



City of Molalla
City Council - Regular Meeting
Minutes – November 13, 2024
Molalla Civic Center | 315 Kennel Ave. | Molalla, OR

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Meeting of November 13, 2024 was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 7:00pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Present: Council President Jody Newland (via phone call), Councilor Leota Childress, Councilor Terry Shankle, Councilor Eric Vermillion, Councilor RaeLynn Botsford, and Councilor Darci Lightner, Mayor Scott Keyser

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager; Mac Corthell, Assistant City Manager; Christie Teets, City Recorder.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Work Session Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2024

ACTION:

Councilor Botsford moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Councilor Vermillion seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

AYES: Vermillion, Shankle, Childress, Newland, Botsford, Lightner, Keyser

NAYS: None.

ABSENTIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, CEREMONIES

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Katie Riggs, Unincorporated Clackamas County: expressed both admiration and disappointment, she acknowledged the Council's dedication and voiced concern regarding transparency issues involving the City and the Molalla River School District. Katie urged the City Council and School Board to set aside differences, work together, and rebuild trust.

Carissa Ross, Molalla: expressed gratitude to the City Council and Staff for responsiveness to emails regarding Farm Stand Code Language and appreciated the open communication. She thanked Council for handling the matter considerately and without conflict. She emphasized the importance of preserving the rural, small-town atmosphere where local farming activities, like farm stands and small-scale farming, are valued.

City Recorder Teets noted she received a few comments via email, she would not be read into record, however, reflect email in final packet. Councilor Childress pointed out that while Christie mentioned receiving three emails, the Council had actually received many more, possibly up to 20 emails. City Manager Huff requested a councilor forward emails to the City Recorder. (Emails will be provided in the Meeting Minutes related to this meeting.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2024-23: Updating Public Contracting Rules (Corthell)

Assistant City Manager Corthell provided a brief update noting the City is updating its Public Contracting rules to align with changes in State Law. He noted the Oregon Legislature passed SB1047 in April 2024, which raised the procurement

threshold for Public Contracting. This resolution will update the City's policy to ensure it is consistent with the new State spending limits and requirements.

ACTION:

Councilor Vermillion moved the Molalla City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-23, a Resolution of the City of Molalla Updating Public Contracting Rules; Councilor Childress seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

AYES: Lightner, Botsford, Newland, Childress, Shankle, Vermillion, Keyser

NAYS: None.

ABSENTIONS: None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Molalla River School District – Negotiation Update

City Manager Huff, shared that he and Assistant City Manager, Corthell, had productive meetings with representatives from the School District. The discussions focused on addressing the issue that the City had been trying to resolve since June 2024. He expressed fulfillment with the positive dialogue and believes the meetings have put them on the right path to solving a significant community challenge. Mr. Huff is pleased the School District is now actively engaging discussions.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Recorder Teets provided election update, congratulated Mayor Keyser and Councilor Vermillion on their re-election to the City Council. Although official results from Clackamas County have not yet been certified, it appears that Doug Gilmer will also join the Council. The next unofficial results will be posted on November 19, with the Final Results expected by November 27th. The final canvassing of the election will take place at the December 11th City Council Meeting. Ms. Teets reminded Council of January 11th Goal Setting. Additionally, stating the City will present reappointments for the Planning Commission and Budget Committee at the December 11th meeting. Recorder Teets mentioned opening on the Planning Commission.

Assistant City Manager Corthell provided numerous updates, first reminding everyone of Joint City Council and Planning Commission Meeting on November 20th and sharing the near-final draft of the Parks Master Plan, discussed the Pavement Condition Index for street repairs, Strawberry Park closure from November 25-27th for the installation of a drinking fountain. Mr. Corthell also noted the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project is moving forward, with construction set to begin after receiving Erosion Control Permits. The intake pre-design project for a secondary water source is on schedule, grants are being pursued to fund construction. Finally, regarding crosswalks, the City will replace the non-compliant crosswalk at Francis Street with a modern, compliant version by mid-2025, and in the interim suggested a nearby crosswalk to provide a safe alternative.

