

The City of Florence was able to help their initial efforts by investing in new soccer goals for the park.

- Coast Guard members partner with organizations like the Helping Hands Coalition who help the less fortunate. They also participate in beach clean-ups, school presentations, and other partnership activities. During the past year, station members volunteered for the Siuslaw School District to help administer Standardized Performance Testing. CG family members also volunteer with and participate in the local Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops.
- City of Florence Parks Dept. allows Station Siuslaw members to utilize Miller Park for intramural sports with other Coast Guard units, and playing with teams from Siuslaw Valley Fire and Florence PD.
- The Chamber of Commerce invites station members to Chamber events, such as *Business After Hours*, which they sometimes attend.
- Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue and other public service agencies work with the Coast Guard on surf and beach rescues and other occurrences. Five Station Siuslaw River members currently volunteer for Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue and there is an excellent relationship between the agencies.

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue recently presented a fire suppression training session during the station's *Boat Crew College*.

- The USCG is a partner agency with the City of Florence in collaborating with the Western Lane Emergency Operations Group for disaster preparedness. This year, USCG Station Siuslaw River participated in a multi-agency *Cascadia Rising* exercise with Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue and Florence Police, among others, to help prepare for a large magnitude earthquake and accompanying tsunami along the Oregon coast.
- Every year, Station Siuslaw River and one of the 47' Motor Lifeboats are involved in the Memorial Day event held at Veteran's Memorial Park on the Siuslaw River waterfront near Old Town. The Station's Color Guard attends the ceremony on shore, while the 47' MLB crew lays wreaths on the water nearby, as the community watches from shore. The many wreaths are provided primarily by the VFW and Elk's Lodge.
- The City of Florence and other community groups invite the Station Siuslaw River Color Guard for different occasions including parades, holiday events such as 4th of July and Flag Day, State of the City address, etc. Station Siuslaw River is usually invited to other major community functions too.

Illustrative Photo Montage of Supporting Events

Location Overview



Left: Mayor Joe Henry, Pam Henry and Miss Ellie participating in *Life Jacket World Record Day* at Station Siuslaw River, May 2016. Station Siuslaw River is located within the Florence city limits on Coast Guard Road. The station overlooks the Siuslaw River and boating traffic, Sea Lion colonies, Harbor Seal herds and the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.

Right: 47' MLB patrolling the jetty area during the busy Fall salmon fishery. Hundreds of recreational and commercial fishermen come to the Siuslaw River and nearby offshore every year for salmon, tuna, crabbing and other fisheries. Sept. 2016.



Left: 44' Commercial fishing vessel *Caremi* recently returning from the Tuna Fishery and coming under the Siuslaw River Bridge to home port at the Siuslaw Marina for the winter. October 2016.

Right: 47' MLB traversing the Siuslaw River bar. The Siuslaw River bar is one of the most treacherous on the Oregon Coast and it is a blessing to have Station Siuslaw River here to help keep mariners safe and perform lifesaving duties when the need arises. October 2016.



Illustrative Photo Montage of Supporting Events

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Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner 2016



Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner 2016 at the Florence Events Center. Every Station Siuslaw River member received a personally addressed invitation, as did active Flotilla 52 Auxiliary members. Active-duty members, command staff from Sector North Bend and Auxiliaries all received a specially designed challenge coin upon arrival, with the CG logo and *Station Siuslaw River* engraved on one side and the City of Florence logo and event date on the other. The local Band of Brothers veteran's group sponsored the coins. See newspaper article summary [here](#). PLEASE SEE CHALLENGE COIN INCLUDED WITH THIS APPLICATION.



Photo by Jonathan Yoder, Auxiliarist

Above: Coast Guard members speak at the Appreciation Dinner. From L-to-R: Senior Chief Petty Officer Tim Tregoning (OIC Station Siuslaw River), Commander Charles Guerrero from Sector North Bend and retired Brigadier General Norm Hoffman, who is also the Flotilla 52 Commander. Left: Senior Chief Petty Officer Tregoning speaks to guests. Below: Both sides of challenge coin.



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Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner 2016 (continued)



Above: Mayor Joe Henry speaking at Appreciation Dinner. Above Right: Sector North Bend Command Staff arriving at event. L-to-R: CDR Charles Guerrero (speaker), CDR Robert Workman, LCDR Ben Crowell, Master Chief Jeanne Cato, and LCDR Ezri Manuel. Right: Some of the crew members standing to be recognized for their outstanding service.



Left: As Coast Guard members arrived, photos were taken by a volunteer photographer, a Marine veteran who volunteered his time and talent. Digital copies were later distributed to the Coast Guard members.



Photos on this page by Richard Lewis.  
Collage by Auxiliarist Deborah Heldt Cordone.

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Recent City of Florence Proclamations and Awards



Photo by Robert Steele, Auxiliariist

Above: Station Siuslaw River members and Auxiliary stand with Senior Chief Petty Officer Tim Tregoning, Mayor Joe Henry and City Manager Erin Reynolds during ceremony declaring Safe Boating Week in May 2016. Right: Senior Chief Petty Officer Tregoning received a written proclamation from the Mayor. Mayor Henry and City Manager Reynolds donned Life Jackets for the occasion.



Mayor Henry, Good Samaritan & USCG Fireman Dana Gagliardi, Commander Pitcher, USCG Senior Chief Tregoning.

Above photo courtesy of Siuslaw News.



Photo by Robert Steele, Auxiliariist

Above: Senior Chief Tregoning and Auxiliary member receive proclamation for Coast Guard's 225th anniversary in 2015.

Above Left: USCG Fireman Dana Gagliardi received the City of Florence Good Samaritan Award for helping rescue two young boys on the beach near the north jetty over Memorial Day weekend, 2016. He also received a Florence PD challenge coin for his act of bravery from Commander Pitcher. Awards ceremony was in July. See article summary [here](#).

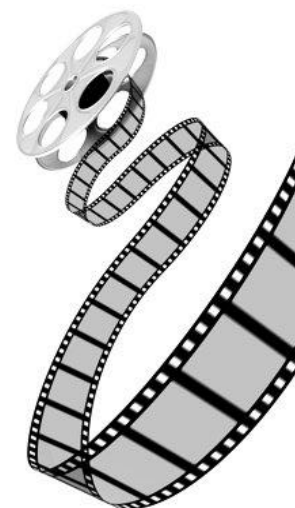
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*The Finest Hours*



On January 28, 2016, the local movie theater, City Lights Cinema, had a premiere screening of the Coast Guard movie *The Finest Hours* for local Coast Guard members and their families to acknowledge the professional and often heroic work of the local Coast Guard. The Siuslaw High School culinary team provided a Cape Cod themed menu for the special guests, which also included members from Station Umpqua River. The rest of the community were also invited to the premiere in the adjoining theater. A Safe Boating display was provided by Station Siuslaw River members and a front page article in the *Siuslaw News* featured the event.





Illustrative Photo Montage of Supporting Events

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Parades



Left: For the 2016 Rhododendron Parade, local Florence Elks Lodge #1858 entered a beautiful, kinetic float honoring the almost 100 year presence of the Coast Guard in Florence. Coast Guard members and Auxiliaries rode on the float with Elks members. The float depicted an historical double-ender jumping a wave. This photo shows a Coast Guard member looking at the float before the parade.



Right: Another perspective of the Elk's Float. They honored the Coast Guard, but flew the flags of all military branches. May 2016.



Left: Station Siuslaw River's 25' RBS in the 2016 Rhododendron Parade. Next year's parade will be in honor of the Coast Guard!

Photo by Andrew Cordone



Right: Mayor and Pam Henry (plus Miss Ellie) standing with MK2 Mercado's spouse (Valerie) in front of the station's RBS before parade. 2016 Rhododendron Parade. May 2016.

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Parades (continued)



Photo by Andrew Cordone

Left and Below: Station Siuslaw River Color Guard in the 2016 Rhododendron Parade.



Photo by Andrew Cordone



Left: 2015 Veteran's Day Parade with Station Siuslaw River 25' RBS and members coming down Bay Street in Old Town.

Right: 2014 Rhododendron Parade Elk's Lodge float with retired United States Coast Guard Reserve Captain Sharon Armstrong honored on board float with other Elk's members. May 2014.



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**Other Color Guard Events**



Left: Station Siuslaw River Color Guard at the annual 2016 Flag Day ceremony for burning of retired and unserviceable American flags, held by the VFW and other organizations at Veteran's Memorial Park in Florence, June 2016.

Above: Station Siuslaw River Color Guard at the State of the City Address held at the Florence Events Center in January 2016.

Below: L-to-R USCG Station Siuslaw River members SN Samantha Hughes and BM3 Brooke Crosley at the 2016 Flag Day ceremony.

Lower Left: Two Station Siuslaw River Color Guard members tending to the flags at the Memorial Day ceremony held at Veteran's Memorial Park in May 2016.



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**Safe Boating Week**

The City of Florence is serious about Safe Boating and having an active role as a Safe Boating Partner with the United States Coast Guard. On May 16, 2016 the City of Florence proclaimed Safe Boating Week for May 21st-27th. Several community members and organizations helped the Coast Guard get the word out about Safe Boating by participating in their organized events including the May 20th *Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day* and the May 21st *Life Jacket World Record Day*.

For *Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day*, participants had a fun time spreading the word about life jacket comfort and safety. City officials and many other community leaders donned life jackets to promote the *Wear It* campaign. Participants included the Mayor, City Manager, other city officials, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, Port of Siuslaw and several others.

For *Life Jacket World Record Day*, city officials and other community members went to Station Siuslaw River and joined Coast Guard members to add to the official world record count.

Several businesses and organizations in Florence also participate in the Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program and believe in supporting recreational boating safety to make our waterways safer for everyone by having displays with State and Federal boating safety literature.



Left: City of Florence Mayor Henry and other community members went to Station Siuslaw River to join Coast Guard members to add to the official world record count. May 2016.

Below: Station Siuslaw River members dons life jackets for *Wear It* campaign. May 2016.



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Safe Boating Week (continued)



Photo Courtesy of Amy Tregoning

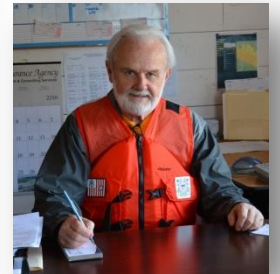


Photo Courtesy of Port of Siuslaw



Photos showing the variety of community members participating in *Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day*, May 2016.

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Siuslaw News

There has been support from the local newspaper, Siuslaw News, for nearly the past century. More recently, during the past year, they have published dozens of press releases and Coast Guard-centered articles and photos (about fifty total in the past year), including Sailor of the Quarter info and Safe Boating announcements. The Siuslaw News works closely with the Station Siuslaw River Public Affairs officer, who is a resident of Florence. They have subsequently published several feature articles. They have featured the Coast Guard numerous times on the front page. A very small portion of those articles are included with this application package and just a few samples are pictured here.



Siuslaw News 12MAR16 (Front Page)



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Siuslaw News (continued)

12A SIUSLAW NEWS ■ SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2016

# COAST GUARD AWARDS MK2 COULTER

U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River awarded Petty Officer Second Class Machinery Technician Second Class (MK2) William Coulter as the Sailor of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2016.

Of the almost 35 USCG crewmembers assigned to Station Siuslaw River, only one shipmate per quarter receives the distinguished title Sailor of the Quarter. Sailor of the Quarter recognizes a USCG member for superior performance and achievements.

During this quarter, Coulter displayed notable accomplishments that earned him the distinguished award.

According to Station Siuslaw River Senior Chief Timothy Tregoning, Coulter demonstrates an exemplary can-do attitude, outstanding initiative and excellent leadership to junior peers.

His devotion to duty and extracurricular morale-boosting activities has proven to be a great asset.

In 2015, Coulter was nominated for Enlisted Person of the Year. He also maintains a 4.0 GPA while obtaining general education for an associate's degree.

Coulter, who has been stationed in Florence for over three years, is from Houston, Texas.

According to Coulter, his love of the ocean and surfing attracted him to the USCG military branch.

Serving in the Coast Guard for past 4-and-a-half years, he is currently an engineer and crewmember on the Motor Life Boat. He plans on staying with the USCG for a full military career.

Coulter selflessly volunteers his off-duty time as a firefighter for Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue.

He can also be seen performing with the USCG Color Guard at many community events. Earlier this year, he had the honor of participating in the giant American flag ceremony at Seattle's Safeco Field during a Mariners game. —Submitted by Deborah Heldt Cordone



PHOTOS BY DEBORAH HELDT CORDONE



2A SIUSLAW NEWS ■ SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2016

# THE RECORD

## Coast Guard rescues fishing vessel — twice

The U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River came to the rescue of the 52-foot fishing vessel Takako Thursday afternoon for the second time in 48 hours.

In the early hours of Wednesday morning, May 25, was received from the disabled commercial fishing vessel. The 47-foot Motor Life Boat (MLB) went to the aid of the Takako, but was unable to tow it in due to low tide on the Siuslaw River.

The two vessels circled outside the bar for several hours, waiting for higher tides. About 1 p.m., the Takako was successfully towed to a dock near Old Town, where the captain sought repairs.

Thursday afternoon, May 26, after repairs were finished, the Takako requested safety standby as they went back out across the bar. The safety standby occurred without incident. However, a short time later, the station received another call for assistance from the same vessel, now again mechanically disabled.

The MLB responded and towed the vessel back to the docks.

