

Agenda		CITY OF GOLD BAR COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, July 7, 2026 7:00 PM CITY HALL	
CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL			
AGENDA APPROVAL			
EVERGREEN HEALTH STATE OF THE HOSPITAL PRESENTATION			
MAYOR'S REPORT, STAFF REPORTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS			
CITIZEN COMMENTS (SIGN-IN REQUIRED, LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES)			
CONTINUED BUSINESS			
1. ORDINANCE #793 RESTRICTING SHORT-TERM RENTALS - SECOND READING AND ACTION			
NEW BUSINESS			
1. E-BIKE REGULATION – DISCUSSION			
2. BANNING KRATOM - DISCUSSION			
3. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – DISCUSSION AND ACTION			
4. ORDINANCE #794 AMENDING TITLE 5 – INTRODUCTION AND ACTION			
5. ORDINANCE #795 AMENDING TITLE 2, SALARIES – INTRODUCTION AND ACTION			
FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS			
MINUTES APPROVAL		June 16, 2026	
VOUCHER APPROVAL			
CHECKS	CLAIMS	PAYROLL & TAXES	TOTAL
39268 – 39298 and EFTs	\$23,486.38	\$58,094.50	\$81,580.88
ADJOURNMENT			

**CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE #793**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON AMENDING GOLD BAR
MUNICIPAL CODE TITLES 5 and 17 RELATING TO RESTRICTING SHORT TERM RENTALS**

WHEREAS, the City of Gold Bar Council requests restricting short-term rentals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gold Bar Council ~~feels~~ finds that short-term rentals do not protect or encourage affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing is a priority for the city under Growth Management planning and the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gold Bar Council further finds that short-term rentals can negatively impact neighborhood character that the City wishes to preserve;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR ORDAINS that Gold Bar Municipal Code Title 17, Zoning be updated as follows.

Section I, Title 17.16.035, Criteria for Conditional Use Approval

Section II, Severability

Section III, Effective Date

Section I, Title 17.16.035, Criteria for Conditional Use Approval

The following criteria shall be met in order for Conditional Use approval of a property to be authorized by the city as a short-term rental dwelling.

7. Other Standards. The short-term rental dwelling shall meet all applicable requirements of the zone in which it is located, including, but not limited to:

- e. No additional short-term rental shall be permitted within the city limits when the existing percentage of short-term rentals is at, or above, ~~six (6)~~ one half of one (0.5) percent of the total housing stock permitted within the residential zoning districts. The ~~six (6)~~ one half of one (0.5) percent shall be defined by the assessor's data for residential dwellings in residential zoning districts within the city limits.

Section VIII, Severability

This ordinance is severable and if any portion of it shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining portion shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section IX, Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect from, and after, its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council for the City of Gold Bar on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Attest: _____, Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Attest: _____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

First Reading: _____
Posted: _____
Second Reading: _____
Passed: _____

**CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE #794**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON AMENDING GOLD BAR
MUNICIPAL CODE TITLES 5 RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSING**

WHEREAS, the City of Gold Bar Municipal Code regulates licensing; and

WHEREAS, those regulations include revocation of licenses; and

WHEREAS, revocation of licenses does not include failure to pay associated licensing fees; and

WHEREAS, revocation of licenses does not include code violations;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR ORDAINS that Gold Bar Municipal Code Title 5.04.085, Revocation of License be updated as follows.

Section I, Title 5.04.085, Revocation of License

Section II, Severability

Section III, Effective Date

Section I, Title 5.04.085, Revocation of License

C. Other grounds for revocation in addition to those stated in the previous subsection are:

1. Substantial violations of the terms and conditions on which a license or permit is issued;
2. Violation of ordinances or laws authorizing or regulating the license or permit, or regulating the business, activity or thing for which it is issued;
3. Conviction of infractions of or offenses under such an ordinance or law;
4. Wrongful behavior of a substantial character and of a public concern in relation to the licensed activity;
5. When reasonably necessary in the interest of protection of the public health, safety, peace or welfare;
6. When a business becomes an instrument of or a cover for public disorder, crime, or other danger to public safety, morals or health;
7. When a business within the incorporated city limits of Gold Bar does not comply with all applicable state laws and regulations. Whenever there is a conflict between the city municipal code and the State of Washington, the more restrictive shall apply;
8. When a business within the incorporated city limits fails to pay associated licensing fees or invoices, including fees or invoices for fire inspections;

9. If a business within the incorporated city limits receives three or more violations and/or citations related to the operation of the business for which the license was granted, issued by any public agency with enforcement authority in a twelve-month period, the license may be revoked.

