

Cityhood drive starts for Aptos

APTOS — The drive to incorporate Aptos got off to a red, white and blue start on the Fourth of July as organizers spread the word at the World's Shortest Parade.

Two card tables were set up along the parade route to give out questionnaires on the idea of incorporating Aptos into the county's third largest city. Some money was also collected, which will go toward a preliminary feasibility study, added incorporation committee member Terry Pershall.

Organizers need to raise between \$7,500 and \$10,000 for a study to determine whether it is financially feasible for Aptos to incorporate.

If a preliminary study shows projected revenues are sufficient to support a city, members will probably pursue a full-blown study that could cost another \$10,000. The incorporation process is at least two years, necessitating a petition drive, hearings before the county and a final election.

A fourth informational meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. July 22 at the multi-purpose room at Aptos High School.