



**Lewiston City Council
WORK SESSION AGENDA
April 6, 2026 - 3:00 PM
Lewiston Bell Building – Second Floor Conference Room – 215 D Street
Lewiston, Idaho 83501**

Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. All others who wish to observe this meeting may watch and listen to the livestream on their own device(s) by visiting the City of Lewiston's website at cityoflewiston.org.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for individuals wishing to comment on agenda items or other matters they wish to bring to the Council's attention, excluding those scheduled for a public hearing. As there may not be another opportunity to comment once an agenda item is addressed, individuals are encouraged to speak at this time. Individuals are encouraged to discuss operational issues in advance with the Mayor. In consideration of others wishing to speak, commentary is limited to three (3) minutes.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- A. MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD PROCLAMATION:** Proclaiming the month of April 2026 as "Month of the Military Child" in the City of Lewiston - Action Item (Mayor Dan Johnson)

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Please note that identifying an item as an "Action Item" does not require the City Council to vote on that item.

- A. HAZMAT REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM OVERVIEW:** Overview of the Lewiston Regional Emergency Response Team, including its history, current operations, and an upcoming interagency agreement with the State of Idaho Military Division - Action Item (Fire Chief Greg Rightmier)
- B. FORFEITURE FUND ALLOCATION:** Discussion on the proposed use of funds received through criminal forfeiture proceedings to support the purchase of critical public safety equipment needed for the Lewiston Police Department - Action Item (Police Chief Jason Kuzik)
- C. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 4948:** Introduction of Ordinance 4948, which proposes to amend Lewiston City Code Chapter 19 related to health and sanitation - Action Item (Community Development Director Grow)
- D. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OVERVIEW:** Presentation providing a general background and overview on the roles, responsibilities, and decision-making framework for planning and zoning matters within the City of Lewiston - Action Item (City Attorney Jennifer

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VI. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. **CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS:** Comments shall not be related to an item currently before the City Council or an item that may come before the City Council in the foreseeable future, and shall be limited to comments, not discussion.
- B. **CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES**
- C. **MAYOR COMMENTS**
- D. **AGENDA TOPICS:** - Action Item

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

The City of Lewiston is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, and activities and encourages qualified persons with disabilities to participate. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided at this meeting, please contact Nikki Province, ADA Coordinator, at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting at 208-746-3671 x 6211.

Proclamation

City of Lewiston, Idaho

WHEREAS, April is the **Month of the Military Child**, an opportunity to recognize military children for their resilient spirits, personal sacrifices, strong character and courage; and

WHEREAS, military children are part of the strength of our nation as they support and encourage their service members with a fierce patriotic spirit; and

WHEREAS, these children are a source of pride for the great State of Idaho and to us all, and it is only fitting that we take time to recognize their contributions; and

WHEREAS, military children continue to make significant contributions to family, community, and their nation as they endure prolonged and repeated absences of one or both parents; and

WHEREAS, a month-long salute will recognize that military children serve too and citizens of Idaho will be afforded the opportunity to don the color purple every Friday of April in support of these children.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dan Johnson, Mayor of the City of Lewiston, proclaim the month of April 2026 as "**MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**" in the City of Lewiston, Idaho and encourage all citizens to show support for the children of military families by recognizing their sacrifices, resilience, and courage, and to thank the parents who serve to protect our freedoms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SET MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE CITY OF
LEWISTON, IDAHO, TO BE AFFIXED HERETO
THIS 6th DAY OF APRIL 2026.