City Manager Huff shared his gratitude for all the work done for the Wastewater Treatment Facility, noting it has been a long 8 - 10-year process.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- **Councilor Vermillion:** Thanked everyone who voted, especially those who supported him, noting it was very humbling. He shared excitement for the next four years to continue making Molalla a better place while preserving its small-town charm.
- **Councilor Botsford:** reminded everyone about the Chamber of Commerce networking meeting at 8 AM at the Fire Station; she invited people to help decorate the tree for the lighting ceremony on the first Saturday of December. She also mentioned the opportunity to sponsor large Christmas decoration ornaments, with applications available through the Chamber.
- **Councilor Shankle:** announced the Swimming Pool would be closed on November 28th and 29th; while on November 30th, the pool will host an Inflatable Swim event, and informed the High School Swim Season would begin soon.
- **Councilor Childress:** thanked the audience and those who emailed regarding the farm stand issue, emphasizing how important it is for the community to voice their concerns. She shared information about the annual Christmas Carol event at Fox Park on December 14 at 6 PM. Councilor Childress informed the 2018-2019 Visioning Plan, is currently being re-assessed as it is a good time to evaluate progress and gather feedback from

residents. Library Director, Diana Hadley and Assistant, Beka Murcay are leading efforts to develop a new survey for community input.

City Manager Huff added the survey for the Visioning Plan update may not be ready in time for the Council's Goal-Setting due to the holiday season. The survey might not be open long enough to gather meaningful results by January 11th, suggested Council would need to revisit the issue after receiving the survey feedback.

- **Council President Newland:** provided update on the Parks CPC, noting their next meeting would be rescheduled to Thursday, November 21, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. She highlighted an upcoming Sign Painting class on December 8 at 2 p.m. at the Library.
- **Mayor Scott Keyser:** voiced gratitude for his re-election and thanked the community for their support, shared special thanks to City staff, particularly City Recorder Teets, for her hard work during the elections. Mayor mentioned rumors about new street light issues, *Mr. Corthell provided brief response.* Mayor Keyser went on to share that at a recent C4 Meeting, Assistant City Manager Corthell provided an insightful presentation regarding the State's Housing Strategy and potential impacts on local communities.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Keyser made an announcement noting the regular City Council Meeting would recess into Executive Session at 7:53pm, held pursuant to Oregon Public Record Law, ORS 192.660(2): (e) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Keyser reconvened Regular Session at 8:49pm.

Mayor Keyser accounced during the Executive Session, the City Council reached a concensus to direct City Manager Huff, to work with the City Attorney to develop two 50-year leases with the Molalla River School District (MRSD): one lease for Fox Park and one for the Molalla Public Library. It is the City's understanding from MRSD that within 24 months, the District will engage with the City to discuss potential property sale options, longer-term lease terms, and possible library expansion options, if any.

Based on statement made, Mayor Keyser asked for a Motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and complete the lease documents.

ACTION:

Councilor Vermillion moved the Molalla City Council to authorize the City Manager to execute the real estate transaction discussion; Councilor Shankle seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

AYES: Vermillion, Shankle, Childress, Newland, Botsford, Lightner, Keyser

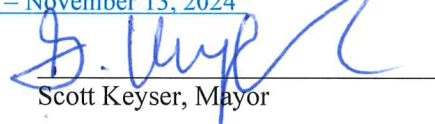
NAYS: None.

ABSENTIONS: None.

ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:50pm.

[For the complete video account of the City Council Meeting, please go to YouTube
"Molalla City Council Meetings – November 13, 2024"](#)



Scott Keyser, Mayor

PREPARED BY:



Crystal Robles, Records Specialist

ATTEST:



Christie Teets, CMC, City Recorder

Meeting Minute Attachments:

- Public Comment submitted regarding Farm Stands related to Molalla Municipal Code

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #1 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:28:58 PM

#1

From: Emily Garland <emgarland86@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 4:43 PM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Terry Shankle
Subject: Heifer stand

Molalla city council,

“I’d like to shed some light on the recent concerns raised about our local farm stand, which a neighbor has set up in their yard. When I first saw it, I felt a sense of joy—it brought back the classic, small-town feel that makes Molalla so special. Given the challenges of today’s economy, we should be supporting our neighbors who are finding creative ways to make ends meet beyond the typical 9-to-5, which often isn’t enough to get by. These small farm stands are popular, and many in the community appreciate them. Those who choose to buy from these stands do so knowingly, understanding any risks involved. We’re all adults, capable of making our own choices. It’s important to remember that we live in a country built on freedom, and we shouldn’t over-regulate our neighbors’ honest efforts to contribute to the local economy.”

