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Measure 30-145  Umatilla County

Ballot Title

30-145
Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance

QUESTION: Shall the Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance be adopted in Umatilla County?

SUMMARY: The Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance states that no agency of the Umatilla County Government or employee of the county will knowingly and willingly participate in any way in the enforcement of any law or regulation issued regarding a personal firearm, firearm accessory or ammunition, or utilize any asset or county funds to engage in any activity that aids the state or federal government in the enforcement or any investigation for the enforcement of any law or regulation issued regarding a personal firearm, firearm accessory or ammunition. Failure to comply with the ordinance may subject the county official or employee to liability for injured parties in a lawsuit, including payment of attorney fees.

Explanatory Statement

This ordinance would prevent Umatilla County and its employees from devoting resources or participating in any way in the enforcement of any law or regulation that affected an individual’s right to bear arms, firearm accessories, or ammunition. County officials could still comply with firearms laws that relate to convicted felons, could still participate in the enforcement of firearm crimes, and could still take any actions necessary to comply with court orders. Violations of this ordinance would be subject to civil penalties such as fines up to $2000 dollars for individuals and $4000 dollars for a corporation.

The Ordinance provides in part:

A. No agency of the Umatilla County Government or political subdivision of this county, shall knowingly and willingly participate or use county funds in the enforcement of any law or regulation issued regarding a personal firearm, firearm accessory or ammunition.

B. All laws and regulations, which infringe on the people’s right to keep and bear arms shall be considered null and void and of no effect in Umatilla County Oregon, and this includes:

1) Any tax or fee imposed on the purchase of firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition not common to all other goods and services;
2) Any registering, tracking, or background check for firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition or the owner;
3) Any Extraterritorial Act forbidding the possession, ownership, or use or transfer of any type of firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition;
4) Any prohibitions, regulations, and/or use restrictions related to ownership of non-fully automatic firearms, including but not limited to semi-automatic firearms (including semiautomatic firearms that have the appearance or features similar to fully automatic firearms and/or military “assault-style” firearms), hand grips, stock, flash suppressors, bayonet mounts, magazine capacity, clip capacity, internal capacity, or types of ammunition available for sale, possession or use by law-abiding citizens;
5) Any restrictions prohibiting the possession of open carry or concealed carry, or the transport of lawfully acquired firearms or ammunition by citizens or minors supervised by adults.

C. Exceptions:

1) This ordinance does not apply to persons who have been convicted of felony crimes and is not intended to prohibit the prosecution of any crime for which a firearm is an aggregating factor.
2) This ordinance does not prohibit individuals in Umatilla County from voluntarily participating in permitting or licensing for concealed carry permits, or other firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition licensing or registration processes that may be required by law in other legal jurisdictions outside Umatilla County or by any other municipality inside Umatilla County.

D. Penalties and Sanctions

1) Any entity or employee of the Umatilla County who knowingly violates this ordinance may be liable to the injured party including an award of attorney fees.
2) A violation of this ordinance is a Class A violation, per ORS 203.065, with a maximum fine of $2,000 for an individual, and $4,000 for a corporation, per ORS 153.018.

(This information furnished by Umatilla County Board of Commissioners.)
Explanatory Statement

In an effort to improve its facilities, Pilot Rock School District is seeking a general obligation bond not to exceed $8 million or 30 years. The District also would receive an additional $4 million of matching funds from the State of Oregon, but only if voters approve the measure.

School safety improvements are a key component of the bond measure. Entrances to both buildings would be reconfigured to enhance visibility for staff members to better monitor those entering and leaving the building. This redesign also would allow school personnel to lock down the facility in the event of an intruder or other emergency. PA systems would be installed for better communication within the schools and fire alarm systems would be upgraded or replaced. Also, exterior doors would be upgraded with locking mechanisms to prevent entry to the buildings, and interior doors would be replaced to make classrooms safer. The District would install ramps, upgrade bathroom facilities, and redesign locker rooms to become compliant with ADA and Title IX regulations. At the elementary school, the parking lot would be expanded and redesigned to accommodate a bus lane to improve student safety.

The bond also would address deferred maintenance throughout the District. The junior high was built in 1919, the bus barn in 1920, the elementary in 1948, and the high school and gymnasia in 1955. Virtually no major renovations have been done to the buildings during their lifespans. Deferred maintenance projects include roof replacement and/or repairs, expansion of both kitchens including walk-ins at the elementary, parking lot expansion and exterior lighting, and interior improvements such as flooring, lighting, ceilings, paint, and new furnishings. The bond also includes plans for a new student weight room, upgrades to the gymnasium concessions area, and repairs and upgrades to the current HVAC systems.