DANIEL G. JOHNSON, MAYOR
LEWISTON, IDAHO



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE HAZMAT REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM OVERVIEW	AGENDA NO. V. A. AGENDA DATE: April 6, 2026
ITEM SUMMARY (Background, Discussion, Key Points, Recommendations, etc.) This work session presentation provides an overview of the Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team (Region 2), including its history, current operations, and an upcoming agreement with the State of Idaho. The State of Idaho established a coordinated hazardous materials response system in 1991 through the Idaho Hazardous Substance Response Act to support local jurisdictions in responding to incidents that threaten public health, safety, and the environment. The City of Lewiston has participated in this system since the early 1990s and has served as the host agency for the Region 2 Response Team since 1994. In this role, the Lewiston Fire Department maintains equipment, training, and personnel to support hazardous materials response locally, regionally, and statewide. The hazardous materials risk environment has evolved over time. While earlier decades saw higher frequencies of transportation spills, industrial releases, and drug laboratories, current incidents are less frequent but still pose significant risk, particularly along transportation corridors and in industrial settings. These events remain low-frequency but high-consequence. The current program provides substantial benefit to the City of Lewiston. Approximately \$3 million in specialized equipment is located locally and has been provided through state and federal funding. Team members receive specialized training supported through state programs and grants, and eligible costs associated with state-authorized deployments may be reimbursed. This structure allows the City to maintain a level of hazardous materials response capability that would be difficult to fund independently. In response to changing risks and operational demands, the State has updated its program expectations to reflect a Type IV response model. This model emphasizes rapid assessment, technical expertise, and coordination with higher-level resources, aligning capability with current needs while reducing long-term cost and staffing burdens. The purpose of this presentation is to provide background, explain how the program benefits Lewiston, answer questions, and introduce the upcoming agreement prior to formal Council	

consideration. This approach is intended to provide the Council with time to discuss the agreement in advance.

Following this work session, staff will return to the City Council on April 27, 2026, with a formal request for approval of the updated interagency agreement with the State of Idaho Military Division to continue the operation of the Region 2 Hazardous Substance Emergency Response Team.

BUDGET IMPACT (Identify any or all impacts this proposed action would have on the City budget and/or personnel resources)

This is a presentation only.

ACTION PROPOSED

This is a presentation only.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE FORFEITURE FUND ALLOCATION	AGENDA NO. V. B. AGENDA DATE: April 6, 2026
ITEM SUMMARY (Background, Discussion, Key Points, Recommendations, etc.) The Nez Perce County Prosecutor's Office received \$848,960.67 in forfeited funds from a criminal case involving a defendant. The funds were seized at the conclusion of an in-depth investigation by the Lewiston Police Department and partner agencies at the local and federal level. The defendant voluntarily gave up the money, and the court formally ordered it forfeited. County leadership previously directed that the funds be divided as follows: • 70% to the Lewiston Police Department, equaling: \$594,972.47. • 30% to the Nez Perce County Prosecutor's Office. This distribution reflects how the agencies worked together on the case and how forfeiture funds are typically used to support law enforcement operations.	
BUDGET IMPACT (Identify any or all impacts this proposed action would have on the City budget and/or personnel resources) This infusion is "official use" funding tied to criminal forfeiture and does not require new revenue or cuts elsewhere. This provides immediate fiscal relief to the city's general fund for new equipment, training, and public safety capacity.	
ACTION PROPOSED The Lewiston Police Department proposes to use part of its \$594,972.47 forfeiture allocation to support critical public safety equipment needs. The department intends to purchase: • A new SWAT armored vehicle. Estimated cost: approximately \$380,000. This vehicle would enhance officer safety and improve the department's ability to respond to high risk incidents, critical incident rescues, and community protection scenarios. The current SWAT vehicle is from the military and has declining mechanical reliability. • New patrol rifles Estimated cost: approximately \$33,000	

These rifles would replace the current inventory and ensure officers have tools that meet our demands.

