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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **STATEMENT REGARDING INCIDENT AT WALDPOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

On Thursday, April 10, 2025, Sheriff Shanks was requested to attend the Waldport City Council Meeting to present and answer any questions on an agenda item regarding the continuance of the police services contract between the Sheriff's Office and the City of Waldport.

Leading up to the meeting, there were concerns from City Council members and the City Manager anticipating a disruption involving former Mayor Heide Lambert in response to a decision made by the City Council on April 3, 2025, which formally removed her from office in accordance with the city's governing charter.

During the public meeting, Ms. Lambert took a seat at the council's table and proceeded to make a statement. After being asked multiple times by members of the City Council to vacate the seat reserved for current officials, Ms. Lambert refused to comply which prohibited council from proceeding with the meeting.

Sheriff's Office members attempted to de-escalate the situation. The Sheriff spoke with Ms. Lambert and explained she could leave the council table without consequences; he also explained the legal consequences pursuant to [ORS 166.025](#) if she refused to comply with the lawful order to leave the council table. After continued refusal, Ms. Lambert was escorted outside and cited for disorderly conduct. She was released at the scene and then allowed to re-enter the building to attend the meeting in the public seating area with other community members.

In Oregon, public meetings, such as City Council meetings, are open to the public. While public attendance is allowed and encouraged, there are rules (such as Robert's Rules of Order or local ordinances). This means someone disrupting those proceedings can legally be removed.

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We recognize this event has caused concern and strong emotions within our community. Our office does not take such actions lightly. Regardless of a person's status or position, the law applies equally to everyone. When a lawful order is issued and refused, our duty is to uphold the law while maintaining order and safety.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office remains committed to transparency, impartiality, and respectful enforcement of the law.

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