New construction is also included in the proposed bond project. A new, eight-lane track would replace the current cinder track. A new grandstand, concessions, locker rooms, and public restrooms would improve the athletic facilities behind the elementary school. At the high school, field lighting and an improved backstop would be installed at the baseball field and a new auxiliary gymnasium would be constructed. The new gymnasium would allow student-athletes to play and practice on a full-size court and have earlier practice times.

The century-old bus barn also would be replaced under the bond proposal. This project would include a small shop for transportation personnel, covered parking for the buses, and one enclosed service bay to accommodate service on the buses.

Several of the projects could benefit the community. The auxiliary gymnasium would include a fitness area that would be available to community members at a nominal fee and the track would be open for walking or running after school hours. The addition of the auxiliary gymnasium and track would allow the District to host home track meets and basketball tournaments.

The District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for the purposes indicated.

(This information furnished by Troy Jerome, Superintendent, Pilot Rock School District 2R.)
The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

Umatilla County Commissioner, Position #3

Dan Dorran

Occupation: Manager, Dealer Relations, Dynapac NA

Educational Background: Hermiston High School; US Army; BMCC; OSU.

Prior Governmental Experience: Mat-Su Borough Port Commission, President; Umatilla County Fair Board, Member/President; Association of Oregon Fairs, Member/Officer; Umatilla County Charter Review, Member; National Fire Protection Assoc. 56 (Congress confirmed) Committee Member.

I believe in Umatilla County’s potential, and that’s why I’m running for Umatilla County Commissioner.

I’ve been fortunate to live and raise a family in this county and I want to see the opportunities we’ve enjoyed passed along to the next generation. I’m ready to get to work to make sure we’re prepared to maintain our growth as we become a more dynamic and prosperous county and an even better place to live.

As a county commissioner, there are three areas I can have the greatest impact on the lives of Umatilla County residents:

- Encouraging economic development. This means listening to and respecting the contributors and risk-takers who create jobs and grow industries. It means utilizing our resources – especially water – to the benefit of our economy. And it means aggressively pitching Umatilla County to developers looking for a place to locate.

- Develop transportation infrastructure. Umatilla County can make the most of its geographical advantages by protecting and expanding its transportation network. We can transport a wide variety of goods to any market, domestic or international. The need to maintain and build those assets is critical to our long-term prosperity.

- Create a more livable county. People choose to live in Umatilla County because of plentiful jobs and our community values. We can enhance that lifestyle by making sure people and property are protected, keeping strong lines of communication open between residents and elected officials, and encouraging collaboration between employers and educators to expand the skilled workforce and create more family-wage jobs.

Umatilla County Sheriff

Terry L Rowan

Occupation: Sheriff, Umatilla County.

Educational Background: Oregon DPSST; Police Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Certifications. Oregon State Sheriff’s Association (OSSA), Sheriff’s Institute graduate, 2013. OSSA Command College graduate, 2005. Corrections and Police studies, Chemeketa Community college; Oregon Executive Development Institute, Middle Management Course, Supervision Course; and over 1,900 Hours of specialized police, supervision and administrative training. Mustang (OK) High School graduate, 1982.

Prior Governmental Experience: I have served as Umatilla County Sheriff since 2013 with 31 years of experience in the local criminal justice system, including work in law enforcement, corrections, and emergency management and 15 years of supervisory and senior management experience. I stand committed to making Umatilla County a safe place to live, work and play. Career experience coordinating with the Umatilla County, commissioners, budget committee, District Attorney's Office, courts, mental health and other local government and city service providers affiliated with the Criminal Justice System. Various experience in coordination of multi-agency operations in Federal, State, County and City agencies to provide cooperative services and investigations. I am currently on the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, Local Supervisory Authority; Oregon State Sheriffs’ Association, 2020 President and Executive Committee. Other committees including Oregon High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA), Injured Deputy Fund, Livestock and Cattlemen’s Association, Public Lands Committee, and Western States Sheriff’s Association.

Awards and Recognitions: 2007 Umatilla County Employee of the Month, 2015 Commander of the Year Oregon State Sheriffs’ Association. “Terry Rowan is a proven leader with impeccable credibility and experience in the criminal justice community who has a level of respect that provides for a cooperative approach to service and teamwork.”
City of Athena Mayor

**Sally Thompson**

**Occupation:** Retired  
**Educational Background:** Oregon State University, 4 year degree - Bachelor of Science, Communications; Pendleton High School, graduated 1972 - Diploma in General Studies.