Thank you for your time
Local resident Emily Garland
[503-438-8895](tel:503-438-8895)
Emgarland86@gmail.com

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #2 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:30:13 PM

#2

From: Dax Imber <daxhimself@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 1:18 PM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Ichildress@cityofmolalla.com; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Darci Lightner
Subject: Farm stands meeting

Good afternoon,

I have been made aware of the meeting that will take place today and I just wanted to write in support of these small farm stands.

I live in Battleground, WA about an hour north of Molalla. On multiple occasions I have made the drive to visit a friends farmstand there and seen what a positive and honestly wonderful addition it is to the neighborhood.

In my hometown we have local farmers with farmstands at the end of their driveways and it is a normal thing to see someone standing there selling baked goods, honey, etc. Our town loves it.

I have been coming to molalla for decades when I drove for medical transportation, and I would have thought surely your town would welcome stands such as these given the rural feel and the amount of local farms. I do hope after your meeting you choose to change the language of your local codes to allow these. My friends stand in particular is very nicely displayed, clean, and monitored. I would be deeply saddened to see the city stifle the efforts made to bring a positive local shopping experience to the area.

Thank you for your time.

Dax Imber

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #3 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:30:45 PM

#3

From: Nadia Preuitt <preuitt.nadia@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:41 AM
To: Rae-Lynn Botsford; Eric Vermillion; Terry Shankle; Leota Childress; Jody Newland; Scott Keyser
Subject: Four Heifers Farmstand

Good morning,

With today being the day for council meeting and a decision on the future of farm stands operating in town being decided, I'd love to say hello and introduce myself. My name is Nadia, I've lived off and on in molalla for over a decade, I have friends in the community as well as family. My best friend (Lindsey) and I have had a few thoughts, ideas and discussion on what we want to do while still being able to remain home with our children. And one day, the idea of a farm stand was born.

We didn't know where to start or what we would do or how the community would feel. But we went for it, with Deanna, who is my boyfriend's mother, and hers, best friends dating brothers! We saw an opportunity to bring fresh produce, fresh bread, and some sweet goodies, to the community we all know and love. And the community has been so incredibly kind to us. It was also an opportunity to do something with our mother-in-law. And it's brought us all closer together.

Carissa joined our stand shortly after opening and it's allowed me to get to know her and her family more. And we absolutely love them!

Molalla has always been a farming town, a community that supports and helps each other, a community that gives back. This stand has taught us so much, expanded our circle, let us meet the neighbors, get to know the community and has just been such a fun experience that we hope to continue to have.

Thank you for your time!

Best Regards,

Nadia

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #4 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:31:20 PM

#4

From: shanna gowey <sagowey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:18 PM
To: Jody Newland
Subject: Farm stands

Please allow the farm stands in the city to continue. My family enjoys going to them and I like to support them. I think they are good for the community.

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #5 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:31:57 PM

#5

From: Paige Prendergast <paige@lantz-construction.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:32 PM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Leota Childress; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Darci Lightner
Subject: Support Our Farm Stands

Hello - I am writing to show my strong support and love for our local farm stands. We buy all of our eggs and bread at Molalla farm stands. I truly believe these small businesses supply much healthier products than grocery stores and I know that every dollar we spend at these stands goes straight in the pockets of our community.

It would be such a shame to live in a rural area and have these traditions of local farmers getting to sell their goods to citizens banned. Small businesses like farm stands make up the fabric our local culture.

Please help keep these farm stands open!