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Attest: _____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

First Reading: _____

Posted: _____

Second Reading: _____

Passed: _____

**CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE #795**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON, REPEALING ORDINANCE #750
AND AMENDING TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL RELATING TO SALARIES FOR
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35A.12.070 allows for the compensation of mayors and councilmembers by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the same RCW code states that any increase in compensation shall not be applicable to the term then being served by the incumbent if such incumbent is a member of the city legislative body fixing his or her own compensation; and

WHEREAS, the same RCW code states that a mayor's salary may be increased during his or her term of office if the mayor does not cast a vote; and

WHEREAS, the same RCW code sets a minimum salary for mayors in cities with populations of less than five thousand at \$150 per calendar month and councilmembers at \$20 per meeting for not more than two meetings per month; and

WHEREAS, Gold Bar Municipal Code Title 2 sets forth wages for Councilmembers and the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the rate of compensation has not changed since the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the compensation of council positions and the mayor position should be kept commensurate with the demands of the position in order to promote qualified candidates to run for office; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Constitution, Article XI, Sec. 8, provides that any change to the council salary can only take effect at the start of the next term of office for that council position;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR ORDAINS as follows:

Section I, Title 2.16.040 - Compensation of Mayor and City Councilmembers

Section II, Severability

Section III, Effective Date

Section I, Title 2.16.040 - Compensation of Mayor and City Councilmembers

2.16.040 - Compensation of mayor and city councilmembers.

A. Members of the city council elected to terms commencing after the date of passage of the ordinance codified in this section or appointed to fulfill an expired term commencing after the date of passage of said ordinance shall be entitled to receive compensation at the rate of ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per calendar month.

B. The mayor shall be entitled to a salary of ~~one thousand dollars (\$1000)~~ two thousand (\$2,000) per calendar month.

C. Councilmembers and/or the mayor may waive their monthly compensation upon written notice to the city.

Section II, Severability

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Section III, Effective Date

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Passed by the City Council of the City of Gold Bar this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Attest: _____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: _____, Steven Yarbrough, Mayor

First Reading: _____

Posted: _____

Second Reading: _____

Passed: _____

City of Gold Bar

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107 – 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

City of Gold Bar Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in hybrid format. Present in person were Councilmembers Craig, Lie, Martin, Russell, and Sears. Staff members present in person included Chief Whalen, Public Works Director Norris, and Clerk Stowe. Office Manager Beaston attended via Zoom.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to amend the agenda to change the order of the public hearing and citizen comments and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Yarbrough said the city received an AWC Loss Control grant for software improvements. He spoke about Juneteenth and the 250th anniversary of independence, saying that there will be plenty to celebrate as a community, despite the current political climate and economic strain, and that people can try to build a better community.

Councilmember Lie asked about the contract for Bridge services. There is currently no agreement as more costs have been added and discussion needs to happen around responsibility for equipment. Councilmember Lie then asked for an update on the Tree city status. Mayor Yarbrough has contacted the State for an application and is working on the tree budget.

STAFF REPORT

Chief Whalen said there was great turnout for the Touch a Truck event. He also spoke about traffic enforcement focus, reviewed recent calls, and said people may receive a survey from Snohomish County 911. He also talked about illegal camping in the park and said Sultan was also looking into the Bridge Services. He hopes to have an update at the next meeting. Councilmember Craig asked if the town of Index would be part of those services, but they will not. Clerk Stowe asked how the costs for the bridge services would impact the deputy budget and their ability to provide their level of service, including the potential purchase of drones. Councilmember Russell asked the Chief if a person injured in a recent bike incident was wearing protective gear but that was unclear.

Director Norris said staff attended the Touch a Truck event. He also said the installation of sensors at the wells was completed and real-time data should be coming in by next week. Councilmember Lie asked if accessory dwelling units (ADUs) required a permit from the city, which they do, and then said there were real estate listings for houses for sale advertising ADUs and Director Norris said those had not been permitted through the city. Councilmember Russell asked for an update on playground equipment for the Sid Mooring Park and Director Norris said work was progressing and reviewed that.