Station Siuslaw River's Chief Tim Tregoning, stated, "We commend the skipper for requesting assistance on his outbound voyage. Often times, you don't know if effective repairs were made until sea trials are complete. The bar is a dangerous location to discover repairs were not effective."

"We encourage mariners to contact the nearest Coast Guard Station when they have concerns about crossing the Oregon coast." —Submitted by Deborah Heldt Cordone



PHOTO BY DEBORAH HELDT CORDONE

Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River's Motor Life Boat tows fishing vessel Takako back to a dock Thursday afternoon for the second time in 48 hours.

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# Siuslaw News

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## FOGHORN LIFTS OFF

Coast Guard removes signal due to severity of winter storms



The U.S. Coast Guard removed the North Jetty sound signal earlier this week. The buoys will be returned in the spring.

From late spring to early fall each year, residents near the Siuslaw River can hear the sound of a foghorn near the North Jetty. On Wednesday, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Aids to Navigation Team (ANT) Coos Bay removed the foghorn sound signal.

A sound out this was happening when I wanted the foghorn by my office window," said former Chief Tim Tregoning of the USCG Station Siuslaw River.

Debrah Heldt Cordone, an area resident, has observed the yearly removal on long on the Sound on Siuslaw River.

"I had the nice activity on fascinating," she said. She photographed the event and added, "I'm proud of our local 'Coasties'."

Tregoning said that the Siuslaw River North Jetty Sound Signal is maintained by ANT Coos Bay in an area of four sound signals that the team maintains in 120 miles of coast line from Brookings to Eureka Bay.

Besides maintaining several signals, ANT Coos Bay is also responsible for removing obstacles for properly marked or potential aids navigation for commercial and recreational boating. ANT Coos Bay collaborates with USCG Air Station North Bend to set 100-watt signals along the coast.

Debrah's 14-year-old son, Jackson William, said the Siuslaw River North Jetty Sound Signal is a seasonal and because of the weather, sometimes the signal is not heard during the winter. He said he would be very disappointed if the technicians were to remove the signal.

"I've heard that I'm not the only one," said Jackson. "I've heard that the signal is not heard during the winter. I've heard that the signal is not heard during the winter. I've heard that the signal is not heard during the winter."

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# Siuslaw News

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## TO THE RESCUE



U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River assisted a boater Tuesday around 9:30 a.m. during its normal training run and bar report on the river. According to BMC Executive Petty Officer Eva Sander, it was an opportunistic time for the crew to continue its mission that the boat broke down. "We received a radio transmission that the boat broke down. We asked if they needed assistance, they agreed, and we rigged up a low line to pull them to the docks in Old Town." Afterward, the day's training and activities continued as usual.

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Illustrative Photo Montage of Supporting Events

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Siuslaw News (continued)

City honors Coast Guard 'Good Samaritan'

Dana Gagliardi helped rescue 2 boys from dangerous surf

By CHANTILLE MEYER Siuslaw News

Florence City Council and Mayor Joe Henry honored two men Monday night for the May 28 rescue of two boys from dangerous surf near the Siuslaw River North Jetty...



Mayor Joe Henry, Coast Guard Fireman Dana Gagliardi, Florence Police Commander John Pitcher and Coast Guard Senior Chief Tim Tregoning gather at City Hall Monday to honor Gagliardi for his heroic deed.

Two beachgoers risked their own lives to save these boys and were successful in reuniting them with their families. "We have a very special, one-of-a-kind first for our city, the presentation of the Good Samaritan Award..."

See HONOR 7A

Mayor proclaims Safe Boating Week May 21-27

On May 16, City of Florence Mayor Joe Henry presented U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River Senior Chief BMCS Tim Tregoning with a Boating Week May 21-27 award.



Florence City Manager Erin Reynolds and Mayor Joe Henry (wearing life jackets) stand with local Coast Guard and auxiliary members at Monday's city council meeting.

has a safe, secure and enjoyable recreational boating experience this season. While kayaking, canoeing and paddle boarding, in a quickly growing activity, Lentsch emphasizes that paddlers and river travelers should respect their surroundings and respect their fellow boaters...

GENERAL NEWS TRAINING BETWEEN STORMS



U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River crew members between storms Wednesday morning to rough surf. Last-minute shopping done, these Coast Guard...

GENERAL NEWS Local Coast Guard welcomes newest Surfman



From left: Sector North BMCS Commanding Officer Captain Michael Eshenberger and children; Officer Ben Linsinger; Siuslaw River Chief Petty Officer Ben Linsinger; and BMCS Siuslaw River Chief Petty Officer Ben Linsinger.

Approximately 150 members who currently hold qualifications for surfman. The greatest concentration of surfman is along the Washington Oregon coast. Eshenberger is a Coast Guard member for almost 11 years. He has been training at Siuslaw River for the past four years. His recent qualifications for the past four years include training at the National Coast Guard School in Eureka, Wash. where they built upon his previous training and experience by refining his skills as an operator.

Landscaping Experts! All bark no bite! Save up your yard! All bark no bite! 100 off per yard! Perfect for shady areas!

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY HOSTS DIVISION CONFERENCE Annual Change of Watch installs new officers. Auxiliary members in uniform. Rain forecast. Local Coast Guard Auxiliary members participating in a 'Life Jacket' campaign.

Local Coast Guard begins 'Life Jacket' campaign. Members of the local Coast Guard demonstrate the ease of wearing life jackets. Auxiliary members participating in a 'Life Jacket' campaign.



Illustrative Photo Montage of Supporting Events

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Other Examples



Left: Port of Siuslaw Manager arranged for the Coast Guard to tour *Dredge Yaquina* last month when it was dredging the mouth of the Siuslaw River. Here is Army Corps' Captain Mark Keen explaining operations to Station Siuslaw River Senior Chief Petty Officer Tim Tregoning. Sept. 2016.

Right: Florence Chamber of Commerce Executive Director with Station Siuslaw River members at a chamber mixer in April 2016. L-to-R: BM1 Atkinson, Bettina Hannigan, BM2 Lindquist and Auxiliarist Redfern in back.



Left: Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Training Coordinator Jeff Larson instructed Station Siuslaw River members on proper fire suppression techniques at a recent *Boat Crew College* in September 2016.



Right: For the past 3 years, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue escorted Station Siuslaw River members during the annual Law Enforcement Torch run on Highway 101 through town. July 2016.



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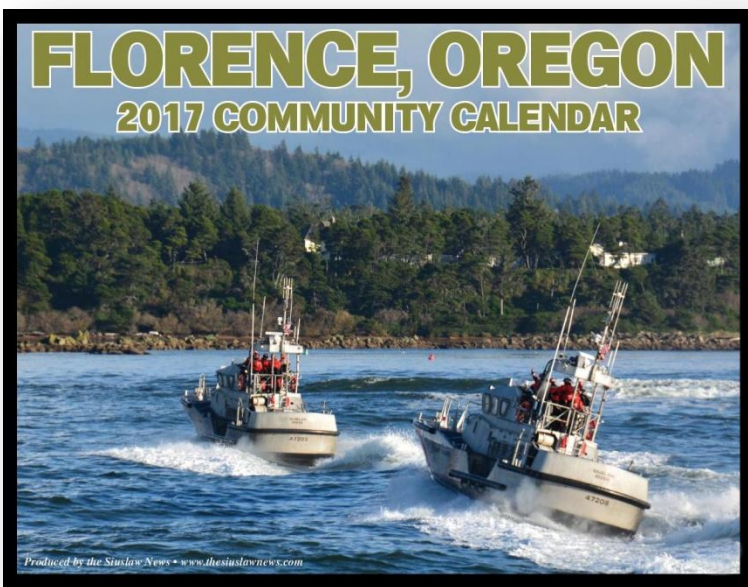
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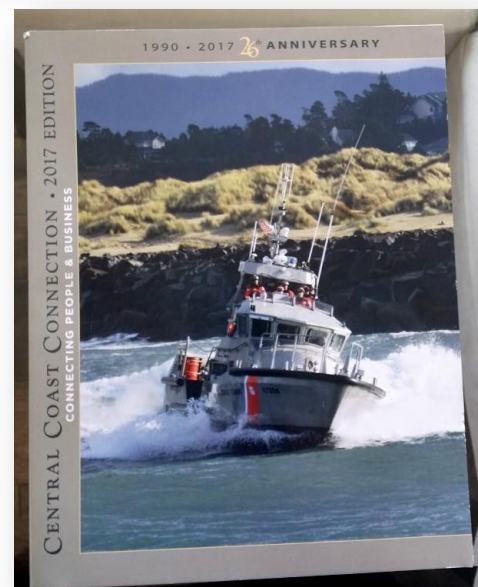


Left: Local radio stations sponsor Safe Boating PSA's. Here is Station Siuslaw River Senior Chief Petty Officer Tim Tregoning with KCST News Director Bob Sneddon doing PSA in July 2016.

Right: Both Port of Siuslaw and Cushman's Marina collaborate with Vessel Safety Check events in Florence. Here are Auxiliarists Brad Hooper and Jonathan Yoder preparing for a VSC event at Cushman's Marina in September 2016. The marina's owner even provided doughnuts for the crew.



Above: USCG Station Siuslaw River 47' Motor Lifeboats on the cover of upcoming community calendar published by *Siuslaw News* of Florence.



Above: USCG Station Siuslaw River 47' Motor Lifeboat on the cover of 2017 Central Coast phonebook released in September 2016. Published by *Pacific Publishing* of Florence.

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 30, 2016

Captain Michael T. Trimpert  
Sector North Bend Commanding Officer  
USCG Sector North Bend  
Maple Leaf  
North Bend, OR 97459

Dear Captain Trimpert:

Please note our support for the application submitted by the City of Florence, Oregon, requesting designation as a "Coast Guard City."

The Coast Guard City designation would celebrate Florence's efforts to ensure members of the Coast Guards and their families feel welcome and at home during their tours of duty in the city. This designation would also highlight the community's respect for and appreciation of the service men and women assigned to the area.

The City of Florence has proudly supported the Coast Guard in its mission since 1917, when the Coast Guard began operations at its base on the Siuslaw River. Active duty Coast Guard personnel and their families make a significant contribution to the local economy and community life, and this designation acknowledges the historic and ongoing relationship between the community and the seagoing service.

The City of Florence would be honored to be a Coast Guard City, and we urge you to give this request full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Merkley  
United States Senator

Ron Wyden  
United States Senator



Peter DeFazio  
United States Representative

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OREGON STATE SENATE  
900 COURT ST. NE, S-417  
SALEM, OR 97301

May 29, 2016

The Honorable Joe Henry  
Mayor, City of Florence  
250 Highway 101  
Florence, OR 97439

Dear Mayor Joe Henry,

As a member of the Coastal Caucus, a bipartisan, bicameral group of legislators, representing almost 400 miles of the coast, from the Oregon- California State line to the Columbia River at the Oregon-Washington State Line, I write to express my strong support for the City of Florence to be designated a "Coast Guard City." This designation will recognize the city's longstanding commitment to the U.S. Coast Guard Station and offers a tremendous opportunity to greatly enhance the city's public safety and economic vitality.

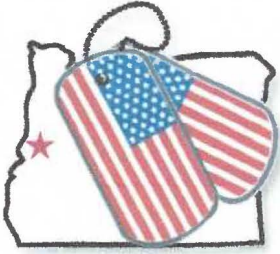
The Coast Guard City program has already recognized two of our cities' support and acknowledgment of the professional work of the Coast Guard's men and women. The Air Facility in Newport handles about 50 rescues each year, sharing coverage of the central coast with Air Station Astoria and Air Station North Bend. In October 2014, the Coast Guard reported that it intended to close the Newport facility. An outcry from commercial and recreational mariners, Congressional, State and local leaders argued that the Coast Guard are guardians of our coastal regions and thus an integral part of the communities.

Similarly, I believe the City of Florence view the men and woman of the Coast Guard as a critical nexus to our community and the people of the northwest coast. The Coast Guard's area of responsibility begins 16 miles north of the station at Cape Perpetua and extends nine miles south of the station to Siltcoos River. The station has 33 active duty members. This large family presence coupled with almost 100 years of enduring public safety relationship, have made the members of the Coast Guard family a major part of our community. I look forward to working with you to make this historic opportunity happen.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Arnie Roblan, State Senator for District 5



# OREGON COAST MILITARY MUSEUM

September 8, 2016

Re: Coast Guard City Designation

Mayor Joe Henry  
City of Florence  
250 Hwy 101  
Florence OR 97439

Dear Mayor Joe,

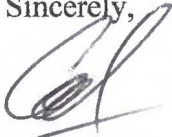
I am extremely pleased that our community leaders are pursuing a “Coast Guard City” designation to further recognize the importance of USCG Station Siuslaw River in our area. Since the start of our effort to build a military museum began in 2009, Oregon Coast Military Museum has recognized and worked to honor our local Coast Guard Station:

- As a part of our mission to build our museum, we ran a monthly “Military Heritage Chronicles” series in The Siuslaw News for approximately five years. The March 14, 2012 edition ran an article on our local Coast Guard Station (see attached).
- In celebration of the USCG’s 222<sup>nd</sup> birthday in 2012, OCMM hosted a community celebration which included an event at Florence Cinemas involving the showing of the Kevin Costner movie “The Guardian” and comments by local Station senior personnel including Auxiliary, and outdoor display of both vintage military vehicles as well as the Station’s 25’ RB-S. Other components of that attempt to acknowledge our CG Station’s presence in Florence did not materialize at the time. (see attached).
- As a part of the Committee yourself, you are already aware of the current effort being co-hosted by the Museum and the City of Florence to recognize our local CG Station with an Appreciation Dinner to be held October 7<sup>th</sup> of this year. This is particularly exciting for me personally because it is the first time since I’ve moved to Florence where we have seen collaboration among the multiple Veterans groups, which include American Legion Post 59, American Legion Auxiliary, Coastal Women Vets, Daughters of the American Revolution, Disabled American Veterans, Florence Auxiliary to VFW, VFW Post 3232 and USCG Auxiliary. They obviously recognize the significance of their USCG Brothers and Sisters in service.