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,
Paige Lantz
32951 S Wilhoit Rd
Molalla, OR 97038
[503-318-6228](tel:503-318-6228)

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #6 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:32:32 PM

#6

From: Baking Biddies <bakingbiddies3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:12 AM
To: Darci Lightner; Ichildress@cityofmolalla.com; Eric Vermillion; Jody Newland; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Scott Keyser; Terry Shankle
Subject: Farm stand city council meeting November 13th

To whom it may concern,

We are the baking biddies, 3 stay at home moms that have a passion for baking and sharing goods with our loved ones. When we contacted the city about opening our stand we were told that it was fine as long as we made under \$2,000 a year and if we exceeded the \$2,000 we would have to obtain a business license through the city. We knew we wouldn't exceed or meet that this year so we held off until the beginning of the year when we planned to obtain the licensing. But were told as long as we were compliant with cottage laws we were fine. So we moved forward with opening our stand. We all obtained our food handlers licenses and comply with food prep regulations.

Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed getting to know the community, and hearing amazing feedback about the products we offer. So many of our customers are trying to eliminate a lot of preservatives that store bought options have in them. Not only that we have a families that come and purchase our items as treats after sporting events, for their movies nights, or just as a treat on their daily walk.

We support a local high school entrepreneur who makes freeze dried candy that we offer in our stand. In addition we also offer a small book exchange basket where we have had community members donate books and others take books.

We feel that we provide a positive experience to this community by having our stand, and sharing our love and passion for baking and all things crafts. We have been shown so much love by the community and would love to continue to offer our goods and continue to build an even better relationship with the customers moving forward.

We feel because we are following all state laws that we should be allowed to continue. We understand that the City wants to make sure that these stands are following a positive standard that aligns with the vision of the city and we here at Baking Biddies feel like we align with the same values. Please take this into consideration as you move forward with your choice of lifting the prohibition of farm stands in the city.

Sincerely

Baking Biddies

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #7 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:33:08 PM

#7

From: charpennie@comcast.net <charpennie@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:39 AM
To: Christie Teets
Cc: Rae-Lynn Botsford; Leota Childress; Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion
Subject: Farmstands as Home Occupations

Dear City Council,
Here is my testimony that I wish to read at the upcoming City Council Meeting.

I think it's unreasonable to expect a small cottage business to be able to afford city and/or state required business fees & licensing for something as small as a roadside stand. I believe that our City Code should exempt these types of businesses from over regulation. They are a welcome addition to a neighborhood and create a wonderful place to pick up something unexpected. Many much larger businesses are leaving our state because of the exorbitant requirements put on them. Amend the code to fit Molalla; a small community of lower income people. It's time to get back to the basics and think of the hard-working people in this town instead of the taxes and fees that the state imposes on us just to increase their revenue. Allowing this business to continue operating takes nothing out of the city's budget. However, current code does create a hostile environment for new small businesses and bad press for the city. This feels like a money grab to me. Why not encourage small roadside cottage businesses instead of discouraging them? What does the city gain by enforcing codes on these small businesses? If you must make a code regarding roadside stands, make it viable for these small businesses by having standards of appearance. Not imposing more fees and licensing. The path to become a viable business is to first build a business that has sufficient income to support the cost of leasing retail space. This cost would encompass the fees and impose the regulations of a full-fledged business which is far beyond what this small roadside stand is incapable of producing at this time.

Char Pennie
[503-358-2032](tel:503-358-2032)

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #8 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:34:06 PM

#8

From: Paaty <paaty@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:31 AM
To: paaty; Scott Keyser; lchildress@cityofmolalla.com; Terry Shankle
Cc: Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Darci Lightner; Jody Newland
Subject: Farmstands and Cottage Kitchens

Good morning everyone,

I understand there has been some concerns regarding on site farm stands and cottage kitchens.

Please do not take this away from our community.

Let them go on as they are.

The Farm-stand we use most, is The Four Heifers Farm-stand, located at 508 Ridings Avenue, in Molalla. If you have not been there before, I encourage you to swing by and check it out. They offer their baked goods along with homemade goodies and fresh produce on a donation basis.

I, along with several of our friends, thoroughly enjoy being able to get baked goods and fresh produce.

Not only is it healthier, but I feel better giving back to the community instead of the big corporations.

Please keep it simple for these friends and neighbors of ours. Don't make it difficult for the small homeowners with red tape and fees.

