

An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood with many houses and trees. In the background, there is a large body of water (a lake) and a range of mountains under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on a dark blue rectangular background.

# Public Safety Update: Code Enforcement

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# Agenda



- Overview of Council Goals and Questions
- Background
- Potential Updates
  - Chapter 1
  - Separate Processes
  - Proposed Changes
- Next Steps and Future Considerations



# Questions for Consideration



- Any questions/feedback regarding the alternatives analysis of the code provisions staff is performing?
- Is Council prepared to move forward reviewing draft code language for an updated process?

# Background



- Problem & Project Identified:
  - Council Goal
  - Interdepartmental Team Review

- Research Strategies:
  - Chapter 1 Research
  - Processes Outside Chapter 1
  - Similar Jurisdictional Research



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# CHAPTER 1 CODE ENFORCEMENT

# Existing Process: Chapter 1



- Chapter 1:
  - WC 1.011: Fines and Prison Terms for Misdemeanor Classification
  - WC 1.012: Fines for Violation



# Processes Outside Chapter 1



- Separate Processes:

- Chapter 4
- Chapter 6
- Chapter 8
- Chapter 9
- Chapter 10

# Other Jurisdictions



- Beaverton
- McMinnville
- Woodburn



An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood. In the foreground, there's a dense residential area with many houses and trees showing autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red. A winding road cuts through the neighborhood. In the middle ground, a large body of water, likely a lake or reservoir, is visible, surrounded by more trees and some industrial or commercial structures. In the background, a range of mountains stretches across the horizon under a clear blue sky. A prominent mountain peak is visible in the distance.

# PROPOSED UPDATES

# Graduated Fine Structure



- Clarify Classification Process for Violations
- Greater Flexibility and Discretion
- Enhances Fairness



# VCA and Appeals Process



- Codify Process Already in Practice
- Clear Timeline
- Introduce Appeal Opportunities

# Clear Chain of Authority



- Adopt Internal Policy
- Assign Responsibility for Enforcement



# Questions for Council



- Any questions/feedback regarding described programs?
- Any other alternatives Staff should explore?

# Expected Results and Timeline



2026 – Draft Code Update for Chapter 1

2026 – Next Steps for Implementation



# Questions?

