

City of La Pine
Notice of Voluntary Acquisition and Non-Displacement
Water and Wastewater System Improvement Project

City of La Pine (“City”) is completing certain improvements to City’s water and wastewater systems (the “Project”) with funding assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development program. Please be advised that because federal funds are involved in the Project, the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (the “URA”), as amended, provides certain protections. The purpose of this notice is to provide certain information required under the URA. For purposes of this notice, “easement(s)” refers to the easements proposed to be acquired by City as discussed in the cover letter, including the temporary construction easement and the permanent easement; “Property” refers to the real property described in the cover letter and temporary construction easement.

1. Please be advised that City possesses eminent domain authority to acquire the permanent easement. However, if you decide to not grant City the permanent easements (or if negotiations fail to result in an amicable agreement), City will not pursue acquisition of the easement under eminent domain. The easements are not a part of an intended, planned, or designated Project area where substantially all the property within the area is to be acquired.
2. City will inform you, in writing, of City’s estimated market value of the permanent easement when City establishes an amount it believes to be the market value. Notwithstanding City’s estimate, you may donate the easement to City.
3. You will not be required to move temporarily or permanently as a result of the Project and/or acquisition of the easements. In accordance with the URA, owner-occupants who move as a result of a voluntary acquisition are not eligible for relocation assistance.
4. Tenant-occupants will not be displaced as a result of City’s acquisition of the easements and City does not anticipate that you will be temporarily relocated as a result of the acquisition of the easements.
5. If you are a tenant-occupant of the Property and must move temporarily so that Project work can be completed, suitable housing will be made available and you will be reimbursed for all reasonable out of pocket expenses, including moving costs and any increase in housing costs. You will need to continue to pay your rent and comply with all other lease terms and conditions. As mentioned above, City does not anticipate that you will be temporarily relocated as a result of any Project work and/or acquisition of the easements.

This notice is important and should be retained. If you have any questions regarding the Project and/or the easements, please feel free to contact Jake Obrist, Public Works Manager, by phone at (541) 536-1432 or by email at jobrist@lapineoregon.gov.