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City of John Day
City Manager, Nick Green
450 E. Main St
John Day, OR 97845

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Dear Sir:

I live at 106 NW 7th St, 2nd house from Bridge St; I am owner/operator of John Day Taxi, I work out of my home. Between me backing out on my runs 10-15 times a day, personal business and my wife going in and out, I have a very busy driveway.

Well, vehicles flying around that corner heading into 7th Street from Bridge are a real problem; I almost get hit at least twice a day backing out, or I nearly hit them; people excited to get to a ball game race around that corner like they're trying to beat a throw to home. Sheriff Glen lives a few doors down and Staters, Deputies and John Day PD are sometimes in a hurry to get to where they're going and we have close calls. I almost hit speeding drivers zooming behind me to get out of 7th Street; when I look left they're not even in sight due to a curvature of the road, then by the time I get backed out they're behind me blowing their horn.

Backing out slower just exacerbates the problem because I'm in a hazardous position crossways to traffic longer. I installed a backup beeper you can hear down at the ballpark which doesn't seem to have any effect; however, it has been wonderful backing out at Chesters and I'd recommend it.

Last year I complained to you about my scary close calls and the next day a Slow Down Caution Children at Play sign appeared at the end of Bridge street; I appreciated the rapid response but the sign doesn't tell the story and didn't slow anybody down so far as I could tell; I need a 'Caution Blind Driveway' sign put at the corner of Bridge Street and one on 7th Street too if possible.

I'm not a lawyer, I don't want to be a lawyer, but I'm wondering if there couldn't be legal ramifications for the city if, after this written request is received and a warning sign isn't put up and there's an accident ... just sayin', probably not.

Thanks, you're doing a great job for our beloved adopted John Day,



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