



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Mike Russell, Public Works Director, Roadmaster MR
CC: Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel
Date: July 3, 2025

Subject: 2025 Ralph Painter Memorial Run Event Permit

Columbia County received the attached application for a Public Road Event Permit for the 2025 Ralph Painter Memorial Run Event, to be conducted on Saturday, August 2, 2025. They are expecting 100 participants, 20 volunteers, 2 support vehicles, and will be using County roads as outlined in the attached Route Maps.

The event will open at approximately 6:00 a.m., with an anticipated start of race at 8:00 a.m. and end time of 11 a.m. This event is localized to the area around Rainier.

Applicable Criteria:

The Columbia County Public Road Event Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2008-1, as amended), requires Board approval of public road events involving more than 25 vehicles, 50 bicycles, or 100 pedestrian participants. As this pedestrian event is expected to have more than 100 participants, Board approval is required.

Section 5 of the Ordinance provides, in part:

A. Standards for Issuance. The Administrator or, in the event of a large event, the Board of County Commissioners, shall issue a permit conditioned upon the applicant's written agreement to comply with the terms of such permit **unless** the Administrator or Board of County Commissioners finds that:

1. The time, route and size of the public road event will disrupt to an unreasonable extent the movement of other traffic or will endanger the safety of participants or citizens, or cause a safety hazard other than traffic.
2. The public road event is of a size or nature that requires the diversion of too many law enforcement officers, public works employees or other personnel to properly control the public road event or that allowing the public road event would deny reasonable

law enforcement or other emergency service protection to citizens of the County.

3. Such public road event will interfere with another public road event for which a permit has been issued.
4. The County Public Works Director determines the public road event would damage public roads.

Staff notified affected agencies below and received the following comments:

- County Sheriff's Office, Brian Pixley – **No concerns.**
- Columbia County Emergency Management, Corey Padron
- Columbia County Public Health, Jaime Aanensen
- Columbia County Transit, Chris Wheatley
- Columbia 911, Dannell Hooper – **No concerns.**
- State Police, Sgt. Dillan Kean
- Columbia County Forest, Parks & Rec., Riley Baker
- ODOT, Mark Buffington
- ODOT, Virginia Williams – **No concerns.**
- ODOT, Don Miller
- Columbia River Fire & Rescue, Eric Smythe – **No concerns.**
- St. Helens Police, Joseph Hogue
- St. Helens City Administrator, John Walsh
- St. Helens Public Works, Mouhamad Zaher - **No concerns.**
- St. Helens City Mayor, Jennifer Massey
- Scappoose Police, Chris Fluellen
- Scappoose City Administrator, Benjamin Burgener
- Scappoose Fire & Rescue, Jeff Pricher – **No concerns.**
- Scappoose Public Works, Dave Sukau
- Rainier Police, Gregg Griffith
- City of Rainier, Russ Reigel
- Clatskanie Fire, Bruce Holsey
- Clatskanie City Administrator, Gregory Hinkelman
- Columbia City Police, Gerald Bartolomucci
- Columbia City Administrator, Kim Karber
- Vernonia Public Works, Jeff Burch
- Vernonia Fire, Greg Brody
- Vernonia City Administrator, Josette Mitchell
- Mist-Birkenfeld Fire & Rescue, Joe Kaczinski
- Mike Russell, Director, Road Dept. (info only)
- Mark Pacheco, County Public Information Officer (info only)
- Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel (info only)
- Bill Goodwin, County Weighmaster (info only)
- Tim Hancock, County Public Works (info only)

We do not anticipate any issues with this event. Staff recommends that the Board approve this permit.

Recommended Motions:

Motion 1: Approve the public road event permit for the 2024 Ralph Painter Memorial Run event and authorize the Public Works Director to sign.

Motion 2: Place the Indemnity Agreement with Ralph Painter Memorial Scholarship on the next available Consent Agenda and authorize the Chair to sign.

Attachments

2024 Ralph Painter Memorial Run Public Road Event Permit Application