



## STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 11/26/2019      **PREPARED BY:** Joshua Smith

**SECTION:** Resolutions      **DEPARTMENT:** Planning

**CITY GOAL:** Position City to meet future demands

**SUBJECT:** Acquire properties with unknown owners needed for public infrastructure.

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**REASON FOR CONSIDERATION:** Allow City staff to proceed in acquiring property with unknown owners through Eminent Domain.

**BACKGROUND:** The Planning Department has known for some time that there are 3 properties within the City limits that have no ownership associated with them. With recent flooding events on 2<sup>nd</sup> street and a sewer line replacement near Deer Street, 2 of these properties are currently needed for public purpose. Full title searches were performed on these properties as instructed by the Assessor. The Title searches found no known owner. With that information City staff is comfortable acquiring the properties through eminent domain without issue.

The parcels are shown on the reverses side of this page. The small triangle piece is needed for access to our new and existing sewer lines and the larger square property is needed to provide a solution to the drainage problems on 2<sup>nd</sup> street. The third parcel is in the floodway at the end of 10<sup>th</sup> street along Ochoco Creek and has no current public need.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no purchase price only costs associated with staff time.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends moving forward with acquiring the 2 properties west of Deer Street. Council may direct staff to acquire the 3<sup>rd</sup> property in the same fashion but it has no immediate need other than potential flood mitigation.