**Occupational Background:** State of Oregon, Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution & Oregon Corrections Enterprises, Business Manager.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Athena City Council, Council President – Elected; Athena City Budget Committee, 2012 to present – Appointed; Athena Cemetery Board, Vice Chairperson from 2015 to 2019 – Elected.

I was born and raised in Umatilla County and have been a resident of Athena for more than 25 years. I am retired and have the time to spend with our City and the people. I believe in Community Involvement and want to encourage people to get more engaged in community activities: Hodaka Days, Caledonian Days, the Gem Theatre, or just helping pick-up trash on Main Street, in the parks, or around town. Also, Community Safety: watch out for your neighbors. Slow down when driving on our city streets, remember there are children, people walking, and animals to protect.

Report any suspicious or illegal activity witnessed. And, Community Integrity: Come visit with the Mayor. I plan to have at least two hours each week for public input, share concerns, or just let me know how the City is doing. I will be available in the Miller Family Meeting Room at City Hall.

I would really appreciate your vote.

(This information furnished by Sally Thompson.)

(The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.)

City of Athena Mayor

**Rebecca Schroeder**

**Occupation:** Teacher, paid, 5th Grade, College Place School District; Small business owner, paid, Winding River BBQ LLC, Athena, OR.  
**Educational Background:** Paso Robles High School, graduated, 1979; Concordia University Irvine, Bachelors in Education, 1983; Grand Canyon University, Master of Arts in Teaching, 2005.

**Occupational Background:** Same as above

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Athena City Council 2014-2018; Athena Mayor 2019-Present.

My view of government is that limited government is always preferred. I believe the main responsibility and role of government should focus on infrastructure and defense of its citizens, and I also believe that government leaders carry a responsibility to set a positive tone and work with citizens when they can to provide the best possible local environment for its homes and families through such actions as providing reliable roads and utilities and maintaining parks and enforcing ordinances. I favor personal responsibility and freedom of citizens, with the exception being when health and safety of other citizens is being impacted. I believe my role as a councilor from 2014-2018 and as Mayor from 2019 to the present would show that. I believe in solution-focused leadership, and I believe I do good job of listening to and working with all members of the community. I love the community of Athena. My husband was raised here and we raised our kids here. I got involved in government as a way to give back and serve the great people who live in Athena. I would welcome the opportunity to serve again as Mayor of Athena.

(This information furnished by Rebecca Schroeder.)

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**City of Echo Mayor**

**Chad Ray**

**Occupation:** Regional Pharmacy Manager/Pharmacist

**Occupational Background:** Regional Pharmacy Manager/Pharmacist; Head Coach, Echo School Trapshooting Team Assistant Coach, Echo Middle School Volleyball Team

**Educational Background:** Bachelor of Pharmacy, Washington State University

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Echo City Council Member - Hiring Committee for City Manager, Public Works Director, Public Works Employee - Committee to form Historic Items Committee; Echo City Budget Committee; Echo School Budget Committee

I’ve lived in Echo for nearly 20 years. I have 3 children and a lovely wife of 23 years. My hobbies include spending time with my family, hunting, fishing, and golfing. I love being involved in the school as the Trapshooting team coach. I also love being involved in the community through many different community groups.

I love living in Echo. We have a beautiful city that has much to offer. Our city can offer much more with the right leadership. As mayor, I will be a positive leader that will work with every citizen to ensure Echo will be the best city around.

My goals for Echo: 1. Promoting the current assets of Echo. Golf Course, City Hall, Local Businesses, our History, the Arboretum, our Parks, the School, and our Museums. 2. Promote a welcoming and inclusive city for everyone. I want residents and visitors to feel welcome at city hall and at city events. 3. Increased infrastructure maintenance and repair while keeping rates low. 4. Water quality improvements. 5. Golf Course irrigation system improvements. 6. Work/coordinate with the school. Have a student representative attend city council meetings. 7. Informing and including residents in City/City Council activities. 8. Walking trails displaying the history and beauty of Echo. 9. Entice businesses back to downtown. 10. Promote community involvement and volunteerism.

Through positive and prudent leadership I can make Echo a better place to live for everyone. I am younger and have the energy to move Echo toward the future in a positive and inviting manner, while not losing our historic roots.

Thank you! Chad Ray

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**City of Hermiston Councilor, At Large**

**Nancy R Peterson**

**Occupation:** Disability Services - Accessibility Specialist, Columbia Basin College.

**Occupational Background:** Program Assistant-College Academic Success Center; Developmental Disability Services Program manager; Adjunct Instructor (GED); Elementary School Teacher.

