



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Work Session – Preparation for Public Hearing - Deschutes County Code Title 12 Text Amendments

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

N/A

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Road Department has prepared draft amendments to Deschutes County Code (DCC) Title 12 ("Roads, Sidewalks, and Public Places") for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners. The proposed text amendments are summarized by staff as follows:

- DCC 12.04 "General Provisions and Definitions"– This chapter currently provides general provisions and definitions pertaining only to utilities within public rights-of-way under the County's jurisdiction. The proposed amendments are to modify and modernize DCC 12.04 to provide general provisions and definitions for all of DCC Title 12.
- DCC 12.08 "Utilities Within the Public Right-of-Way"– This chapter, together with DCC 12.12, 12.16, and 12.20, currently provides provisions regarding utilities within public rights-of-way under the County's jurisdiction. The proposed amendments consolidate utility provisions into a single chapter, update certain provisions to align with current practices and standards, and provide for clarification and ease of use and interpretation.
- DCC 12.12, 12.16, and 12.20 – These chapters are proposed for repeal, as applicable provisions from these chapters are moved to DCC 12.08 as proposed.
- DCC 12.25 "Road Design and Construction Specifications" – This is a new proposed chapter that moves the County Road Standards from DCC Title 17 ("Subdivisions") to DCC Title 12 ("Roads, Sidewalks, and Public Places"), as the County Road Standards are not merely associated with land divisions subject to the requirements of DCC Title 17. This proposed chapter aligns with the "clear and objective" housing development standards effort by the Community Development Department, which proposes repeal of the County Road Standards from DCC Title 17. Additionally, the proposed DCC 12.25 updates certain provisions to align with current practices and

- standards and provide for clarification and ease of use and interpretation.
- DCC 12.28 – “Driveways and Access to Public Roads” – This chapter provides the regulations and standards regarding access to public roads under the County’s jurisdiction. The proposed amendments include the addition of certain access-related provisions that are proposed for repeal in DCC Title 17. Additionally, the proposed amendments update certain provisions to align with current practices and standards and provide for clarification and ease of use and interpretation.

Staff will prepare the Board for a public hearing on the proposed DCC Title 12 text amendments on June 11, 2025. Within the proposed amendments, added language is shown underlined and deleted text is shown as strikethrough.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Cody Smith, County Engineer/Assistant Road Department Director