These purchases would be funded entirely through the criminal forfeiture distribution and would not require additional city tax revenue or reductions to other budget areas.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 4948	AGENDA NO. V. C. AGENDA DATE: April 6, 2026
ITEM SUMMARY (Background, Discussion, Key Points, Recommendations, etc.) Lewiston City Code, Chapter 19, titled Health and Sanitation, sets code related to unsanitary buildings, slaughterhouses, rodent control and accumulation of manure and offensive substances. Community Resource and Business Licensing staff recently reviewed Chapter 19 and is making recommendations for refinement, including: • Adding a new § 19-2 related to the abatement of violations by the City of Lewiston and collection of costs related to such abatement. • Amending § 19-73 to include a definition of “bed bug infestation,” amend the definition of “health officer,” removing the definitions of “occupant,” “owner,” “premises,” and “rat eradication,” changing the term “rodent” to “rat,” and including a general statement that any word not defined shall be given their plain meaning. • Removing and reserving § 19-75. • Minor language revisions to §§ 19-1, 19-74, and 19-76. • Amending § 19-77 to apply to insects and rodents—not just rats, and making it unlawful for a business licensee to knowingly rent, lease, or otherwise allow occupancy of a room with an existing bed bug infestation. • Amending § 19-79 to amend various terms and allowing the Community Development Director to declare a public nuisance related to a business licensee who violates Article V, Chapter 19 pursuant to the procedures in Chapter 21. • Amending § 19-80 to allow a periodic inspection by the Health Officer to require a formal report from a certified pest control and/or remediation company to ensure compliance with Chapter 19.	
BUDGET IMPACT (Identify any or all impacts this proposed action would have on the City budget and/or personnel resources) There is no budget impact should the proposed code revisions be approved.	
ACTION PROPOSED Consider the code revisions proposed by staff; approve as presented or direct staff on revisions.	

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 4948

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON AMENDING LEWISTON CITY CODE CHAPTER 19 RELATED TO HEALTH AND SANITATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO:

SECTION 1: Lewiston City Code § 19-1 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 19-1. Abatement of unsanitary buildings.

Whenever any building or part thereof shall, from any unsanitary cause, become unfit for human habitation, the health officer may issue an order to be affixed conspicuously to the door or building. A copy of said notice shall be served on the owner, agent, occupant, tenant or lessee thereof, requiring all persons to vacate such building or apartment until such time as the health officer or designee shall determine that the unsanitary condition no longer exists. Failure to obey such order shall be a misdemeanor. The continued existence of such sanitary condition for a period of more than twenty-four (24) hours after the issuance and posting of such order shall constitute a public nuisance, abatable as provided by law, in accordance with the procedures set forth in article I, chapter 43 of this code.

Sec. 19-2. Abatement of violations by city and collection of costs.

In addition to the procedures set forth in article I, chapter 43 of this code, in any case where the owner or occupant fails to abate a violation, the city, through its own personnel, contractor, and/or agents, may enter upon the premises to abate such violation(s). The total cost of the abatement shall be billed to the owner of the property for payment. In the event payment is not made within thirty (30) calendar days, or if the owner cannot be found, the cost of abatement may be certified by the city clerk and forwarded to the county treasurer for inclusion in the county property tax assessment pursuant to Idaho Code section 50-1008. Pursuit of abatement by the city shall not preclude prosecution of violations of this chapter.

SECTION 2: Lewiston City Code Chapter 19, Article V is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE V. – INSECT AND RODENT CONTROL

Sec. 19-73. - Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the following words shall have the meanings indicated unless the content clearly requires otherwise:

Bed bug infestation means the presence of one or more live bed bugs (*Cimex lectularius* or related species), viable bed bug eggs, or other physical evidence demonstrating active bed bug activity within a room or unit.

Health officer means a City of Lewiston community resource officer or designee, the city sanitarian or any of his duly authorized representatives.

