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Dan Fleishman
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Dear Dan-

As Santiam Heritage Foundation progresses through the process for Change of Use of the Brown House to an Event Center, we are finding that because we are registered on the National Register of Historic Places, many of the Codes we could fall under do not seem to apply to our situation.

The Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings addresses the site of a historic building as well as the building itself. It states "The relationship between a historic building or buildings and landscape features within a property's boundaries - or the building site- helps to define the historic character and should be considered an integral part of overall planning for rehabilitation project work. It is recommended identifying, retaining, and preserving buildings and their features as well as features of the site that are important in defining it's overall historic character. Site features can include driveways, walkways, lighting, fencing, signs, benches, fountains, wells, terraces, canal systems, plants and trees, berms, and drainage or irrigation ditches; and archaeological features that are important in defining the history of the site. Also retaining the historic relationship between buildings, landscape features, and open space."

Therefore, I am asking that you introduce Code revisions that would allow leeway to met the needs of properties on the National Register. Even though that is only three properties in Stayton at this time, I believe they are in need of protections for their grounds while they are being preserved. If you need me to speak at a Commission or Council meeting, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Steve Poisson
Rehabilitation Coordinator