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The root mission of OCMM is “To honor our Veterans by educating our Public”, which includes all disciplines of military service and all eras of military heritage, and that certainly includes the active duty personnel of USCG Station Siuslaw River. Thank you for pursuing this Coast Guard City designation – it is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cal Applebee', written over a horizontal line.

Cal Applebee  
Executive Director

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## U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River

March 6, 2012

In recent months we have visited numerous locations around the state of Oregon that have enjoyed some aspect of military heritage – from the coast to the high desert. We've probably not touched on all of the locations out there, such as Portland's Kaiser ship yards that built the legendary Liberty Ships of WWII; or the numerous cavalry forts established during the Indian wars of Oregon's settlement years; and our community's home front defense activities during WWII. But I hope we have touched on enough locations to give you an idea of Oregon's rich military heritage. I thought it fitting that I finish this mini-series on military heritage right here in Florence, because after all, we are a Coast Guard town!

U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River was established in 1917, and serves today as one of seven lifeboat stations in Oregon whose primary mission is to provide search and rescue to commercial mariners, recreational boaters and surfers. But that's not all they do. Averaging nearly 200 cases a year, they also escort fishing vessels across the bar; provide marine environmental protection; conduct fisheries conservation enforcement; tow distressed vessels; and enforce boating regulations.

Recently becoming an autonomous station on its own, our local Station does this with an average compliment of 34 personnel, whose length of duty at this station can range from six-months to two years, depending on rank and service rating. This Station accomplishes this with two 47' motor life boats, which are the most active vessels, and one 25' response boat, which often does double duty by also performing in parades and public displays.

One of their more prominent and recent cases involved the rescue of the fishing vessel 'Dahlia', adrift for five days after losing power coming out of the Columbia River. Their faint radio signal was picked up by personnel from Station Siuslaw River; a motor life boat was dispatched and located them, towing them into safety to the Port of Siuslaw, gaining national press in the process.

Some people may have misnomers about the U.S. Coast Guard – such as it is not an armed-service like the US Army or USMC – but in reality the motor life boats are armed with fire-power and personnel are trained and armed with side-arms and sometimes participate in drug enforcement actions; the USCG chopper which we see regularly flying the friendly skies of Florence, is based out of North Bend not Florence, although they perform regular training exercises together.

The Officer in Charge, Sr. Chief Brent Zado, was on temporary duty out of the state when I visited the station, but I thoroughly enjoyed my visit with Executive Officer Chief Kyle Betts, who is obviously and rightly proud of his Coast Guard, his Station and his Coastguardsmen. When asked what important message he would want conveyed to the public, it was very mission-oriented: "Boating safety through sea-worthiness and lifejackets, and that we're always available to the public for their questions" he stated. One particular event Chief Betts is proud of is coming up: Coast Guard Day. Recognized every August 4<sup>th</sup>, this year the U.S. Coast Guard will be celebrating 222 years of military heritage and service to our nation and our communities. And even though our Coastguardsmen and women may not serve in harms-way overseas in some conflict, they serve the waters off our coast to keep us from harm's way by putting themselves on the line. Be sure to thank our local Coastguardsmen and women when you see them in our community.

Watch for more events and activities to celebrate our U.S. Coast Guard in weeks to come, and feel free to call them at 541-997-2486; and to learn more about military heritage in general, visit the Oregon Coast Military Heritage Museum website at: [www.ocmhm.com](http://www.ocmhm.com).

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# OREGON COAST MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM

June 29, 2012

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**541-902-5160**

Mayor Phil Brubaker  
Florence City Hall  
250 Hwy 101  
Florence, OR 97439

Mayor Brubaker and Members of the Florence City Council,

We are very fortunate to have a military community right here in our midst: the United States Coast Guard, Siuslaw River Station. We all know they're there, but are we as a community doing enough to acknowledge their presence and thank them for their service? The station is comprised of a small group of men and women who are serving and protecting us every minute of every day. Their number is small, but it is still important to honor their commitment to protect and defend the Florence community and the United States of America.

The Oregon Coast Military Heritage Museum (OCMHM) would like to take the lead in acknowledging the United States Coast Guard, Siuslaw River Station, and become the focus group for developing and improving the relationship between the USCG, the City of Florence, and the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce. To that end, the Board of Directors of the OCMHM propose the following actions:

1. A Proclamation from the City of Florence acknowledging the role the USCG Siuslaw River Station plays in our community, and declaring August 4 of each year as USCG Siuslaw River Station Day (this year marks the 222<sup>nd</sup> birthday of the USCG on that date).
2. OCMHM will sponsor a movie event at the Florence Cinema on July 28, 2012, honoring USCG Siuslaw River Station. The movie will be "The Guardian", starring Kevin Costner, an exciting tribute to the work the Coast Guard performs in defense of our homeland. The event will be free to "Coasties" and their families, and a donation from other attendees will be collected to cover the cost of the event.
3. The City of Florence would fly the USCG flag below the United States flag at City Hall on August 4th of each year to commemorate USCG Siuslaw River Station Day.
4. Command personnel from the Siuslaw River Station would select a "Coastie of the Quarter" who would be acknowledged by the Florence community in the following ways:

*Honoring Our Veterans By Educating Our Public*

**Thomas F. "Sam" Spayd**  
President

**Tim Sapp**  
Vice President

**Cal Applebee**  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Don Drozdenko**  
Director

**Greg Freeze**  
Director

**Paul Gargis**  
Director

**Cliff Harvey**  
Director

**Rex Ruck**  
Director

**Wayne Sharpe**  
Director





- a. Presentation of a Certificate by the Mayor of Florence at a City Council Meeting.
- b. "Bio" story in Siuslaw News and press releases on local radio each quarter.
- c. Local businesses could make discounts available for the recipient, such as restaurant discounts or free meals, percentage discounts at local stores and recreational activities, etc.

Ideas and options are many. May I suggest a panel of representatives from the City of Florence, United States Coast Guard Siuslaw River Station, Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Oregon Coast Military Heritage Museum be identified and established to create an effective, on-going program which will honor the Patriots who are serving our great country, right here in our backyard.

I can be available to discuss this issue at the next meeting of the Florence City Council on July 9, 2012.

Respectfully,

T. F. "Sam" Spayd  
President

October 9, 2016  
2397 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Florence, Oregon  
97439

Mayor Joe L. Henry  
City of Florence  
250 Highway 101  
Florence, OR 97439

RE: Coast Guard City, USA Application

Our community has many retired and former military residents who deeply appreciate the service provided by our local Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River. (Don't be misled by the reference to the "River". The Siuslaw River leads directly to the Pacific Ocean here on the Oregon Coast.) Our community understands the calling to serve one's country as many in Florence have. When the American Flag passes by in our local parades, there is no hesitation to stand and salute; there is no disrespect to our nation's symbol.

We call the members of the local Coast Guard Station "Coasties". This term is used equally to express our respect, support and affection for the young men and women who serve our country. The Coasties put their lives on the line every day and they don't have to be sent to another country, especially those unfriendly to the U.S. Our Coasties are the front line.

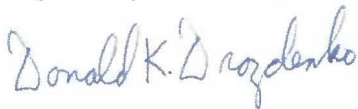
We love our Coasties! Many of them have integrated nicely into our community as teachers, sports coaches, volunteers etc. As much as they support Florence, Florence appreciates them and reciprocates:

- If you have a copy of the latest Florence, Oregon "Central Coast Connection" phone book, you will see one of the Coast Guard boats on the cover, honoring our local Coast Guard Station.

- Our community hosted a formal appreciation dinner for the USCG Siuslaw River at our Events Center in Florence on Friday evening, Oct. 7, 2016. The dinner had over 300 attendees with speakers all expressing praise and appreciation for our USCG station. This event was organized by the local Oregon Coast Military Museum and the City of Florence, with local sponsors including veterans' groups (American Legion, VFW, Florence Band of Brothers), individuals, Daughters of the American Revolution, BPOE Elks Lodge #1858, Banner Bank, Grocery Outlet, Port of Siuslaw, Dunes City, and TR Hunter Real Estate. As you can see, we had a wide range of sponsors who support the USCG Siuslaw River station.

Please add my support to Florence's application to be designated a "Coast Guard City".

Respectfully submitted,



Donald K. Drozdenko  
Member, Board of Directors  
Oregon Coast Military Museum  
- Former USAF Navigator, Captain (O3)  
(KC135, F4, RC135)  
- Former Test Navigator/Engineer  
E-Systems, USAF Reconnaissance Fleet



# PORT OF SIUSLAW

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The Honorable Joe Henry  
Mayor, City of Florence  
250 Highway 101  
Florence, OR 97439

To whom it may concern:

The Port of Siuslaw supports City of Florence's efforts to designate Florence a "Coast Guard City."

The Port and the Coast Guard Siuslaw Station have a close working relationship. The Port and the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary are engaged in the follow activities this year:

- Jointly hosting multiple boater education courses
- Jointly hosting vessel inspections
- Jointly hosting Coast Guard boat tours for kids
- Jointly producing articles for local publications encouraging boating education, safety and etiquette.

The Port and the Coast Guard also work together closely on the more traditional missions of the Coast Guard including distressed vessels recovery and environmental protection.

The Port appreciates the professionalism and the dedication exhibited by the young men and women of Siuslaw Station. The Port also appreciates Siuslaw Stations historic and on-going contributions to the Florence community. The Port believes that designating Florence a Coast Guard City is a wholly appropriate tribute for the years of outstanding service by the Siuslaw Station.

Yours most sincerely,

Steven Leskin  
General Manager

From: Sharon Armstrong <SArmstrong@msn.com>

Sent: Monday, October 3, 2016 6:57:45 PM

To: Joe Henry

Subject: Coast Guard Cities Program

Dear Mr. Mayor: I have been pleased to hear about the City of Florence going forward with it's application to be designated "A Coast Guard City". As a proud resident of this wonderful city since my husband and I built our home here in 2010, I have seen firsthand how the Coast Guard "fits" so efficiently into the community. Having served over 31 years in the Coast Guard Reserve, I have a special place in my heart for the folks who make a career of protecting our citizens who enjoy all the water pursuits available to them in and around Florence. Oregonians, in general, respect their Military Veterans so there's seldom any military holiday, commemoration, or veteran-related event that doesn't draw on the local Coast Guard for representation. On the other hand, the Coast Guard seems to extend open arms to the residents of Florence which makes it easier for us to return the gesture

Here's just one example: one Christmas season I heard the Coast Guard would be holding their family Holiday gathering around a decorated tree and "Santa" would provide all CG members' children with one gift. My husband and I have no children so we decided to contribute to Santa's bag. One of my Coast Guard contacts agreed to give me a list of children by gender, age bracket, and any "hints" known about their interests or wishes. Tom and I went shopping for toys, a secret pleasure for some childless couples. That Christmas we celebrated with a little higher level of joy because we hoped our gifts would have given some child one more reason to be happy. Later, the CG command showed their appreciation by presenting us with one of their unique challenge coins! The gift-giving went both ways!

Here's another example of how Florence respects the Coast Guard: one year during the City's most celebrated Spring events (Rhododendron Days), I was invited by the Elks Lodge to ride on their float, wearing my military uniform, and waving to the throngs of Florence residents, and visitors. So many veterans in the crowd rendered a hand salute or waved an American flag when our float passed by. I was overwhelmed with the honor of being asked - an old retired Coastiel! Naturally, It made my day.

Well, that's what some of us individual residents of Florence think - the City of Florence really goes over and above the usual in it's desire to highlight the Coast Guard and to shine a spotlight on all their activities. I'm so proud to live here and call Florence my home. Best of luck in all your efforts to bring long-deserved recognition to this City for it's good heart, generous spirit, and constant support of the Coast Guard. I salute you!

Sincerely,

Sharon J. Armstrong

CAPT, USCGR(ret)

14 Fawn View Ln

Florence, OR 97439

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**To United States Coast Guard,**

I'm writing to provide support for the initiative to name Florence, Oregon a Coast Guard City USA. I believe such a designated status for the City of Florence best describes the relationship that exists between Station Siuslaw River and Florence. Within the city, there is a very high level of understanding and appreciation for the services and safety the Coast Guard provides to local citizens, mariners, fishermen, recreational boaters, and the community in general. The daily functioning of the City of Florence and the Port of Siuslaw is enhanced by the presence of the Coast Guard. In turn, the city and its citizens have made special efforts to acknowledge Station Siuslaw River.

The relationship between this city and the Coast Guard is longstanding, reaching back almost 100 years. Coast Guard members are widely respected and celebrated in this community... a town that actively supports both active duty military and veterans as shown by numerous veterans' groups, the Oregon Coast Military Museum and Veteran's Memorial park. Volunteer citizens, who reside in Florence, spend hundreds to thousands of hours each year serving Station Siuslaw River as USCG Auxiliarists. They volunteer their time to help station personnel in pursuit of the Coast Guard mission. They work as radio watch standers, public affairs officers, crew members, food service professionals and more. This is one example that underscores the fact that local citizens support and interact with the Coast Guard on a daily, professional level.