~~Occupant means the a person who uses or occupies any premises for business purposes or any business building or fraction thereof. The owner, agent or custodian of any vacant premises or business building or any vacant portion thereof shall be considered, for the purpose of this article, as the occupant.~~

~~Owner means the owner, agent or custodian of a business building. The lessee of any business building shall be considered an owner for the purpose of this article when the lease under which he holds possession requires him to maintain and repair the building.~~

~~Premises shall mean any structure of any nature or real estate inside the city limits.~~

~~Rat eradication means the elimination or extermination of rats from any premises by any and all methods approved by the health officer.~~

~~Rat~~ Rodent harborage means any place which provides shelter or protection for the continued existence or multiplication of ~~rats~~ rodents, either in or outside of any business building.

Vent stoppage means a form of construction or repair to prevent the entry of ~~rats~~ rodents into business buildings from the exterior or from one business building to another business building.

All other words and phrases used in this article, the definitions of which are not given herein, shall be given their ordinary and commonly understood meanings.

Sec. 19-74. - Premises to be in an insect and rodent ~~rat~~-free condition.

All premises in the city shall be maintained ~~in a with~~ vent-stopped ~~stoppage~~ and ~~in an insect and rodent~~ rat-free condition by the owner or occupant.

Sec. 19-75. - Reserved. Food to be stored in ratproof containers; exception.

~~All food for human consumption and all animal feed shall be stored in ratproof containers, compartments or rooms; provided, that such storage shall be unnecessary if the same is kept in a vent stopped building approved by the health officer.~~

Sec. 19-76. - Garbage to be kept in insect and rodent ~~rat~~proof containers.

All garbage and other waste material upon which insects and rodents ~~rats~~ may feed shall be placed and kept, until removed from the premises, in covered insect and rodent ~~rat~~proof containers.

Sec. 19-77. - Premises to be kept free from insect and rodent ~~rat~~ harborages.

- (a) All premises, improved or unimproved, and all open lots, areas, streets, sidewalks, alleys and other areas in the city shall be kept clean and free from all rubbish, loose material, lumber, boxes, barrels and loose iron that may serve as a harborage for insects and rodents ~~rats~~.
- (b) ~~Any material that may provide rat harborage shall be placed upon supports in such a manner as to provide no refuge for rats.~~ A business licensee shall not knowingly rent, lease, or otherwise provide for occupancy of any room or unit on the licensed premises in which a bed bug infestation exists.
- (c) Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the keeping of domesticated insects and rodents ~~rats~~ as pets inside any structure within the city.

Sec. 19-78. - Repairs and construction to comply with the provisions of this article.

All improvements, repairs, construction and maintenance of any premises, business building or any equipment or fixtures therein shall comply with the terms of this article.

Sec. 19-79. - Violations to be corrected; notice.

- (a) Whenever it shall come to the attention of the health officer that any of the provisions of this chapter are being violated or that any ~~business building or premises or portion thereof is infested with~~ insects and rodents ~~rats~~ or has insects and rodents ~~rats~~ therein or thereunder, the health officer ~~shall~~ may serve upon the owner or occupant of such ~~business building or premises or both~~ a notice in writing pointing out the specific violation of any or all of the foregoing provisions and requiring such person to comply with the appropriate provision of this chapter. Such notice shall fix a time limit for compliance therewith, which shall in no event be less than ~~fifteen~~ (15) ~~ten~~ calendar days from the date of the service of such notice.
- (b) Any person failing to comply with the directions contained in such notice within the time specified therein shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that if the health officer finds that the time specified in the notice is too short to permit a good faith compliance, he may, in writing, extend the time for compliance.

(c) If a business licensee violates or fails to comply with the provisions of this article, the community development director or designee may determine that the conduct or operation of the business is a public nuisance, as defined in this Code, or presents a danger to the public health, safety, or welfare and may suspend or revoke a business license issued pursuant to the procedures in chapter 21.

Sec. 19-80. - Inspections.

The health officer ~~shall~~may make periodic inspections or require a formal report from a certified pest control and/or remediation company for the purpose of seeing that this chapter is complied with. No owner or occupant of any ~~building or~~ premises shall refuse to permit such inspections; provided, that the same are made at reasonable times.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF LEWISTON

By: _____
Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk