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To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Sandy is instituting a new policy that all written comments, including emailed comments, for both quasi-judicial and legislative land use hearings must be received no later than **4:00 PM on the day of the hearing**.

This change is based in part on legislation which went into effect in January of 2022, which amended ORS 192.670 to provide that emailed comments are allowed "to the extent reasonably possible" and in such a way "that the governing body is able to consider the submitted testimony in a timely manner."

The City of Sandy has decided that instituting this policy is necessary so that the governing body, whether it is the Planning Commission or the City Council, is provided sufficient time to read and consider all the submitted testimony in advance of the hearing. This policy is also being instituted so that additional written testimony is not received in email form or handout form during a hearing.

If you have any questions, please call me at (503) 489-2163 or email me at koneill@ci.sandy.or.us.

Sincerely,

Kelly O'Neill Jr.

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