Naming the City of Florence as a Coast Guard City USA would be a major step in maintaining and further fostering such an important relationship. So many of the local people have a story about a rescue or an assist that involves them and this would be another way to show appreciation, support and encouragement.

As a retired Army General, I lend my full weight and support to this effort. I commend those who got the ball rolling, specifically Florence citizen and Auxiliarist Deborah Cordone who originally proposed the idea and Florence Mayor Joe Henry who agreed to spearhead the effort.

I recommend that this initiative be approved. It fits. It's right. And this is the right time.

Let's move ahead with naming the City of Florence, OR a "*Coast Guard City USA!*"

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norm Hoffman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Norm" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Hoffman".

**B.G. (Ret) Norm Hoffman, USA**  
1380 Maclay Drive  
Eugene, Oregon 97404  
541-688-6069



June 24, 2016

Mayor Joe Henry  
City of Florence  
260 Hwy 101  
Florence, OR 97439

To whom it may concern,

RE: Florence Coast Guard City Application

On behalf of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce I would like to express our support for the City's application to be designated as a "Coast Guard City". Our chamber represents approximately 280 local businesses, churches, and nonprofit organizations who employ over 4300 residents.

We strongly believe in and support our local Coast Guard Station, their staff and families. The Florence Chamber is our City's marketing partner and tourism is a crucial part of our economy. The Coast Guard station is a critical part of the protection of our visitors as they fish, boat, and recreate on the Siuslaw River, the bar, and local ocean areas.

The Coast Guard is seen locally on a regular basis supporting local events, gatherings, and education opportunities, including Florence's annual Rhododendron Festival. They are an integral part of the Florence Community.

Florence is a beautiful community and being designated as a "Coast Guard City" would reflect our appreciation and support of our local Coast Guard Station, its staff and their families.

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors thank you for your consideration,

*Bettina Hannigan*  
Executive Director

290 Hwy 101, Florence, OR 97439  
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# *Siuslaw News*

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August 26, 2016

Mayor Joe Henry  
City of Florence  
260 Hwy 101  
Florence, OR 97439

To whom it may concern,

Siuslaw News is writing in support of the City of Florence's application to become a U.S. Coast Guard City. Florence has been a city with a strong connection to the Siuslaw River, its many lakes and the Pacific Ocean since its settlement. Siuslaw News began as a newspaper 126 years ago, just 26 years before the Coast Guard came to the mouth of the Siuslaw River.

Over the past 100 years, this newspaper has observed and reported on Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River's water rescues, boat assistance and waterway condition monitoring. From the Siuslaw News office on Maple Street, we can observe the Coast Guard 47-foot Motor Lifeboat coming to the aid of boats and people at the docks of Port of Siuslaw. The inspiring sight often draws crowds of tourists and locals to the boardwalk. We hear — and publish — stories of Coast Guardsmen rescuing swimmers, even when they are off duty.

We can see the teamwork between Station Siuslaw River, Air Station North Bend, Station Coos Bay and the other stations in our sector. Station Siuslaw River also works with local emergency response teams to search and rescue, with some crewmembers donating their time as volunteer firefighters with Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue.

For many people, the Coast Guard is a tangible presence on the water to ensure safety. Out of the water, Station Siuslaw River's crewmembers and their families have integrated into the community. From historic Rhododendron Festivals to local youths' newest soccer league, Coast Guard crews and their families participate in community events. Their children go to area schools in the Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts. They play league and school sports. They get involved in Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) and Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County.

Coast Guard spouses attend local colleges, work at area businesses, volunteer with nonprofits and perform in theater and vocal productions.

These families are an essential part of Florence's community.

Siuslaw News promotes the economic development and personal growth opportunities available for Station Siuslaw River's staff and families.

Florence is a beautiful, caring community and being designated as a Coast Guard City would reflect the community's appreciation and support of our local Coast Guard Station, its crew and their families.

Thank you for your consideration,

Siuslaw News

# Heceta Self Storage

June 27, 2016

Greetings,

We are delighted to support our community as a "Coast Guard City".

We are enthusiastic supporters of our local Florence/Siuslaw River Station Coast Guard. We have several of these Coast Guard service men and women as our customers here at Heceta Self Storage. We always strive to give them our best service and greatest flexibility with their moving, storage and relocation needs.

We understand the nature of their assignments and we honor their service to our nation and our state and community. Our city thrives because of our access to the Pacific Ocean and the Coast Guard is always "Semper Paratus" – Always Ready! They are key to supporting our fishing fleet and our recreational uses and defending our coast.

From helicopter patrols to ocean rescues, the Coast Guard has been invaluable for many folks in difficult and perilous circumstances. Almost every month we have boats taking on water, persons in difficult water rescue situations, etc. It is nice to know that the Coast Guard is right here in our community assisting all who need help.

As a reflection of our personal support of the Coast Guard, we, Heceta Self Storage, donated \$5,000 to install a Coast Guard Flag and Pole at our local Oregon Coast Military Museum. This flag is proudly displayed with the other military branch service flags.



We look forward to a bright future with the Coast Guard as part of our community!

Sincerely,

*Larry & Crystal Farnsworth*

Larry and Crystal Farnsworth  
Owners  
Heceta Self Storage



# Lane County Sheriff's Office

Byron M. Trapp, Sheriff



June 21, 2016

To whom it may concern:

This letter is written in support of the City of Florence, Oregon's application for designation as a Coast Guard City. As Lane County Sheriff, I am fully supportive of this effort and honored to support the local Coast Guard servicemembers and their families.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office has long enjoyed a mutually supportive relationship with USCG Station Siuslaw River. Our Marine Law Enforcement and Search & Rescue personnel rely heavily on our local Guardsmen when engaged in activities on the Siuslaw River and offshore in the Pacific Ocean. Station Siuslaw River's area of responsibility covers nearly the entire Lane County coastline and is a critical life safety partner in our Search & Rescue and law enforcement missions in coastal Lane County.

We have also enjoyed a strong relationship with the Auxiliarists of USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 52 for many years. Flotilla 52 has partnered with our Marine Law Enforcement in providing vessel safety checks to boaters in our communities. Flotilla 52 coordinates with the Sheriff's Office in scheduling its patrols on Lane County waterways, providing public assistance and greatly enhancing boating safety in the county.

The Coast Guard is a critical component of our county's public safety community. The Lane County Sheriff's Office is a proud supporter of our military, specifically the Coast Guard men and women assigned to Station Siuslaw River and Flotilla 52.

Sincerely,

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Byron M. Trapp, Sheriff



Tuesday, May 31, 2016

Mayor Joe Henry  
Florence City Hall  
250 US Hwy 101  
Florence, OR 97439

RE: Florence *Coast Guard City* Application

Mr. Mayor, I am thoroughly delighted to describe our support at LCC's Florence Center for our Coast Guard Station and its remarkable personnel.

I am pleased to say I have had occasion to visit the Station, serving as an active *ex-officio* member of the Western Lane Emergency Operations Group (WLEOG). Within WLEOG, we count the Station as a mission-critical partner. I was impressed by the dedication and knowledge of the staff I met, and happy to learn all of the ways they serve our coastal community—and indeed—our nation. With our lengthy jetties and their importance to the economy and security of Florence, the Coast Guard Station here is especially critical in so many ways.

Here on our campus, we have discussed ways we might better share our resources in support of our Coast Guard personnel as the only college in western Lane County:

- Lane has an excellent and dedicated staff committed to working with our veterans and active military personnel (<https://www.lanecce.edu/va>) and assisting them in a variety of ways.
- Here at the Florence Center, we would be delighted to establish a vibrant relationship with our Coast Guard staff, enlisting them as prospective instructors in our continuing education program and aiding them (and their partners and families) in enrolling in both credit and community education classes when appropriate.
- As you know, we already partner with the City and the Chamber of Commerce to bring the resources of both the Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) and Lane's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to Florence, and we would welcome the Coast Guard personnel as active, engaged members interested in pursuing these economic development initiatives in their own way and on their own time.
- We are bringing the college district's course on Marine Science here to Florence—where it rightly belongs—this fall, and I can envision wonderful opportunities for collaboration with our Coast Guard personnel.

- Within the education community here in Florence, we've already been finding ways to spotlight our Coast Guard, who recently participated in a "Trades Fair" at the high school, right next door to our campus.
- Lane's Eugene campus actively participates in a variety of events commemorating the role of our military personnel, from Memorial Day to Independence Day, and from Armed Forces Day to Veterans Day. I would be very happy to work with our Coast Guard Station to find ways we could include them in community events and memorials we might sponsor on our campus.

In brief, we at Lane Community College's Florence Center hold our Coast Guard Station and its personnel in high esteem indeed, and we would be honored to be an active part of becoming and maintaining the coveted designation as "A Coast Guard Community." Please e-mail or call me if you need further information.

Thank you for this opportunity to reinforce our support for our Coast Guard.

Sincerely,



Russ Pierson, DMin, CEFP, cSBA  
Interim Director, Florence Center, Lane Community College

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# THREE RIVERS

July 15, 2016

## CASINO & HOTEL

Mayor Joe Henry  
City of Florence  
250 Highway 101  
Florence, OR 97439

Subject: Coast Guard City Application

Mr. Mayor, Three Rivers Casino Resort, management, team members and our families support the important work done by our local Coast Guard station. The men and women of the Coast Guard put their lives on the line every day as they selflessly work to protect our community and offer aid to those in need. We at Three Rivers recognize it is our honor and responsibility to express our thanks to the Coast Guard for a job well done, and find creative ways to support our local "Coasties," many of which are a long way from home. We know that we are not alone in supporting the Coast Guard. Under your leadership the designation of Florence as a Coast Guard City is an important step in drawing attention to the many ways the Florence community supports both the individuals that serve in the Coast Guard and their families.

At our resort we see thousands of guests that enjoy the Siuslaw River, port and the Pacific Ocean. I am certain that absent the Siuslaw River Coast Guard station, many of these guests would not visit. Our business depends on guests, and those guests depend on the Coast Guard. Our guests also depend on the great customer service provided by the many Coast Guard family members we have hired at our Casino Resort. We have full and part time employment designed to suit the different scheduling needs of our team members, because like the Coast Guard our business never closes.

As you may be aware of, we invite all active and non-active Coast Guard personnel to dine at our expense on Veterans Day in our buffet as a small token of our appreciation for their service to our country. In addition we occasionally offer free tickets to concerts and events at our Resort to Coast Guard families. We at Three Rivers Casino Resort do what we can to acknowledge the job our Coast Guard does here in Florence and endeavor to support Coast Guard families.

If there is anything else our operation or I can do to help get this very important and deserved designation please do not hesitate to contact me. The Coast Guard and especially Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River is a vital part of our community. We support the men and women of the station, their mission, and their families.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Rose

Chief Operation Officer  
Three Rivers Casino Resort  
Florence, OR 97439



PeaceHealth  
Peace Harbor Medical Center

Mayor Joe Henry

City of Florence  
250 Highway 101  
Florence, OR 97439

RE: Florence Coast Guard City Application

I am writing to support Florence Oregon becoming a Coast Guard City. Our local Coast Guard Station brings many young families here to our community that contribute to the success of our schools, our local parks and recreation, sports programs and many businesses in Florence.

The significance and importance of having the only Coast Guard station in Lane County plays a vital role in Western Lane Emergency Operations Group (WLEOG). We count on the station as a critical partner during a natural disaster as well as keeping our many visitors safe on a daily basis as they come to enjoy the ocean and beaches.

As the only hospital serving this rural community, we have a 24 hour Emergency Department, Walk-In clinic and an array of other services, including obstetrical care to help meet the healthcare needs for these young active families serving in the Coast Guard.

We appreciate the opportunity to reinforce our support for our Coast Guard and encourage you to designate Florence Oregon as a Coast Guard City.

Sincerely,

Rick Yecny  
CAO  
PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center

To Whom It May Concern,

I am speaking for the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary Francis M. Yost Post 59 in Florence Oregon.

It has been our great honor and privilege to get to know the Coast Guard members at many of our celebratory functions. The Coast Guard has provided the Color Guard for many of our Patriotic events, including Flag Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day to name a few. The Coast guard has also supported many of our civic events such as, dog and cat adoption days, Wings and Wheels fly in and our yearly Rhody Days parades. We had a glitch at our Flag Retirement Ceremony this year, our original Color Guard could not make the ceremony and with one call to the Chief, the Coast Guard provided the Color Guard. Pretty much saved the day.

This in addition to their main service to the local fishermen and pleasure boaters that ply our river and ocean. Their display of life vests for those who need to borrow one has been a great success and lets everyone know that the Coast Guard is there and watching what goes on in the river and on the ocean.

It has been my great pleasure to get to know the members of the Coast Guard, and their auxiliary members, at our functions and to know that they go about quietly doing their duty without any expectation of being rewarded or hailed as hero's. Which makes them so.

Personally, when I see the Coast Guard boats on our river I get a little smile, a sense of pride, and think; "There goes OUR Coast Guard, God bless and be safe."

Mike Nielsen, Adjutant.  
American Legion Francis M. Yost Post 59.  
Florence, Oregon.



## LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Jay Bozievich  
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Faye Hills Stewart

June 21, 2016

Mayor Joe Henry  
c/o City of Florence  
250 US Hwy 101  
Florence, OR 97439

RE: Florence Coast Guard City Application

To whom it may concern,

Lane County is proud to support this application for Florence to be designated as a Coast Guard City.

The presence of the Coast Guard in Lane County is critical to supporting our vision of being recognized as the best county to live, work and play. The brave men and women of the Coast Guard help secure our coast, rescue those in need and provide a strong anchor on which our community relies. These same men and women are active and valued members of our community.

The City of Florence has partnered with the Coast Guard Station to develop emergency operations plans, host Memorial Day ceremonies and participate in community events, such as the Rhododendron Festival, among many other endeavors. This longstanding and continuous partnership is highly admirable and we look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the men and women who serve our country.

We are honored that Lane County is home for the Coast Guard Station and its personnel in Florence and would be further honored to be an active part of earning and maintaining the designation of a Coast Guard City for Florence, Oregon.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our support for our Coast Guard personnel, their families and the City of Florence.

Sincerely,

Faye Stewart  
Chair

# Encouragement to the City of Florence seeking status as a "Coast Guard City"

SORENSEN Pete <Pete.Sorenson@co.lane.or.us>

Tue 6/7/2016 11:24 AM

To: Joe Henry <joe.henry@ci.florence.or.us>;

June 7, 2016

Honorable Joe Henry  
Mayor of Florence  
Florence, Oregon

Dear Mayor Henry,

Thanks so much for your advocacy for the City of Florence on the topic of designating Florence as a Coast Guard City.

As a person who grew up on the Oregon coast, and as a commissioner representing Lane County, I'm strongly in favor of asking the Commandant of the Coast Guard to designate Florence as a "Coast Guard City."

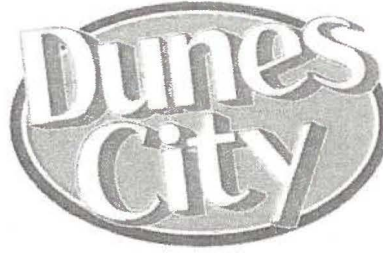
Pete Sorenson  
Lane County Commissioner  
Eugene, Oregon

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July 5, 2016

Mayor Joe Henry  
City of Florence  
260 Hwy 101  
Florence, OR 97439

RE: Florence Coast Guard City Application

To whom it may concern:

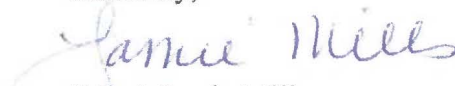
I am writing in support of the City of Florence's application for "Coast Guard City". As Lane County's only port, the Florence Coast Guard Station is active on the river and ocean and an incredibly critical part of our community. Long jetties, fishing and tourism activity, and the users of the Port of Siuslaw all look to the Coast Guard as a tremendous resource.

The dedicated Coast Guard staff are active in our community and their support and awareness of our schools, nonprofits, and community activities are seen on a daily basis. Our community benefits greatly from their participation and protection.

As the City Administrator for Dunes City, located just South of the Florence Area, I personally will use my resources and sphere of influence to promote the recognition and economic development opportunities available for our Coast Guard staff and family.

Florence is beautiful community and being designated as a "Coast Guard City" would reflect our appreciation and support of our local Coast Guard Station, its staff and their families.

Sincerely,

  
(Mrs.) Jamie Mills  
City Administrator and Recorder

Mayor  
Rebecca Ruede

Council President  
Maurice Sanders

City Council  
Sheldon Meyer  
Ken Platt  
Ed Scarberry  
Duke Wells  
Tom Mallen

City Administrator  
Jamie Mills

Administrative Assistants  
Renee Green  
Linda Stevens

Planning Secretary  
Rapunzel Oberholtzer

Road Secretary  
Laurale Lorentzen

June 27, 2016

United States Coast Guard  
Community Relations Division of Coast Guard Public Affairs

RE: Coast Guard City Application.

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Veneta City Council we write in support of the City of Florence's efforts to be designated a "Coast Guard City". While Veneta is 45 miles inland from Florence and the Oregon Coast, our residents view Florence's ocean and beach accesses as part of our recreational backyard. A recreational backyard that is made much safer by the men and woman staffing the Coast Guard Station in Florence.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9448, located here in Veneta, proudly displays over 100 flags during the Fourth of July, Memorial Day and Veterans Day holidays to honor all military service men and woman that serve this country, including United States Coast Guard members.

The City of Veneta appreciates the sacrifice and dedication of the young men and women of the Coast Guard Siuslaw Station and along with fellow Lane County residents greatly appreciate their presence in the Florence community. We believe that designating Florence a Coast Guard City will help to recognize the efforts of these Coast Guard members and their contribution to the City of Florence and the greater Lane County area.

Sincerely,



Sandra Larson, Mayor  
City of Veneta



Ric Ingham, City Administrator



City of Oakridge  
48318 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street-P.O. Box 1410  
Oakridge, Oregon 97463  
Phone: 541-782-2258 FAX: 541-782-1081

June 9, 2016

Re; Coast Guard City USA Application

U.S. Coast Guard  
Siuslaw Station

The City of Oakridge supports City of Florence' efforts to designate Florence a "Coast Guard City".

The City of Florence and the Coast Guard Siuslaw Station have worked together over the years and have been involved in the following activities:

- Supporting boater education courses
- Hosting Vessel inspections
- Producing articles for local publications encouraging boating safety and education
- Collaborating on projects during community events

The City of Florence appreciates the professionalism and dedication of the young men and women of the Coast Guard Siuslaw Station as well as their contributions to the Florence community. I believe that designating Florence a Coast Guard City will help to recognize the Coast Guards contribution to the City of Florence as well as all of Lane County.

Sincerely

James B. Coey  
Mayor

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June 13, 2016

The United States Coast Guard

RE: Coast Guard City USA Application.

The City of Springfield supports City of Florence's efforts to designate Florence a "Coast Guard City".

Although the City of Springfield is 65 miles inland from the coast and the City of Florence, we understand the value of having a sea port in Lane County. The Coast Guard unit stationed on the Siuslaw River includes 34 active duty personnel and their families. They make a significant contribution to the community of Florence through community involvement, safety trainings and as valued members of the community.

The City of Springfield appreciates the professionalism and dedication of the young men and women of the Coast Guard Siuslaw Station as well as their contributions to the Florence community. I believe that designating Florence a Coast Guard City will help to recognize the Coast Guard's contribution to the City of Florence as well as all of Lane County.

Sincerely,

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Christine L. Lundberg  
Mayor, City of Springfield



The United States Coast Guard

FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RE: Coast Guard City USA Application.

To Whom It Concerns:

The Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) strongly supports the City of Florence's application to be designated as a "Coast Guard City".

LCOG is an inter-governmental public service agency that strives to meet the diverse needs of its 34 members, comprised of major urban areas; small towns; school districts; first-responder agencies; and many other local and regional organizations, including Lane County itself. LCOG conducts its work under the policy guidance of a Board of Directors made up of representatives from its member agencies.

While the Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River is located at the western most part of our region, the station serves all of Lane County, providing search and rescue to commercial mariners, recreational boaters and surfers, as well as escorting fishing vessels across the bar, marine environmental protection, fisheries conservation enforcement, towing, and enforcing boating safety regulations. LCOG appreciates the professionalism and dedication of the young men and women of the Coast Guard Siuslaw Station as well as their contributions to the safety and livability of Lane County.

Again, LCOG strongly supports the City of Florence's application to become a Coast Guard City and applauds the City of Florence's efforts to make these Coast Guard men and women and their families feel at home during their tour of duty in the City of Florence and Lane County, Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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John M. Simpson  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Lane Council of Governments

June 2, 2016

Mayor Joe Henry  
City of Florence  
250 Highway 101  
Florence, Oregon 97439

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to support Florence Oregon becoming a Coast Guard City. Our local Coast Guard Station has been a significant part of our community for nearly one hundred years and contributes to the success of schools, our city, and many businesses in Florence.

In return, Florence supports our Station in a number of ways. I am a business owner and personally offer a discount card to those stationed here in my grocery store. The city itself recognizes them by honoring the station during our Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and Veteran's Day celebrations.

We greatly appreciate the significance and importance of having the only Coast Guard Station in Lane County.

I encourage you to designate Florence Oregon as a Coast Guard City.

Respectfully,

*Woody Woodbury*

Woody Woodbury  
Owner/Operator  
Florence Grocery Outlet



June 15, 2016



Joe Henry, Mayor  
c/o the City of Florence  
250 Highway 101  
Florence, Oregon

Dear Mr. Henry:

As a member of the Florence, Oregon, business community, Banner Bank is pleased to support our City Council's application to have Florence named a Coast Guard City.

We recognize and appreciate the dedication and professionalism of the U.S. Coast Guard active duty personnel and their families stationed here on the Siuslaw River. They are an integral part of our city's identity and we value the economic, social and cultural contributions they make to our community every day.

Further, we are honored to join other local companies and organizations in celebrating the U.S. Coast Guard presence by sponsoring an upcoming appreciation dinner for local personnel and their guests. We look forward to continuing to serve and include these valued members of our community.

Sincerely,

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Dee Osborne  
Vice President  
Florence Branch Manager

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August 8, 2016

Mayor Joe Henry  
City of Florence  
260 Hwy 101  
Florence, Oregon 97439

Re: City of Florence designation as "Coast Guard City, U.S.A"

Mr. Mayor:

It is with great pleasure and honor that on behalf of the local employees, officers and directors of Oregon Pacific Bank, I hereby provide my enthusiastic support for the USCG Station at Siuslaw River and the City of Florence's application to be deemed a "Coast Guard City".

For nearly 100 years, our community has had the tremendous fortune of being protected by the great men and women of the United States Coast Guard. Their countless search and rescue efforts and escorts across our sometimes tumultuous bar have created a coastal community that is safer for its citizens and visitors. Additionally, the active duty personnel assist in our local and regional campaign to promote a healthy and sustainable environment that will be here for generations to come.

As a local business, Oregon Pacific Bank has employed family members of active duty Coast Guard personnel and provided banking services to many of them for 37 years. Our organization's experience with all Coast Guard representatives is that they represent our Nation's armed services with integrity, honor and pride. I strongly endorse the City of Florence as a "Coast Guard City" by the United States Coast Guard. The 26 current active duty personnel of our USCG local station are such an important part of our community's identity. I cannot imagine a coastal town more deserving than Florence, Oregon.

With deepest regards,

Ron Green  
President / Chief Executive Officer  
Oregon Pacific Bank





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June 27, 2016

Mayor Joe Henry  
City of Florence  
260 Hwy 101  
Florence, OR 97439

To whom it may concern:

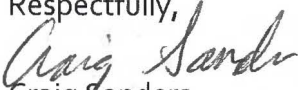
I am writing this in support of the City of Florence becoming a Coast Guard City. Our company has owned two motels in Florence for over 16 years, one of them on the Siuslaw River. Over the years we have observed our Coast Guard towing/rescuing many boaters on the river. Some of these boaters have been commercial fishermen, some have been local sport fisher/crabbers and some have been tourists here for the weekend. Some of these have been rescued/towed from the ocean and many from the mouth of the Siuslaw River. I know that some of these "rescues" were not life threatening situations, but some were and I cannot imagine what might have happened to those had our Coast Guard not been here to help them.

Our local Coast Guard Station is a vital part of the community of Florence, OR and they play a role in many other functions besides the assistance and rescue missions they perform. I have had the opportunity to visit the Coast Guard station here and have been impressed with the knowledge and dedication these individuals bring to their job.

The strategic location of the Siuslaw River Coast Guard station has been instrumental in being able to quickly respond to emergencies both out on the open ocean as well as up the river. It is a secure feeling knowing they are there when needed. Our Coast Guard also participates in our Western Lane Emergency Group which will make them very helpful in case of a disaster.

The local Coast Guard gladly accepts invitations to participate in local events and we are very proud and glad to have them. We strongly support having Florence become a Coast Guard City.

Respectfully,

  
Craig Sanders

President, Hoagland Properties Inc.

Rodger L. Bennett  
2 MARINER LANE • FLORENCE, OREGON 97439

July 15, 2016

The Honorable Joe Henry, Mayor  
City of Florence  
250 Highway 101  
Florence, Oregon 97439

Dear Mayor Henry:

Please register our support for the City of Florence application to be named a United States Coast Guard City. There is no better example of a local community's positive relationship with a vital military presence than that of the City of Florence, Oregon and the U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River. This century old partnership has provided security, safety, support, respect and friendship to the people who dwell on the central Oregon Coast as well as to the maritime community. It works very well.

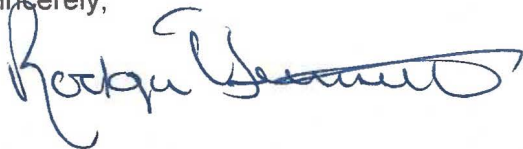
The presence of the Coast Guard has many positive impacts on Florence. There is the economic impact of the payroll and supply acquisition. We are grateful for the business. More important perhaps, is the presence of the service members in the community. Seamen, Petty Officers and Chief Petty Officers are all active in the well being of the place they live and work for a portion of their lives. They are members of service clubs, sponsors of youth activities, entrants in parades, citizens, neighbors and friends. They are public speakers and teachers in the schools. They assist in civic events, sometimes as units, often as individuals.

