

May 5, 2023

Joint Ways and Means Committee
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez, Co-Vice Chairs Girod, Gomberg and Smith and Committee members:

On behalf of Revitalize Downtown Stayton, (a non-profit), I am writing to express my support for the City of Stayton's Ida Street Sewer Upsizing Capital funding request.

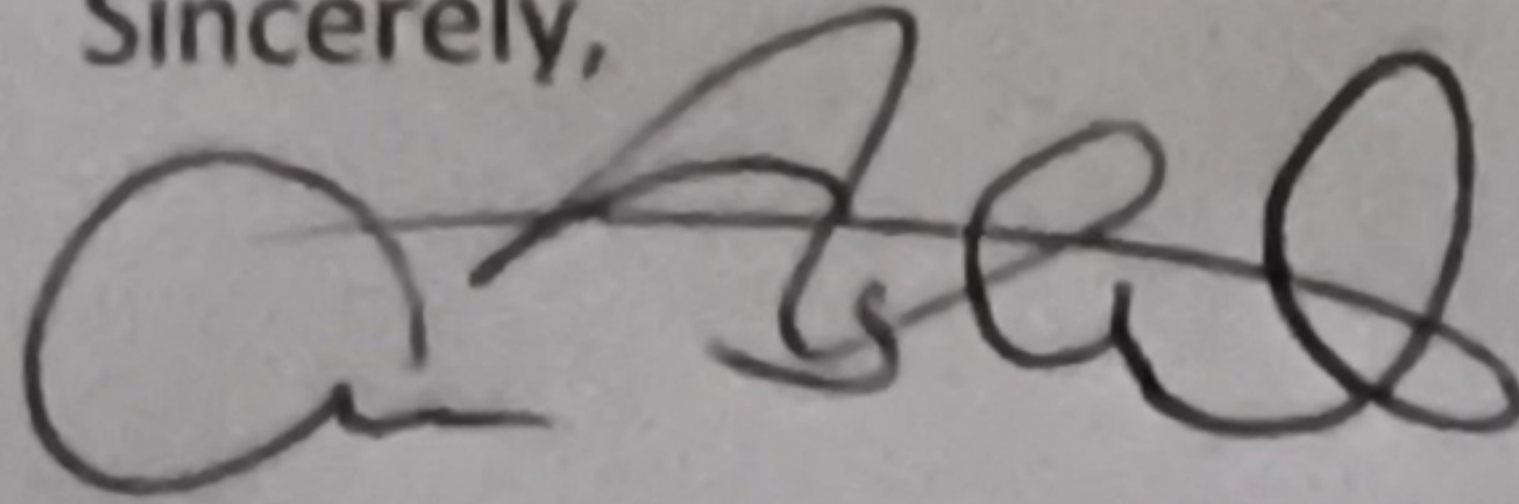
The existing Ida Street sewer line is undersized to properly handle existing capacity and is projected to surcharge manholes during 5 year storm events. The City is actively working to upsizing the pipe, however does not anticipate having sufficient funds for approximately 5 years to complete all necessary upsizing. As a result, they are faced with the inability to approve any new development that would increase demand on the system. This impacts housing supply as well as business development.

Our organization exists for the purpose of reinvigorating the historic downtown of Stayton. Many business owners, building owners and residents depend upon the vibrancy of this small town. Enabling new housing units to be built, contributes to the economic vitality and survival of local businesses.

The City's funding request of \$2,685,418 will help them complete the necessary upgrades to existing infrastructure and allow for new development to occur, opening up multiple areas within the Stayton downtown area to residential, commercial and industrial development or redevelopment that are currently restricted due to the capacity issues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Aaron Frichtl, President
Revitalize Downtown Stayton