**Educational Background:** Master’s in Special Education; Master’s in Teaching; BS in Elementary Education/Special Education.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

I knew I was home the first time I crossed the bridge from Washington into Oregon 20 years ago. Between the blue of the Columbia River and the hard desert in the distance, I figured in a place with that many contrasts, I was bound to fit in somewhere. I wasn't wrong.

Hermiston is a place of many contrasts and that's what makes it wonderful. We have outside big businesses that help create jobs, and the opportunity for small local businesses to dream big. To help be part of the future solutions we'll need, I’ve been working towards a degree in business administration so I can understand the bottom lines and the lives they’ll impact.

Hermiston is a place of families and people of all kinds. I’ve worked on behalf of diverse individuals both in the classroom as an educator, and on the street as an activist. I know that when people have equitable access to resources and responsibilities, they thrive.

Hermiston is a place of appreciation for the culture we create together. I felt it when I taught BMCC night school students on our local campus, during the recession when I worked temporary security at our county fair or as a day laborer, and every time I talk to the hardworking people that keep our stores open. We are a people of thinkers and doers, and we celebrate it with our efforts.

My jobs skills are listening, asking questions, and being stubborn about finding the answers.

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(This information furnished by Nancy R. Peterson.)
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City of Umatilla
City Councilor, Position 2

Devon James Mitchell

**Occupation:** Eastern Oregon Telecom, Materials Management Specialist; Oregon Army National Guard, 92Y Unit Supply Specialist

**Occupational Background:**
Eastern Oregon Telecom, Field Technician

**Educational Background:**
Echo School District; 12th;

**Prior Governmental Experience:**
None

Having lived in Umatilla since 2014, and having lived in Eastern Oregon area since 2004, I feel there is no better place to live. Umatilla especially has always felt like home to my wife and me and we have always believed that the potential the city and its residents has is enormous and would love to see it reach beyond that. I am running for the position of City Councilor to do my part and help make that vision a reality. That also relates into the reason for my joining the Oregon National Guard, wanting to do my part and serve in my community in any and every way possible.

(Devon James Mitchell)

City of Umatilla
City Councilor, Position 2

Daren Dufloth

**Occupation:** Oregon Department of Corrections; Community Business Owner

**Occupational Background:**
None listed

**Educational Background:**
University of Nevada; University of Phoenix; Multiple Certificates with Department of Public Safety and Standards

**Prior Governmental Experience:**
Umatilla City Council; Interim Umatilla City Mayor

Daren Dufloth was raised in Pendleton, Oregon and has been in Eastern Oregon most of his life. He enjoys spending time on the Columbia River and in the Blue Mountains. His family has been in the region for generations. Daren, and his beautiful wife, Paulette, moved to Umatilla in 1998 to run the family business (Riverside Sports Bar and Lounge) and have now transitioned it to support the growth of the community with a family-friendly restaurant (The Bridge Bistro and Brews). Daren has also been with the Oregon Department of Corrections for almost 20 years. Together, they have raised 5 wonderful children (Jakob, Dakota, Kelsie (Niece), Brylee, and Preslee) in Umatilla.

Daren has been involved with various clubs and organizations within the community.

He was the President of the Umatilla Highschool Booster Club, Highschool Baseball Assistant Coach, Little League Baseball Coach, and a Reserve Police Officer with the Umatilla Police Department. He has served as a City Councilman and interim Mayor. He has been on various committees and boards within the City, including the Fire District (Finance) and the School District (Finance). He and his wife are involved in the community and are committed to helping the community have a voice in the future.

(Daren Dufloth)
Ashley Wheeler

**Occupation:** Business Owner & Office Manager at Edward Jones Investments.

**Occupational Background:** Former Office Manager/ Membership Department at Hermiston Chamber of Commerce; Former Marketing Coordinator at Tri-City Court Club.

**Educational Background:** Graduated at Estacada High School; Attended College at Bellingham Technical College in pursuit of Business & Accounting degrees.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Appointed to Umatilla City Council Position #4 in 2018.

I have been a resident of Umatilla since 2012 and have lived in Umatilla County since 2009. During the past 11 years, I have volunteered countless hours through various community based programs and city government roles in an effort to bring about positive change and impact in our community. In my past 2 years as a City Councilor, I have truly begun to see the fruit of those efforts as is evidenced with all of the projects being initiated and completed throughout our City. I believe the best is yet to come and I am excited to continue being a part of the great things that are ahead for Umatilla as your elected City Councilor.