

**Important
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(530) 841-2370

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Carports: Building Permit Required?

Yes! Building permits are required for all metal, wood and plastic membrane type carports installed in the City of Yreka and they must meet the setback from property line requirements. Carport structures are required to be designed by a licensed California architect/engineer and installed by a licensed California contractor. The building plans will verify that the structures will meet or exceed the required snow, wind and seismic requirements for the City of Yreka. The Planning Department will review the plot plan for conformance with the City setback requirements. The Building Department will verify that the installing contractor is currently licensed and has Workers' Compensation Insurance for its employees. Property losses suffered as a result of failure to obtain a building permit may not be covered by your homeowner's insurance policy. Please call the City of Yreka Building Department at (530) 841-2322 with any questions.



Planning

Public planning is the process that reviews projects in an attempt to anticipate problems and to decide on the best alternative in solving a particular problem. The community that makes long-range planning a part of its daily operation is in a far better position to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. A specific judgment made today may have long-range consequences for matters seemingly unrelated. For instance, a public decision to construct a sewer line, a street, or highway may commit to industrial or commercial land use for years in the future and make a nearby residential development uninhabitable.

Effective Planning:

1. Helps local government insure adequate services and facilities for its citizens.
2. Contributes to stability of areas so that the property owners can plan for the future of their residence or business.
3. Establishes acceptable land use patterns to reduce incompatible uses.
4. Assists developers and investors in knowing the standards they must meet as well as what standards they can expect from the rest of the community.
5. Assists in preventing sprawl and preserving open spaces and recreational areas for present and future needs.

What is Zoning?

Zoning regulations are designed to prevent one landowner from using his land in a way that will harm his neighbors. This is accomplished by use of the fol-

lowing tools:

1. Specifying height, size, and situation of buildings on lots with reference to streets and property boundaries.
2. Regulating the percentage of a lot that may be occupied by a building.
3. Specifying the size of yards, courts, and other open spaces.
4. Controlling the density of population by residency use in relation to lot size.
5. Regulating location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, residence, or other purposes.

Zoning regulations are designed to accomplish community objectives or goals such as:

1. Lessen traffic congestion.
2. Provide safety from fire, panic, or other dangers.

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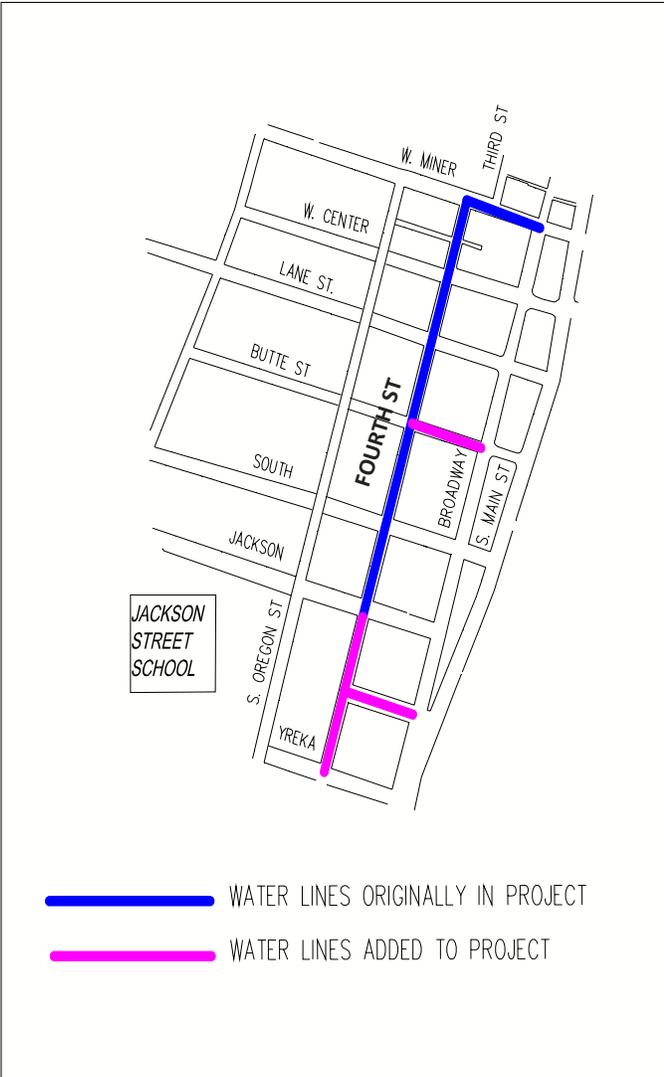
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- 3. Promote community health standards.
- 4. Prevent pollution of streams, lakes, and air.
- 5. Facilitate adequate provisions for transportation, water, sewage, schools, parks, and other public services.

Subdivision control, like zoning, serves as a preventative measure guarding against improper lot layout and inadequate subdivision preparation. A well-planned subdivision usually means a better place to live for homeowners, lower public service costs, and added profits for developers. Everyone gains from good design.

Building codes are also necessary for effective administration of a comprehensive plan. Experience has shown that a properly constructed building will last longer, be safer, be of greater use to its occupants, and contribute to a more beautiful and valuable community.



Fourth Street Construction

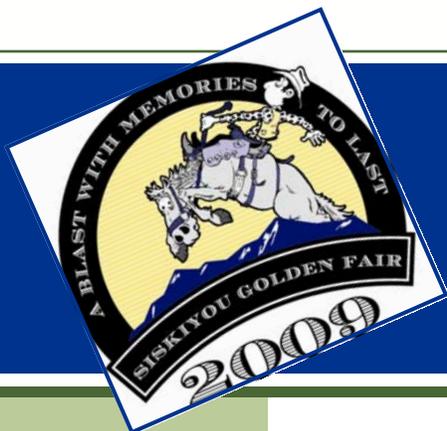
You've probably noticed all the construction along Fourth Street. Approximately one-half mile of new water main is being constructed to replace old, deteriorated steel water lines. Water services will also be replaced, and an asphalt concrete overlay will be placed on most of the streets after all the water line work is done. The project is expected to be completed in September.



The street overlay portion of this project has been approved for funds from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) since 2002, but the City has not been able to proceed with it until this year because of the State's financial condition. The delay actually benefitted the City this time, since the current economic conditions have increased competition for construction projects and driven costs down substantially.

The bids for this project were significantly under the engineer's estimate. Therefore, the City added the replacement of more water lines and the placement of more street overlays to the project.

The water line portion of this project is paid for with the City's water funds and the street overlay portion of the project is paid for with State funds.



Siskiyou Golden Fair: August 12-16, 2009
Great food & family fun!!

- Thursday - 8 pm - Clay Walker with opening act Williams & Ree
- Friday - 8 pm - Xtremely Amped Motorcycle Show
- Saturday - 7 pm - CCPRA/NPRA Rodeo
- Sunday - 4 pm - Destruction Derby