



Your Utility Company Newsletter

Utilities Commission

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Local Government

FAQ: How much money do commissioners on the Planning Commission, Utilities Commission, and Parks & Recreation Commission receive for being on these commissions?

Answer: Nothing. These are appointed, voluntary positions, not paid positions.

Power Outages

Power outages could be due to problems at power stations, damage to equipment, or the overuse of energy in a particular area. We don’t realize how dependent we are on power until we are without it. Power affects the electricity we get in our homes, as well as the water supply and transportation systems—from traffic lights to airplanes. (This is a general topic, not a notice of power outages.)

Before

- Build an emergency kit.
- Make a family communications plan.
- If you know a power outage or blackout will occur, fill plastic containers with water and place them in your refrigerator and freezer. The chilled or frozen water will help keep food cold during a short power outage.

During

- Don’t open the fridge or freezer! You’ll let out whatever cold air is in there and food will go bad quicker.
- Leave one light on so that you’ll know when the power comes back on.
- Only use flashlights, NOT candles. The flames from candles can lead to a bigger risk of fire.
- If it’s very cold outside, wear many layers of warm clothing. Don’t use your gas oven as a source of heat; the fumes could be dangerous. Try to find a place that has power and go there to stay warm.
- Don’t eat any food that was in the refrigerator if you were without power for more than a day.

Communication

The Utilities Commission will be addressing frequently asked questions in upcoming newsletter editions. We are in the process of gathering data about issues related to Bandon's Electric, Water, and Wastewater utilities so that you will be better informed about the operations of your utility company. Currently, we have started a process that will lead to the creation of business plans for each utility. When we have specific details about the plans, we will let you know. We welcome questions at all times and will find answers for your questions as quickly as we can. We believe in honesty and transparency and request your input.

If You Have Questions About Bandon's Utilities

- * Write down your question(s) and return them with your utility payment.
- * Write down your question(s) and put them in the drop off box in the parking lot at City Hall.
- * Call City Hall and explain the question(s) you have and the question(s) will be forwarded to the Utilities Commission.
- * Attend a Utilities Commission meeting and ask your question(s). The Utilities Commission's next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2018 at 3PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
- * Your questions will be answered in the newsletter in the upcoming issues.

Links



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If you need information about when a City meeting is scheduled, look on the right side of the home page under Meetings.

If you need information about the Bandon Municipal Code, look on the right side of the home page under Documents. In this area, you will also find the Comprehensive Plan, the City Charter, the Fiscal Budget, Maps, and most of the fundamental documents of the City of Bandon.

Also under the Documents section mentioned above, if you need information about the utilities, you will find 10 years of Water Quality Reports, the Water Master Plan, the Storm Drain Master Plan, the Sewer Master Plan, the Source Water Protection Plan, and many other specific plans and maps. This is where you can find the Water Rates, Sewer Rates, and Electric Rates. The Documents section of the City's website contains information explaining how the City of Bandon functions.