Service members of the Siuslaw River Station helped to form the Western Lane County Emergency Preparedness Group and have been active participants in planning and training since. They also lend expertise in environmental issues, especially in preservation of critical marine habitat. These impacts are not just seasonal. They will endure over time.

Of course, the major impact of their presence is on the safety of people on the sea. Many fishermen owe their well being to the Coast Guard. Many others owe their very lives to the rescue efforts of the Coast Guard. Much of that work goes unheralded, not unappreciated, in rescue, recovery, law enforcement, import inspections, and military front line defense. The Coast Guard is there, however, looking after us every day. I know that I feel safer because of those tough, smart blue suited men and women on those grey boats with the red stripe.

The U.S. Coast Guard and Florence contribute much to each other. For me, it has meant the making of a lifelong friendship. There is little doubt that Florence should be named a Coast Guard City.

Sincerely,



## Erin Reynolds

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**From:** Joe Henry  
**Sent:** Friday, June 03, 2016 8:58 AM  
**To:** Erin Reynolds  
**Subject:** Fw: Coast Guard City

Hi There

Could you print out and add to the support letter file?

Thanks

*Joe Henry, Mayor  
Florence Oregon  
(A City in Motion)*

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**From:** David Lynch <davidlynch.135@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 2, 2016 1:07 PM  
**To:** Joe Henry  
**Subject:** Coast Guard City

135 Park Village Loop  
Florence, Oregon 97439  
June 2, 2016

Joe,

I have heard that there is a move to promote Florence as a National Coast Guard City.

I want you to know that I heartily approve of this relationship between Florence and the US Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard provides a large measure of safety and security to our community and its environs by its ever present watch over our waterways and coastline.

Although I do not use the ocean I am quite confident that if those who do need the services of the United States Coast Guard that those men and women who live in our area and serve our nation will be there to respond to needs. By affiliating our city with the USCG we are cementing a bond and showing an appropriate level of honor to our men and women in uniform.

Please join me in moving this project forward to its successful conclusion.



October 9, 2016

To Whom it may Concern:

My name is Erica F. Westphal and I am the current Regent of the Oregon Dunes chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. I am a 7+ year resident of Florence, Oregon and am writing on behalf of the initiative to designate us as a Coast Guard City. I have been thrilled to see so many members of our community joining forces to make this a reality! I love to hear the Coast Guard rescue stories, attend events, and see the happy faces of all involved as we become more connected for this very worthy endeavor.

For 5 years I have been interested in this idea, introduced to me by a former Regent of this chapter, Jacqueline Bahr. My investigation lead to excitement and enthusiasm. Our chapter has been actively doing things for the Coast Guard for many years. Since I have been involved with this group of dedicated and patriotic ladies, we have: Hosted an Operation Diaper Bag luncheon for an expecting Coastie (with a huge pile of donated and made baby supplies), made over a dozen Welcome Baskets for newly arriving Coasties, baked cakes monthly, brought ice cream and cake for Christmas Watchstanders, from our own pockets we Sponsored a \$500 table at the first Annual Coast Guard Gala, and many of us bought tickets and attended the exciting and classy event.

As the Secretary and Committee member of the Florence Veterans Day Parade, I worked to make the Coast Guard our Grand Marshals for this year's parade and have the honor of designing and ordering the GM ribbons and awards, thanking the Coast Guard for their Service. I was happy to find out the Coast Guard will be honored at next year's Rhody Days last night. Earlier this year, I was honored to be invited by the Senior Chief to join his family and available members of the Coast Guard, for the Disney approved, Preview of *The Finest Hours*, at our local movie theater.

I truly believe that this city, and the Oregon Dunes Chapter of the OSSDAR, is dedicated to making the Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River feel their appreciation and will continue on an ongoing basis to perpetuate the connection between community and our wonderful Coast Guard. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Erica Folger Westphal  
Regent, Oregon Dunes Chapter OSSDAR  
[efwestphal@aol.com](mailto:efwestphal@aol.com)  
541-517-5333



May 30, 2016

To Whom it May Concern,

Having our Siuslaw Station United States Coast Guard station in Florence, Oregon is a very important part of our community. Just knowing they're here protecting our coast and saving lives brings comfort and security.

My main experience with our local personnel has been in scheduling them to provide a color guard for the grand opening of our Oregon Coast Military Museum and scheduling a speaker for our local chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Each time I've contacted our station I was very impressed with their professionalism and service. The presence of the color guard at our museum grand opening certainly helped set the tone for our event with several hundred people in attendance.

The program presented by Chief Kyle Betts for our DAR meeting was well tailored to women as he spoke about women in the Coast Guard and women lighthouse keepers. Our members were duly impressed and appreciative of the time and effort he put into making this program very special for us.

Over the Memorial Day weekend a local off duty coastguardsman saved two children from the treacherous surf.

We are very fortunate and grateful to have our United States Coast Guard at Siuslaw River Station!

Sincerely,



*Jacquie Beveridge*



Jacquie Beveridge,  
Past Regent Oregon Dunes Chapter  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Oregon State Society DAR Project Patriot Chair

August 16, 2016

Mayor Joe Henry  
City of Florence  
250 Highway 101  
Florence OR 97439

Dear Mayor Henry,

This is the thirteenth year my husband and I have resided in Florence. When we were looking at cities to retire to, we had a list of important medical, security, and community resources that we looked for in each town we investigated.

Knowing that the local Coast Guard station was situated right in Florence, we felt that it was a highlight of a small community that has consistently concentrated on resident safety and security both on land and in the waterways and ocean nearby. It was one of the priorities on our list and we have been so glad we chose Florence as our full-time retirement residence.

As a member of the local DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), our three goals as members (and as a national organization) are support of History, Education, and Patriotism of these United States. What better way to educate the members of our community than to support the Coast Guard as an important entity in the area and also their families as vital community members.

I hope we can work together as a community to encourage support of the Coast Guard programs and staff who safeguard our lives every day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Merilee Mulvey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Merilee Mulvey  
2224 Primrose Lane  
Florence OR 97439-7627  
541.997.8025

**May 30, 2016**

**City of Florence  
c/o Joe Henry, Mayor  
250 Highway 101  
Florence, OR. 97439**

**To Whom it May Concern:**

**Two years ago when I was Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution I requested that the Coast Guard Officers stationed here in Florence help us with a flag ceremony at our District II meeting. They were more than happy to help out and did a beautiful job of presenting the flags in front of our State Regent and many State Officers. Oregon Dunes Chapter Daughter of the American Revolution were very proud of our Coast Guard and would like to let you know that.**

**Dianna Allison  
Past Regent  
Oregon Dunes Chapter, DAR  
P.O. Box 909  
Florence, OR. 97439**



June 24, 2016

Mayor Joe Henry  
City of Florence  
260 Hwy 101  
Florence, OR 97439

To whom it may concern,

RE: Florence Coast Guard City Application

I am writing in support of the Florence application for "Coast Guard City". As Lane County's only port, the Florence Coast Guard Station is active on the river and ocean and an incredibly critical part of our community. Long jetties, fishing and tourism activity, and the users of the Port of Siuslaw all look to the Coast Guard as a tremendous resource.

The dedicated Coast Guard staff are active in our community and their support and awareness of our schools, nonprofits, and community activities are seen on a daily basis. Last year during a fund raiser for Florence Area Veterans Relief Agency and American Legion Post 59, the Coast Guard staff made sure to be a large part of our event. We were both impressed and thankful for contribution to The Shorewood.

As a business manager and resident of the Florence Area I personally will use my resources and sphere of influence to promote the recognition and economic development opportunities available for our Coast Guard staff and family.

Florence is beautiful community and being designated as a "Coast Guard City" would reflect our appreciation and support of our local Coast Guard Station, its staff and their families.

Thank you for your consideration,

Belinda Shores  
Marketing Director  
Shorewood Retirement Residence  
Belinda.theshorewood@gmail.com



August 2, 2016

Mayor Joe Henry  
City of Florence  
260 Hwy 101  
Florence, Oregon 97439

To whom it may concern;  
Re: Florence Coast Guard City Application

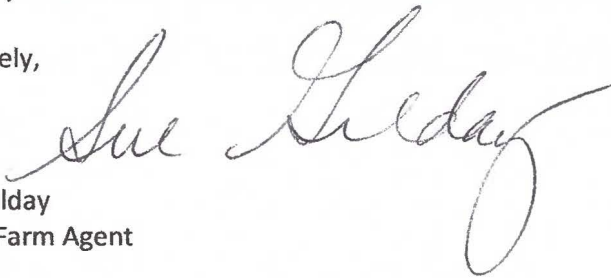
In my 16 years of living in Florence I have had many occasions to appreciate the value of our local Coast Guard Station. The value they bring to our community is undeniable.

As a hub for boating and fishing recreation, knowing the Coast Guard is here to protect those involved in boating activities is a huge relief. They are here to save lives and establish safety guidelines for our popular waterways.

Additionally our Coast Guard and their families are a wonderful addition to our beautiful community. They are considerate, polite, and also people who give willingly to our community. It is often visible to see our Coast Guard at community events.

To be designated as a "Coast Guard City" would be an honor for Florence. Based on our local Coast Guard personnel I feel it would be an honor well deserved.

Sincerely,



Sue Gilday  
State Farm Agent

Florence City Hall  
250 Hwy 101  
Mayor Joe Henry

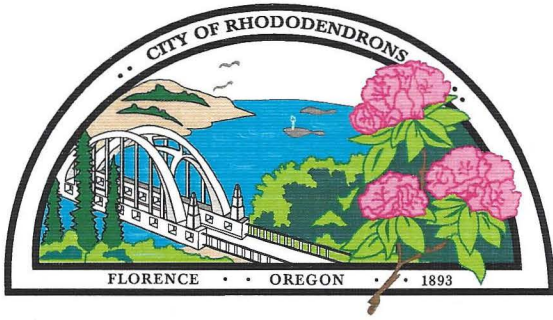
To who it may concern:

As a former Coast Guard reservist I was exposed to the dedication and professionalism of this fabled service branch. The number of lives saved and boating accidents averted is beyond calculation. For communities sharing major waterways like Florence the Coast Guard is an invaluable civic asset.

In my estimation city leaders should embrace our local USCG station's efforts to keep our river and bar safe, and designate Florence as a Coast Guard partnership city.

With appreciation,

Stuart Jenders  
Florence



# City of Florence

250 Hwy 101, Florence, OR 97439

[www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us)

October 17, 2017

**Admiral Paul Zukunft**  
**Commandant, United States Coast Guard**  
**Washington D.C.**  
**Via Chain of Command**

Dear Admiral Zukunft,

I am writing you to request that the City of Florence, Oregon be designated a Coast Guard City USA. Our beautiful coastal town is fairly small with a population of about 10,000 citizens, but we have a huge heart for Team Coast Guard and the members of our local Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River. Our Coast Guard Station will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Florence in 2017 and it has become fully integrated into our community over those 100 years. Thus, we would be honored to be designated a Coast Guard City and we believe there is significant merit for such recognition due to our long and mutually beneficial relationship.

The City of Florence and its citizens value the professional work of the Coast Guard men and women assigned to Station Siuslaw River. The Coast Guard plays an integral role in the safety of mariners on several miles of the Siuslaw River, the river bar and Pacific Ocean. Successful efforts have been made to acknowledge and honor these brave Coast Guard members and we continue to look for other ways to support and embrace them, including submission of this application for Coast Guard City.

Every year our community sponsors several celebrations and events in which the Coast Guard, as well as other military services, are recognized as an important part of the community. The Florence culture is a visibly patriotic one as evidenced by many veterans' groups, the Oregon Coast Military Museum, the Veteran's Memorial Park on the waterfront, and several patriotic events. Our annual Rhododendron Festival and Veteran's Day Parade are just two of the events in which our local Coast Guard members participate and are honored.

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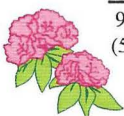
**City Manager/  
City Recorder**  
(541) 997-3437

**Community Development:  
Planning & Building**  
(541) 997-8237

**Finance/  
Utility Billing**  
(541) 997-3436

**Justice Center**  
900 Greenwood St.  
(541) 997-3515

**Florence Events Center**  
715 Quince St.  
(541) 997-1994



This year, the Coast Guard will be the celebrated Grand Marshal of our Veteran's Day Parade and our Chamber of Commerce has just announced that in 2017, the Coast Guard will be the Grand Marshal of our Rhododendron Parade, the second largest parade in the State of Oregon. The theme of the 2017 parade will be *Always Ready to Rhody* as an homage to the Coast Guard motto, *Semper Paratus*.

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the City of Florence and the Oregon Coast Military Museum hosted a Coast Guard Appreciation Dinner at the Florence Events Center. It was a semi-formal military style dinner and ball for the sole purpose of the community showing appreciation for local Coast Guard personnel and their guests. Challenge coins, specially designed for the event, were given to Coast Guard members and Auxiliaries as another token of appreciation. The dinner was well attended with over 250 guests.

The city's continued support for Team Coast Guard is demonstrated in the above examples and in other ways described in this application. You will find an extensive record highlighted in the accompanying documentation.

Please find enclosed the application package in both printed and digital format on CD. In this package, you will find several letters of support from citizens, congressman and other elected officials, local organizations, and city officials. Included is the list of things the City of Florence and its citizens do to support the Coast Guard, including the collaborative activities and events in which we participate. You will also find an illustrative photo montage exhibiting activities involving Coast Guard members and other demonstrations of support such as links to some of the Coast Guard related articles printed in the local newspaper.

