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Syringe Exchange Clarification

On December 4, 2018 the City Council of the City of Rio Dell held a regularly scheduled meeting. At the request of Councilmember Sue Strahan and directed by the City Council, an item was placed on the agenda to discuss syringe exchanges and provide further direction to staff on the topic, if the Council so desired.

At no time was a syringe exchange program requested by the City Council. To the best of our knowledge, no syringe exchange program is currently proposed for Rio Dell and any group desiring to start one is required under state law to notify the Chief of Police prior to operating an exchange.

The City Council directed staff to inform the Council if a syringe exchange program is proposed for Rio Dell. By majority, the Council also clarified that it was not in favor of a syringe exchange program in Rio Dell.

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