They are proving a great service to our community.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Patty Nichols
[503-319-9040](tel:503-319-9040)

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #9 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:34:39 PM

#9

From: Nicholas Evans <nevanspaintco@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 6:42 PM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Leota Childress; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Darci Lightner
Subject: Farm stands as Home Occupations- Molalla Municipal Court

It's called a community, but we can't build close relationships with people in it and if there is a need we can't meet it. Why do they call it a neighbor or neighborhood if we can't be neighborly and help when there is a need or grow when there is a group that can bless and provide help?

Some people in the community are creative, self motivated, have a servants heart and want to help people and grow a tight knit community or neighborhood. In today's age that should be promoted, blessed, encouraged, motivated and desired from our city officials. With so much bad all around us why stomp out what little good is created in the mist of the crazy politics, gender confusion, danger to our young children and elderly.

People work hard, pay taxes and just want to live free, happy and raise kids of this next generation with some empathy, brains, courage, and grit. Not buried in a phone or game on the couch, but outside learning and living. This is a way to get kids, community and the town involved is something to better our future. Let the farmstands stay and bless our communities and the people in them.

Nicholas Evans

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #10 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:35:35 PM

#10

From: Lindsey Hartrampf <dvc21lh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 6:21 PM
To: Scott Keyser
Cc: Jody Newland; Leota Childress; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford
Subject: Four Heifers Farmstand

Dear council, hello My name is Lindsey and although you may have not heard about me hopefully you have heard about me and my family's beautiful creation Four Heifers Farmstand. I like to tell you a little about me and how this stand came to.. I was raised my whole life in Molalla went to all the schools as a child and am now raising my kids in the same amazing town I grew up in. I have always been a neighbors that keeps to myself and never really cared about getting involved in the community until I met my now boyfriend. His parents own a small farm off of montey cristo and share so much with their local community, then I met Carissa and Jeremy who run Molalla cares, seeing their passion for their neighbors and small town really got my gears turning and I thought to myself let's combine the two! I found a old dirty trailer brought it home scrubbed it down then sourced all materials through family and friends and with elbow grease, lots of sweat a few choice words and maybe a beer or two we built our amazing stand. Taking her out in the front yard to prepare for opening was one of the proudest moments I have had knowing we would be supplying fresh local produce treats a so many other things gs to our community all by donations . Some donate a lot some donate a little and some absolutely nothing but that does not stop how excited we get when someone pulls up and tells us how much they love our stand. Bringing this stand out made me feel a sense of community it allowed me to meet my neighbors and other farmers/bakers it has allowed us to get back to charities and help local veterans put food on their tables and even give some little local neighborhood kids free cookies. What I thought would just be a little stand in our front yard group to be something more than I ever could've imagined and the thought of losing it almost makes me feel like I'm losing my place in the community. all I'm asking is please please allow us to keep it and allow all the other firm stands to keep their little piece of community in their front yards. Don't take this from us and don't take it from the town We appreciate all of you for taking the time to hear us and no matter what the outcome is we will respect the decision Thank you so much Lindsey Hartrampf Owner of Four heifers Farmstand

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #11 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:36:22 PM

#11

From: Sally Neal <antsally58@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 5:08 PM
To: Jody Newland; Scott Keyser; Leota Childress; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford
Subject: farmsteads

Hi, I am in support of farmsteads, lemonade stands, sidewalk sales, yard sales, lets be different. So many complain about wanting less government, well this is a chance to be less government. Who are they hurting!? No one has to go buy bread or cookies from them. Who are they bothering!? So there is a statue that says not ok....change it.

Let people make a buck and provide a service. We have bigger and worse things to worry about.

Let the little stands, stand. Find something else for the code guy to do.

In solidarity with the people,

Sally Neal
151 Shirley St, Molalla, OR 97038, USA

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #12 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:36:51 PM

#12

From: Maurice Boss <mandjboss@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 12:25 PM
To: Jody Newland
Subject: Four Hefords farm Stand

I am writing in support of the awesome farm stand. I have enjoyed products from them several time n would still like this option

Sincerely,
Jane Boss

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From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #13 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:37:18 PM
Attachments: [Farmstand.docx](#)

#13

From: Kevin Bany . <kdaa@canby.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2024 1:06 PM
To: Jody Newland
Subject: farmstand

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #14 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:37:52 PM

#14

From: TA Bazer <tabazer24@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 8:23 AM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; lchildress@cityofmolalla.com; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Darci Lightner
Subject: Support for Changing Regulations on Farm Stands and Cottage Businesses

Dear City Officials,

I am writing to express my strong support for amending the current regulations to permit farm stands and cottage businesses, to sell their goods on-site.