The Coast Guard has an enduring history with Florence, Port of Siuslaw and the boating community, and we will continue to foster that relationship and help it grow even stronger. We appreciate that Station Siuslaw River members *and* their families are active, integral members of our schools, churches, neighborhoods and economy. The City of Florence was ranked as the [#1 Most Beautiful Town in America](#) by Expedia in 2016 and it continues to grow in population and popularity. Our need for the Coast Guard simultaneously grows with that extra population and increasing boating public including visitors.

In consideration of the aforementioned information and the following documentation, we respectfully request that Florence, Oregon be considered in joining the distinguished list of other Coast Guard Cities. Thank you for taking the time to review our application.

Very Respectfully,



Joe Henry  
Mayor, City of Florence

cc: USCG Station Siuslaw River  
4255 Coast Guard Road  
Florence, Oregon 97439

## How You Can Help



### DONATE

Your tax-deductible gift directly supports the recruitment, training and supervision of CASA volunteers. CASA depends upon community donations to fund more than half of its annual budget.

### VOLUNTEER

CASA volunteers are community members like you who directly impact the lives of abused and neglected children. Volunteers give a two-year commitment of 10-15 hours per month. Opportunities for shorter-term involvement are also available.



### PARTICIPATE

Join us at one or more of our fundraising events throughout the year. Go to [www.casa-lane.org/events](http://www.casa-lane.org/events) for details.

### ADVOCATE

Share the important work of CASA with your friends, family and co-workers, or volunteer to be a legislative advocate.

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LANE COUNTY

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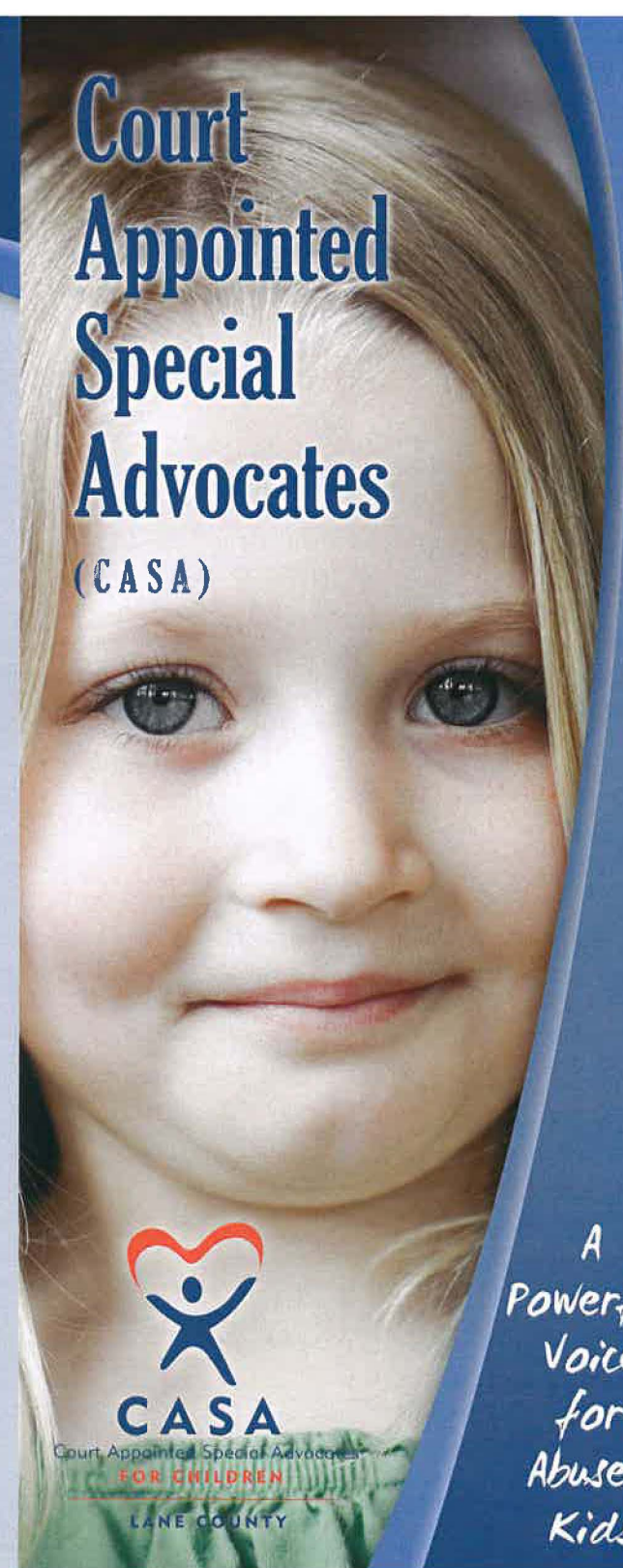
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# Court Appointed Special Advocates

(CASA)



A  
Powerful  
Voice  
for  
Abused  
Kids



## Who We Are

**Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)** provides a powerful voice for abused and neglected children in Lane County through the power of community volunteers.

CASA volunteers work to prevent children from being re-abused by facilitating their move through the court and child protective services systems as quickly as possible into safe, permanent homes.



## The Challenge

In Lane County each year, about 1,200 children - half under the age of 6 - become victims of abuse or neglect by their parents.

Every day, judges decide the futures of these children in a court system that is too overburdened to focus adequately on the needs of each child.

Without an advocate to be their voice in court and with child protective services, abused and neglected children risk slipping through the cracks and suffering from future abuse.

## CASA's Impact on Children

**Prevention of Re-Abuse:** A child with a CASA volunteer is half as likely to re-enter foster care because of future abuse.

**Permanence:** A child with a CASA volunteer is more likely to be adopted or returned home than languish in permanent foster care.

**Less Time in Foster Care:** Children with CASA volunteers spend an average of eight months less time in foster care, a cost-savings to Oregon of \$15,000 per child.

**Better Representation:** Court Appointed Special Advocates enhance the legal representation of children. They are highly effective in having their recommendations adopted by the court.

## The Solution

**Court Appointed Special Advocates** are volunteer community members committed to keeping children safe. They are trained, supported, and sworn in by a judge to advocate in court for an abused child with an uncertain future. A CASA volunteer:

- Serves as the eyes and ears for the judge
- Gathers information from all service providers and individuals involved in the child's life
- Makes informed recommendations to the judge for the child's present and future
- Works to ensure the child receives all services necessary to thrive
- Puts pressure on the system to move the child as quickly as possible into a safe, permanent home



## Who We Are



Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) provides a powerful voice for abused and neglected children in Lane County through dedicated volunteers.

## About Volunteering

CASA volunteers are community members who care about keeping foster children safe. They give a two-year commitment of 10-15 hours per month to advocate for 1-2 children or families. A CASA volunteer:

- Serves as the eyes and ears for the judge
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## FAQ's about Volunteering

**Myth #1:**

*I need to wait until I am retired to have enough time.*

**Fact #1:**

You need only 10-15 hours a month. Half of our CASA volunteers work full time.

**Myth #2:**

*I will become too emotionally involved to be a good advocate.*

**Fact #2:**

Your concern for the children is an asset, and you will receive lots of support.

**Myth #3:**

*I can't leave town while on a case.*

**Fact #3:**

Many volunteers go on vacation. Your supervisor can cover for you.

**Myth #4:**

*Being a CASA volunteer is the same as being a mentor.*

**Fact #4:**

As a CASA volunteer, your primary role is to be an advocate.

## Meet Our CASA Volunteers



**Lisa Adams**

**Profession:** Internal Medicine Physician for Oregon Medical Group

**Hobbies:** Paddle boarding, golf, playing piano & spending time with pet cats, horses & chocolate lab

**Family:** Married

**Why I volunteer:** After all the hours and hard work spent on a case, the most rewarding moment is seeing your CASA child happy and healthy in an appropriate home setting.



**David Davini**

**Profession:** CFO for Giustina Resources

**Hobbies:** Reading, working on his tractor & learning about wine

**Family:** Married, two daughters

**Why I volunteer:** Children may have a better chance to be productive members of society years from now because of my efforts today. I want to let a child know s/he is not alone.



**Dan Olmstead**

**Profession:** Civil Engineer for EWEB

**Hobbies:** Long distance running

**Family:** Married

**Why I volunteer:** To learn more about a part of our community I knew little about and to help children in greatest need. If I'm honest with myself, I'd say I get much more out of my time with CASA than I put in.



**Leticia Mout**

**Profession:** Retired teacher; now making custom clothing

**Hobbies:** Gardening, sewing, crafting, dancing & reading

**Family:** Married, four daughters & six granddaughters

**Why I volunteer:** Every child needs someone to stand up for them. Being a CASA means that those children can have hope.



# Saxon - Hwy 126 Annexation

Ord. 13 & 14 Series 2016



## Introduction

- Don & Norma Saxon petitioned for annexation on July 18, 2016
- Annexation proposed for properties illustrated in Exhibit A & listed in Exhibit B of Ordinance 13, Series 2016:
  - N. Hwy 126
  - S. Hwy 126
  - Estuary

# Annexation Criteria

## **Oregon Revised Statutes:**

ORS 222.111, 222.120, 222.125, and 222.170(2)

## **Florence Realization 2020 Comprehensive Plan:**

Chapter 1: Citizen Involvement, Policy 4

Chapter 14: Urbanization, Policies 1 and 3 through 7

# Zone Assignment Criteria

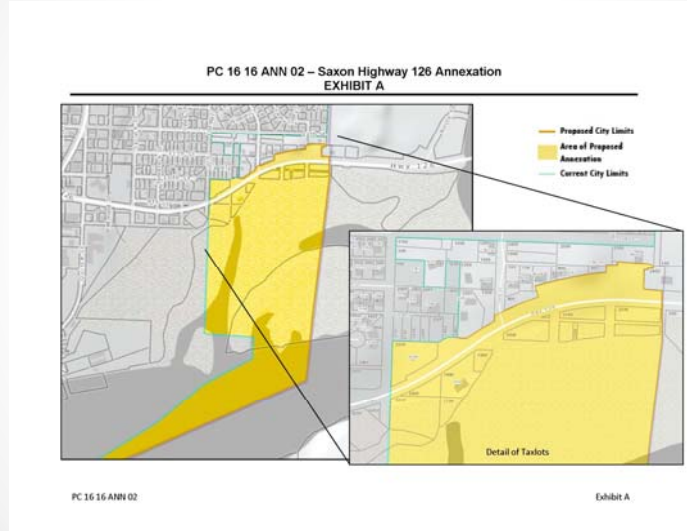
## **Florence City Code:**

Title 10, Chapter 1: Zoning Regulations, Sections 10-1-1-5-E-3 and 10-1-2-3 and 10-1-3-B-4

## **Florence Realization 2020 Comprehensive Plan:**

- Chapter 2, Land Use, Policies 1 & 8, Section on Commercial Designations
- Chapter 16: Estuarine Resources, Natural Estuary Section
- Chapter 17: Coastal Shorelands: Ocean, Estuary, and Lake Shorelands, Natural Resource Conservation Section

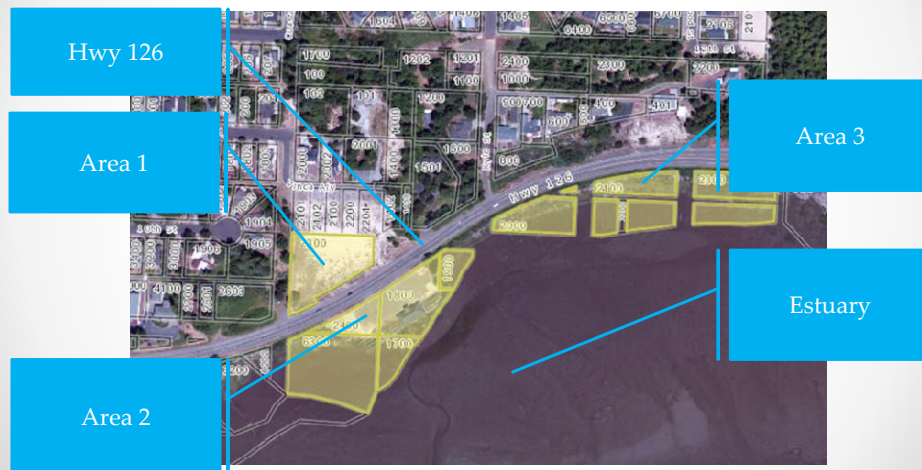
# Area of Annexation



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# Aerial of Site



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# Current Use of Site

Area 2



Area 3



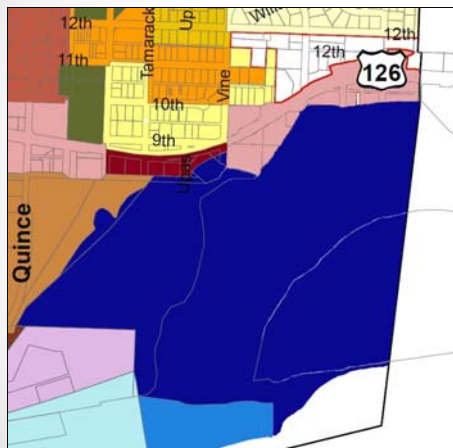
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# Zoning Assignment