Office Manager Beaston said utility bills will go out July 7th and reminded everyone about pet safety relating to the heat. She also said National Night Out would be August 4th and the council typically chose to cancel the meeting that night.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sears said school was now out and reminded people to be aware of kids on roads. He also reminded people to be careful around the rivers.

Councilmember Lie talked about the history of Sid Mooring Park, the Snohomish County Tomorrow upcoming agenda, and information he sent to Mayor Yarbrough regarding regulating e-bikes and hover boards. He wants this on an agenda. There was brief discussion around requiring safety gear. He then talked about businesses at the Fall View development, Creekside, and the RV park, and feels it is time to repeal the recreational overlay as it is not compatible with development.

Councilmember Martin echoed Councilmember Sears comments about caution around rivers. She also said the next recreational meeting would be on August 7th and spoke briefly about the new parking spots going in at Wallace Falls State Park.

Councilmember Russell attended the Touch a Truck event and said it was a nice turnout. He talked about e-bikes, the importance of helmets, the dangers of riding on sidewalks, riding on the sidewalk along highway 2, and real estate costs in Gold Bar.

Councilmember Craig said she would like to help with getting helmets for kids. She would also like to see Kratom on an agenda and would like to see it possibly banned like other cities have done.

Councilmember Sears moved to excuse the absences of Councilmembers Craig and Russell, and with a second by Councilmember Lie, the motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Colden Brown spoke about the Small Business Association and the services it still can offer to businesses recovering from the impacts of the last flood event. He reviewed deadlines and what services and funds are available.

PUBLIC HEARING

Clerk Stowe called the public hearing to order at 7:46 pm for the purpose of discussing Ordinance #793 restricting short-term rentals (STRs) and Resolution 26-07 amending the fee schedule. She reviewed the public hearing process and no councilmembers disclosed any reason to be recused from the hearing.

Director Norris reviewed the change to the percentage cap from 6% to .5% which will allow one new short-term rental. Councilmember Russell felt this was the best thing that could be done and talked about past decisions. Councilmember Sears moved to pass Ordinance #793 and Councilmember Russell seconded the motion. Clerk Stowe reminded them that they had not given the public a chance to comment and Councilmember Sears withdrew his motion. Mayor Yarbrough then called for comments from those in council chambers and those attending via Zoom. There were no comments. Councilmember Sears then moved to accept Ordinance #793 for an introduction and first reading and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

After brief discussion around the fee schedule, Councilmember Sears moved to accept Resolution 26-07 as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell, the motion carried.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Sears moved to adjourn the public hearing and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried, the hearing was adjourned, and the regular agenda returned to at 7:46 pm.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Resolution 26-05, Purchase and Procurement Policy. There was a great deal of discussion around this resolution, and digressions into topics related to the resolution. Councilmember Lie had several issues with the policy and reviewed those page by page. Discussion included what information is brought to the council, the budget process,

thresholds, reviews of the resolution completed by outside agencies and the city attorney, whether councilmembers trusted the city attorney or staff, the risk of micromanaging purchasing, that thresholds relate only to those things not already approved in the budget, and that some councilmembers are happy with the policy as they are familiar with these from other agencies. Councilmember Sears recommended tabling the resolution until they can be provided with amendments that Councilmember Lie would like to see. Councilmember Lie then talked about past issues with arsenic, that he would like to see a water-treatment plan in the budget, raises for council pay, and that he would put together a draft with the thresholds he wants.

NEW BUSINESS - none

FINAL COUNCIL COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sears said there is more traffic on the roads and cautioned people.

Councilmember Lie said he did some snooping in old newspapers over complaints about highway 2 and how nothing has changed.

Councilmember Martin congratulated Councilmember Craig on obtaining her master's degree in disaster management. She thought the fire department might be able to assist with helmets for kids and agreed with Councilmember Craig regarding banning kratom.

Councilmember Russell talked about the number of people who don't know how to navigate roundabouts or passing zones.

Councilmember Craig would like to help with helmets and is willing to donate part of her salary to this.

COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVAL

Councilmember Sears moved to approve the June 2nd, 2026 minutes as presented and with a second by Councilmember Russell the motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Councilmember Martin moved to approve checks numbering 39244 through 39267 with \$68,661.10 for claims and \$1,000.00 for payroll and taxes, for a grand total of \$69,661.10 and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting and with a second by Councilmember Sears, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Steve Yarbrough, Mayor

Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

CHECK REGISTER

City Of Gold Bar

Time: 08:53:59 Date: 07/01/2026

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
1190	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Denise J Beaston	3,648.10	
1191	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Krystal Craig	5.96	
1192	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Lance Hunt	4,134.41	
1193	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Anthony Johnson	3,304.16	
1194	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Chuck Lie	90.96	
1195	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Florence D Martin	90.96	
1196	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Richard D Norris	5,857.94	
1197	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Lee Russell	90.96	
1198	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Jordan Sears	90.96	
1201	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	EFT	Steven Yarbrough	909.63	
1189	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	39268	Richard L Baker	4,853.34	
1199	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	39269	Arthur Stowe	2,128.27	
1200	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	39270	Lisa M Stowe	5,329.19	
1202	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	39271	Vimly Benefit Solutions AWC Employee Ben.trust	8,905.85	Pay Cycle(s) 06/30/2026 To 06/30/2026 - WDS PLAN D; Pay Cycle(s) 06/30/2026 To 06/30/2026 - Basic Life; Pay Cycle(s) 06/30/2026 To 06/30/2026 - HealthFirst; Pay Cycle(s) 06/30/2026 To 06/30/2026 - VSP
1203	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	E39272	Coastal Community Bank	10,916.70	941 Deposit for Pay Cycle(s) 06/30/2026 - 06/30/2026
1204	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	39273	Dept Of Retirement Systems	4,446.93	Pay Cycle(s) 06/30/2026 To 06/30/2026 - PERS 2
1205	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	39274	MissionSquare	75.00	Pay Cycle(s) 06/30/2026 To 06/30/2026 - ICMA
1207	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	39275	Dept Of Labor And Industries	2,973.42	2ND Quarter L&I: 04/01/2026 - 06/30/2026
1208	06/30/2026	Payroll	7	39276	Employment Security Dept	241.76	2nd Quarter Unemployment: 04/01/2026 - 06/30/2026
1212	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39277	AM Test, Inc.	90.00	
1213	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39278	Amazon Capital Services	995.60	
1214	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39279	Cascade Columbia Distribution	575.24	
1215	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39280	Consolidated Supply Co.	1,510.88	
1216	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39281	Dept Of Corrections	383.03	
1217	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39282	Evergreen Rural Water	406.88	Conference
1218	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39283	Heidelberg Materials	522.47	
1219	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39284	ICONIX Waterworks	296.05	
1220	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39285	Kelley Create Co.	231.32	
1221	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39286	Charles H Myers	270.75	Annual Dental
1222	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39287	Power Systems West	5,188.16	
1223	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39288	Puget Sound Energy	73.06	
1224	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39289	Sno County District Court	706.15	
1225	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39290	Sno County Office Of Public Defense	220.52	
1226	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39291	Sno County PUD	1,997.06	
1227	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39292	Sno County Sheriff's Office	7,683.95	
1228	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39293	Sound Publishing	17.20	
1229	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39294	Tree Tech NW	1,651.50	
1230	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39295	Verizon Wireless	379.35	
1231	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39296	Zipty Fiber	57.63	
1232	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39297	Zipty Fiber	106.34	
1233	07/07/2026	Claims	7	39298	Zipty Fiber	123.24	

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32,296.85

CHECK REGISTER

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
		101 City Street				5,611.74	
		401 Water Operating				33,180.56	
		415 Stormwater Fund				10,491.73	
						81,580.88	Claims: 23,486.38 Payroll: 58,094.50

Approve by the Finance Committee DATED this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Finance Group

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WE, the members of the City Council of the City of Gold Bar Washington, DO HEREBY certify that the merchandise or services listed above have been received and that the above listed vouchers and the related checks have been reviewed and approved for payment by the City of Gold Bar City Council.
ATTEST:

Councilmember

Councilmember

Councilmember

Councilmember

Councilmember

Mayor

Clerk./Treasurer

DATED this _____ day of _____ 2026.