As a proud resident of Molalla, where I grew up on 4th Street, I cherish the memories of our community's agricultural roots, from the sounds of cows in Coleman's field to the festive atmosphere of the Buckaroo during the 4th of July celebrations. This deep connection to my hometown drives my passion for supporting local businesses of all sizes.

Recently, I learned that my friend's farm stand is facing uncertainty, which has deeply saddened me. I operate a cottage business from my home, specializing in pastries, cupcakes, and custom cakes. This business not only fulfills my creative aspirations but also provides some financial support for my family. For instance, I recently used my earnings to purchase wrestling shoes for my children, which I take great pride in.

The potential restrictions on farm stands and cottage businesses threaten not only my friend's ability to earn a little income but also the

livelihoods of many individuals who are dedicated to their crafts and passion projects. I have personally witnessed the quality and care that goes into maintaining my friend's farm stand; it is always clean and well-presented. If the State of Oregon supports cottage businesses, it seems counterproductive for our city to impose restrictions that prevent them from utilizing their property.

Participating in markets can be expensive and time-consuming, often resulting in minimal financial return after costs associated with travel and preparation. Operating a home stand/farm stand significantly alleviates these pressures, allowing small business owners to focus on their craft without the added stress of logistics. For many of us, these cottage businesses represent a vital stepping stone toward establishing a store front in the future.

I urge you to consider revising the language surrounding these regulations to foster an environment that encourages small businesses and supports our local economy. Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective.

Sincerely,

Amanda Bazer

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #15 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:38:19 PM

#15

From: Jada McDonald <jaduh2021@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2024 6:14 PM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Leota Childress; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Darci Lightner
Subject: Four Heifers Farmstand

Hello,

I was informed about the potential closing of the Four Heifers Farmstand, and I believe shutting it down would be a real loss for our neighborhood. It's more than just a place to buy sweet treats or other goodies.. It's part of what makes our community special. The Four Heifers Farmstand truly brings just that much more joy to mine, and everyone else's day. Please allow them to stay open!!

Thanks,
Jada M

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #16 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:39:10 PM

#16

From: Annjela Amato <jarmack727@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2024 6:04 PM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Leota Childress; Terry Shankle; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Eric Vermillion; Darci Lightner
Subject: Four Heifers Farmstand

Hello-

I am writing this email to beg you to not have Four Heifers Farmstand shut down. I've been down with an illness that last 8 months and in that time my daughter and I found that stand. We walked up and got some treats and thought it was just so cute and fun! And soon it became an often occurrence. And while I am better and no longer ill, we still enjoy our walks to that stand and have good conversation. They bake with good ingredients and are truly a service to the community.

Thank you,
Angela Amato

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #17 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:39:38 PM

#17

From: dmworth16@gmail.com <dmworth16@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2024 2:53 PM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Leota Childress; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Darci Lightner
Cc: Timothy Worthington
Subject: Farm Stand

Scott, et. al.,

Over the past year, we have been running a farm stand in Molalla, and the response from our neighbors has been overwhelmingly positive. They have become regular customers, and the community-building aspects of farm stands like ours, as well as others in our town, are truly invaluable. This experience has also been a wonderful and educational journey for our son, who is 8, and our two daughters, aged 6 and 4, who eagerly help us at the stand every day.

Before we opened, we researched the relevant laws in Oregon, but we didn't consider the city ordinances. For the benefit of our community, education, and consistency, we sincerely hope that Molalla will align its ordinances with those of the state, allowing farm stands like ours to thrive.