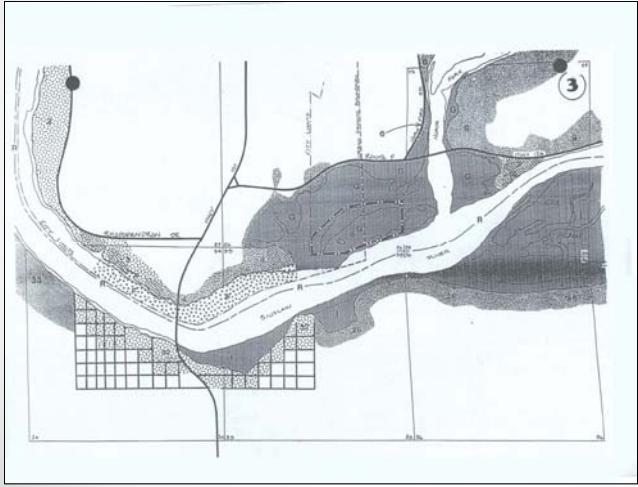


- Commercial District: Above Mean High Tide non-submerged lands

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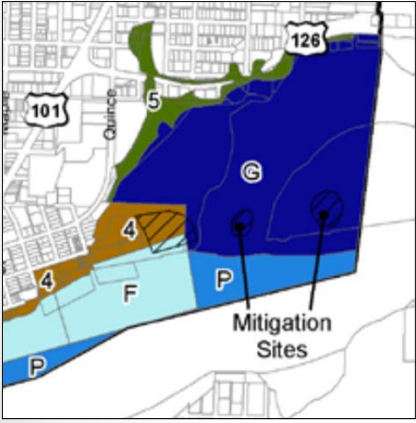
# Zoning Assignment



- Coastal Resource Management Plan

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# Zoning Assignment



- Natural & Conservation Estuary MU: submerged and partially submerged lands
  - G: Tide Flats at mouth of N. Fork
  - P: Navigation Channel
- Natural Resource Conservation Shoreland MU: Overlay
  - #5: 50' wide strip of land frm MHT

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## Public Comments

- No written testimony
- Several verbal inquiries

## Referral Comments

### Exhibit D:

- Lane County Planning: [Close out Building Permits](#)
- Lane County Transportation: [No concerns](#)
- Department of State Lands: Property owner--no concerns, [Agency-permits req'd for fill and uses](#) in area of estuary and partially submerged lands
- Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians: [Consultation prior to site development or utility improvements](#) to identify cultural concerns. Land use approval req'd.

## Referral Comments

### Staff Response:

- Existing building shell & approved site plan are pre-existing, non-conforming with Lane County approvals. Building permit and LU permit approvals will carry over as due process was complete, albeit questionable under today's policy interpretations.
- Land Use and Building Permits will be required to complete shell & for any new site development or fill.
- Utility infrastructure will require a land use permit

## Utilities & Access

- Sewer and Water utilities extend from Yamaha shop east along south side of Hwy 126 to area of applicant's western property line
- Access is available at Hwy 126, ODOT did not submit any testimony.

## Consents

- Both Double and Triple Majority methods are met

## Staff Recommendation

Approve Ord. 13 & 14 as proposed



# Alternatives

1. Approve annexation and zone assignment as proposed in Ord. 13 & 14., or
2. Deny the annexation and zone assignment, or
3. Continue the Public Hearing to a date certain if more information is needed.

# Questions?





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## Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District

1775 Laurel Way #4 – Florence, OR 97439 – 541-997-1272 – fax 541-997-6296

E-mail: [siuswcd@gmail.com](mailto:siuswcd@gmail.com) Website: [siuswcd.com](http://siuswcd.com)

October 17, 2016

Wendy Farley-Campbell, Planning Director  
Glen Southerland, Assistant Planner  
City of Florence  
250 Hwy 101 Florence, OR 97439

RE: Saxon Annexation

The District's Staff has reviewed the proposed Saxon Annexation, as well as the City of Florence's Planners' recommendations, and would like to provide the following comments:

- As a partner in the land and water conservation within the Siuslaw Watershed, as well as a core partner with the City of Florence during the Siuslaw Estuary Partnership (SEP), the District has an invested interest in the well being and ecological function of the Siuslaw Estuary. It is widely known that estuaries are one of the most productive habitat types in the world, providing a multitude of ecosystem services that benefit the public in both economic and ecological ways. Estuaries are nurseries for valuable fish and wildlife, including water fowl, marine mammals, Pacific Lamprey, Steelhead, Chinook and (federally listed) Coho Salmon (etc.). Estuarine wetlands act as a sponge during annual high flow events (floods and extreme tides), moderating potential damage to public and private infrastructures. Estuaries also act as filters of excess nutrients and contaminants, assisting in maintaining good water quality. They provide the community greater resilience in regards to the ongoing threats of global climate change and surface sea level rise. Most of the estuarine wetlands within the Siuslaw have long since been lost to legacy land use practices (diking, agricultural conversion, shoreline development, etc.), as noted in your Chapter 16 Natural Estuary Management Unit designation description which states "in 1978, the Siuslaw had approximately 750 acres of tidelands, about 20 percent of the river's total estuarine habitat. Only the Salmon and Chetco River estuaries have smaller percentages of tidelands." Enabling future commercial development within the Siuslaw Estuary that compromises the integrity of the ecosystem services provided, is a step in the wrong direction.
- The petitioners state in their Annexation and Zoning Assignment Application to the City of Florence dated July 18, 2016, that the proposed annexation would allow for "additional commercial land to become available." If the City of Florence is indeed in need of a larger commercial land base, we are quite certain that there are more suitable and preferred locations for expansion than within the tidal estuary, an area that is already a fraction of the size it was historically.
- We hope that the City will revisit its finding regarding "the petitioners' phased site plans reviewed and approved by Lane County through their land use approval process for additional buildings to be placed on the piers are pre-existing non-conforming, albeit the approvals are over 20 years old." Land use laws within estuarine areas have drastically changed over the last 5 years, let alone 20. We believe that any structures that are not already constructed on the lots in question South of Hwy 126, should be required to meet current regulations at the local, state, and federal levels.

- With water being such a vital resource now and even more so in the future, we recommend using caution in moving forward with any plans that could potentially negatively affect the quality of waters within the Siuslaw River Estuary.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input. Thanks.

Seth Mead  
Watershed Conservationist  
Siuslaw SWCD

Script for Annexation

**Mayor:** We will now begin the agenda item concerning the approval of an annexation request. This agenda item will allow the City Council to deliberate on the annexation of 05454 Highway 101, Map # 18-12-26-31, Tax Lots 2400 & 6300 – Map # 18-12-26-42, Tax Lots 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100 & 2300, Highway 126, Right-of-way from Vine Street to the Urban Growth Boundary, and all Siuslaw River estuary south of these properties within the Urban Growth Boundary.

I will turn it over to Staff to give us an overview of this application.

**(MOVE TO ORDINANCE PROCEDURES)**

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Script for Quasi-Judicial Land Use Public Hearing  
(Zone Change)

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# Ministerial Code Changes

Ordinance No. 11, Series 2016  
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## Introduction

- **Oct. 27, 2015** – PC Work Session
  - Intro to Model Code
  - Intro to Ministerial Process
  - Intro to Council Goal 2, Obj. 5, Task 2
- **Feb. 1, 2016** – Council Goals Updated
- **Feb. 23, 2016** – PC Work Session
  - Intro to Florence Downtown Architectural Guidelines
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of FCC 10-1
- **Mar. 22, 2016** – PC Work Session
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of Architectural Design Code

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- **Apr. 12, 2016** – PC Work Session
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft of Architectural Design Code
  - Draft of Old Town Amendments
  - Draft of Mainstreet Amendments
- May 4, 2016 – Council Work Session
- May 18, 2016 – Council Work Session
- **May 24, 2016** – PC Work Session
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of Title 10 Changes
- **July 19, 2016** – DLCDC Notice
  - Form 1 Notice Submitted

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- **Aug. 23, 2016** – PC Public Hearing
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Evidentiary Hearing
- Aug. 26, 2016 – DLCDC Re-Notice
  - Updated Form 1
- **Oct. 5, 2016** – City Council Work Session
- **Oct. 17, 2016** – City Council Public Hearing

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## Applicable Criteria

### **Florence City Code, Title 10:**

Chapter 1: Zoning Administration, Section 1-3-C

### **Realization 2020 Florence Comprehensive Plan:**

Chapter 1: Citizen Involvement, Policies 4, 5, and 6

Chapter 2: Land Use, Policies 2 and 3 & Rec. 4

Commercial, Policies 4 and 6 & Recs. 1 and 5

Chapter 9: Economic Development, Policy 1

Chapter 12: Transportation, Policy 2

Chapter 16: Siuslaw River Estuarine Resources,  
Policies 3, 15, and 18

Chapter 17: Coastal Shorelands: Ocean, Estuary,  
and Lake Shorelands, Policies 9 and 12

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## Applicable Criteria, cont.

### **Oregon Revised Statutes:**

ORS 197.610(1) through 197.610(6)

ORS 227.186(4)

### **Oregon Administrative Rules:**

(reviewed simultaneously with their respective  
Comprehensive Plan Policy)

OAR 660-015-0000: Statewide Planning Goals  
and Guidelines #1 through #14

OAR 660-015-0010: Statewide Planning Goals  
and Guidelines #16 Through #19

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## Summary of Changes

Located on Pages 1 through 4 of Findings

- Implement Ministerial/Over-the-Counter Land Use Process
- Reduce Business/Development Regulations
- Reduce Time Req. for Applications
- Fix Code Formatting Issues
- Code Modernization

## Summary of Changes

**Since City Council Work Session:**

- 10-1-1-5-C-b: Section removed.
- 10-1-1-5-D: Section removed.
- 10-1-1-6-1-A-2: Addition of criteria.
- 10-1-1-6-1-A-15: Addition of criteria.
- 10-1-1-7-E: Deletion.
- Removal of "Design Review Board"

## Changes Not Included

- 10-1-1-6-4-D-2-d: Change to read:  
“at least 35 days prior to the first evidentiary hearing”
  - Will match language used in ORS 197.610
- Publication date error
  - Currently states Sept. 28 and Oct. 5
  - Should state Oct. 5 and Oct. 12

## Testimony/Referrals

### Public Testimony

- Jennifer Bragar, Housing Land Advocates (PC)
- Randy Combest (PC)

### Referral Comments

- None Received



## Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance Number 11, Series 2016 – An Ordinance approving changes to Title 10 and Title 11 of the Florence City Code.

## Questions?

Script for Annexation

**Mayor:** We will now begin the agenda item concerning the approval of an annexation request. This agenda item will allow the City Council to deliberate on the annexation of 05454 Highway 101, Map # 18-12-26-31, Tax Lots 2400 & 6300 – Map # 18-12-26-42, Tax Lots 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100 & 2300, Highway 126, Right-of-way from Vine Street to the Urban Growth Boundary, and all Siuslaw River estuary south of these properties within the Urban Growth Boundary.

I will turn it over to Staff to give us an overview of this application.

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**City of Florence**  
**PERS**  
**Summary Benchmark Information**  
**October 17, 2016**

**Valuation Information**

	12/31/12	12/31/13	12/31/14	12/31/15	12/31/16
Allocated pooled TI/II UAL	2,851,421	2,217,475	4,538,637	5,771,021	Projected to increase
Transition liability/(surplus)	- 2,880,484	- 2,884,866	- 2,874,727	- 2,810,952	Projected to decline
Allocated pooled OPSRP UAL	196,291	206,789	321,338	428,381	Projected to increase
Net UAL	167,228	460,602	1,985,248	3,388,450	Projected to increase
Combined valuation payroll	2,784,947	2,924,628	2,810,822	3,013,290	
Net UAL as percentage of payroll	6%	-16%	71%	112%	Projected to increase
		-22%	86%	42%	

**PERS Rates**

Actual through FY 2019 Maximum FY 2020

	7/1/13	7/1/15	7/1/17	7/1/19
<b>Tier I/II</b>				
Normal cost rate	10.34%	14.10%	17.00%	
Tier I/II UAL rate	10.36%	4.50%	6.03%	
	20.70%	18.60%	23.03%	26.26% Projected maximum
Transition liability/(surplus) rate	-7.55%	-9.22%	-9.82%	
OPSRP UAL	0.15%	0.61%	1.27%	
Retiree health care - normal cost	0.10%	0.08%	0.07%	
Retiree health care - UAL	0.49%	0.45%	0.43%	
Total	13.89%	10.52%	14.98%	
<b>Percentage change</b>		<b>-3.37%</b>	<b>4.46%</b>	
<b>OPSRP - General Service</b>				
Normal cost rate	6.27%	7.33%	8.02%	
Tier I/II UAL rate	10.36%	4.50%	6.03%	
OPSRP UAL rate	0.15%	0.61%	1.27%	
Transition liability/(surplus) rate	-7.55%	-9.22%	-9.82%	
Retiree health care - UAL	0.49%	0.45%	0.43%	
Total	9.72%	3.67%	5.93%	
<b>Percentage change</b>		<b>-6.05%</b>	<b>2.26%</b>	
<b>OPSRP - Police</b>				
Normal cost rate	9.00%	11.44%	12.79%	
OPSRP UAL rate	10.36%	0.61%	1.27%	
Tier I/II UAL rate	0.15%	4.50%	6.03%	
Transition liability/(surplus) rate	-7.55%	-9.22%	-9.82%	
Retiree health care - UAL	0.49%	0.45%	0.43%	
Total	12.45%	7.78%	10.70%	
<b>Percentage change</b>		<b>-4.67%</b>	<b>2.92%</b>	