



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2026

SUBJECT: Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2026-008, adopting Chapter 2.35 to Title 2 of the Deschutes County Code

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Open the public hearing; receive testimony; close the public hearing; deliberate.

1. Move first and second reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 2026-008, adopting Chapter 2.35 to Title 2 of the Deschutes County Code.
2. Move emergency adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-008 to take effect immediately.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Applicable provisions in State law authorize the Oregon Health Authority to enter into interlocal agreements (IGAs) with local governments providing for licensing, inspection and enforcement of State public and environmental health laws. ORS and OHA's IGA with Deschutes County obligate the County to have an administrative hearings process. The County has relied on provisions in DCC 2.37 to meet this requirement, however, DCC 2.37 is specific to contracting and procurement and is not a good fit for contested public and environmental health hearings. The proposed section 2.35 will provide a clear and compliant process for processing contested matters.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Health staff
Legal