Thank you for your attention on this matter,
Dyana .M Worthington

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #18 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:40:25 PM

#18

From: Timothy Worthington <tcworthington87@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2024 2:43 PM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Leota Childress; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Darci Lightner
Cc: Dyana Worthington
Subject: Keep our Farm Stand please

Molalla Officials,

For the last year we have operated a farm stand in Molalla. We have received positive feedback from all of our neighbors. They are regular customers and the community building benefits of farm stands such as ours and others in our town should not be overlooked. In addition to building community this has been an enriching and educational adventure for our son (8) and our two daughters (6 and 4) who look forward to helping us with the stand daily.

We had looked up the relevant laws for Oregon before opening our stand but had not thought to look at the city ordinances. We hope for the sake of community, education, and for the sake of consistency that Molalla brings their ordinances into line with The State's and allows farm stands such as ours to continue to operate

Thank you for your consideration,
Timothy C. Worthington

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #19 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:40:52 PM

#19

From: Colorado Middaugh <codawnmiddaugh25@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2024 10:57 AM
To: Jody Newland
Subject: Farm stand

My family and I absolutely love having all the cute little farm stands, flower stands ect and dont want to see them go anywhere. I do think they should be paying taxes and all their other dues just like any of the food trucks, small stores, Online buisness ect. And if they are going to be selling food they need to have a food handlers card and a buisness license. They also should think about what happens if they sell something to someone and the person has allergies, whos held responsible for that? The ingredients are no where on the packaging and they would need to be held liable.

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #20 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:41:24 PM

#20

From: Brittni <brittni.m.finney@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2024 10:38 AM
To: Darci Lightner; Rae-Lynn Botsford; evemillion@cityofmolalla.com; Terry Shankle; Leota Childress; Scott Keyser; Jody Newland
Subject: Cottage Laws of Molalla

Good morning.

I would like to request that the city of Molalla pass allowances for farmstands and cottage kitchens, in line with oregon state laws.

Farmstands and Cottage Kitchens are a key resource for molalla citizens to support the local economy and our neighbors. It keeps us connected to the community. The ability to purchase goods from someone down the road or a few blocks over is one of my favorite things about living in Molalla.

Thank you for your consideration.
Brittni Finney

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #21 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:41:59 PM

#21

From: kellie smith <kelliesmith492@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2024 9:22 PM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Leota Childress; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Darci Lightner
Subject: Farmstands as home occupations - Molalla Municipal code

Hello,
To whom it may concern,

This email is in regards to “Farmstands as home occupations - Molalla Municipal code”

I support farmstands as home occupations that follow Oregon’s Cottage Law here in Molalla/Mulino. These homesteads cause no harm to anyone. I feel good buying baked goods/other goods from my neighbors. It gives a sense of “wholesome” in our community as opposed to buying from big market retail. Please continue to allow our community of homesteaders to sell their goods with no additional grief.

Thank you!
Kellie S.

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #22 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:42:32 PM

#22

From: Sara Thompson <burtsons86@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2024 2:48 PM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Leota Childress; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford
Subject: Farmstands in Molalla

Mayor Keyser and council,

My family and I moved to Molalla 3 years ago because after visiting my sister who's been here for 8 years, we fell in love with it. The small town, the family values, the neighbors who care about each other and band together to help, and so much more. We heard about the Hillbilly Brigade and their efforts during the fires. We were here when you made evacuation space for animals at the Buckaroo in 2022. I watched when just a few weeks ago, a family suffered the loss of their home due to a fire, and within less than an HOUR of a Facebook post notifying locals of the tragic event, neighbors were collecting clothes, school supplies, and gift cards for the family!

As someone who has lived in several places, I can tell you that this is a very special town. Knowing Molalla from the inside now, one of the things I love so much are the roadside stands where I frequently buy eggs, veggies, flowers, honey, and baked goods. I want to impress upon the council how unique it is, and how valuable, that we live in a place where people are trusting and trustworthy enough to sell quality products to their neighbors.

I'm urging you to do whatever it takes to continue to allow these farmstands to operate. I have seen zero negative impact from the many(5+) stands that I frequent, and a huge positive impact to the families that own them and the ones they serve.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion.

Sara Thompson

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #23 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:43:00 PM

#23

From: cheryl parks <cheribeth1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2024 11:59 AM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Leota Childress; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Darci Lightner
Subject: Roadside Farmstands-Municipal code

Dear councilors and Mayor,

If you could find it in your powers to bring this municipal code up to date, to include these farmstands, that would be wonderful.

These ladies that have them are generally stay at home mom's, just looking for a way to help benefit their families and provide a service to the community, that many have come to utilize. Many people don't always have time to bake or raise chickens themselves and these stands provide fresh eggs, fruit and vegetables as well as baked goods. Please do what's right for these entrepreneurs.

Sincerely, Cheryl Parks

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #24 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:43:28 PM

#24

From: Nathan DeFrates <Nathan@dayheating.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2024 11:57 AM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Leota Childress; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Darci Lightner
Subject: Four heifers farmstand

This is fantastic thing that makes a large part of our small community go around. Pay attention too our small town and the great folks that live in it. Thank you for your time reading this. Nate DeFrates
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #25 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:44:02 PM

#25

From: DeLise Palumbo <delise128@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2024 9:43 AM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Leota Childress; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Darci Lightner
Subject: Home Stands And Cottage Kitchens - YES!

City Council Members,

I saw online that you will be considering the move to allow exceptions for Farm Direct Sales and Cottage Food Establishments in Molalla. I had no idea this was not allowed.

I encourage you to set ordinances to allow these establishments. Historically in our country this has been an accepted way for families and small farms to support themselves directly and to provide quality products for their neighbors and friends. Rather than removing restrictions I request that you add language that explicitly states that these kinds of small family industries are allowed and encouraged.

I have an interest in this. As a small scale beekeeper I like to sell a little honey to my friends and neighbors (and it is delicious, very superior to what you can get in the stores, even the more expensive brands). I would like to expand this in the near future. I also especially enjoy buying fresh tomatoes and vegetables from local people when mine are not having a good year. I wish I had more opportunities to do that than I do. I think there is a market out there of people like me that could be served by more small growers.

Promoting self sufficiency and encouraging local commerce by allowing neighbors to purchase directly from the producer is good for our community. It is a way of helping each other out. It is also better for the environment (more green) and the quality is almost always to the moon better than what we are getting in the stores.

Perhaps most importantly, it helps struggling families and individuals by allowing them to make and sell items that we all buy and so help themselves until better times come around. That is how communities work.

Thank you

DeLise Palumbo
Former City Council Member.

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #26 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:44:35 PM

#26

From: Jessica Sanders <novembersanders@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2024 8:28 AM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Leota Childress; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Darci Lightner
Subject: Farm stand

Please adopt Oregon state policy and let's keep this farm stand going. We love their treats and bread. It would be a shame for them to have to close down. Our town is awesome about looking out for one another, and this is why I am emailing today.

Jessica Sanders

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #27 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:45:25 PM

#27

From: Jackie slander <jslander87@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:22 PM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Leota Childress; Terry Shankle; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Darci Lightner
Subject: Farm stand

We should allow farm stands to be in the city, but they should have SDCs to pay. And honestly a fine to the one currently operating as it's been done without prior city approval.

They should also ensure they have proper licensing to run this with proper labeling.

I don't see an issue with the stand itself, but they should be held to the same standards that all our other small businesses have been required to do.

Fair Molalla resident

From: [Jody Newland](#)
To: [Christie Teets](#)
Subject: #28 Farm Stand Email
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:46:04 PM

#28

From: Jacqueline McCoy <j.s.mccoy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 7:54 PM
To: Scott Keyser; Jody Newland; Terry Shankle; Leota Childress; Eric Vermillion; Rae-Lynn Botsford; Darci Lightner
Cc: Dan Huff; City Recorder
Subject: Molalla Municipal Codes on Farmstands

Dear Council and Mayor,

I am writing to ask that we change our local code to align with the State on farmstands and cottage kitchens. As a community we have grown to love the new farmstand on Ridings and the existing on Shirley.

I feel that farmstands are a connection to our roots as a farming community. They are a connection to early commerce and keep us connected to our neighbors. I hope you consider revising our code as quickly as possible. I'd really hate to miss pie season.

Thank you for all that each of you do for our city.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline McCoy
[971-645-3730](tel:971-645-3730)