



MEMORANDUM

TO: Deschutes County Planning Commission

FROM: Haleigh King, AICP, Senior Planner
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DATE: October 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Planning 101 Presentation

At the October 23, 2025 meeting, Planning staff will conduct a presentation and training opportunity with the Planning Commission to equip the Planning Commission with a more in-depth understanding of key land use processes within Deschutes County, aligning with both state and local regulatory frameworks.

Staff will begin with a brief overview of landmark land use cases that guide current practices and historically defined our current regulatory framework before discussing the Oregon Statewide Planning Program that also gives context to our local zoning program.

The session will include information on the procedures outlined in Title 22, the County Procedures Ordinance, which governs the processing of land use applications. Emphasis will be placed on the distinction between quasi-judicial and legislative processes, both of which are fundamental to understanding the decision-making landscape. Staff will discuss procedural timelines, including the 150-day review process for quasi-judicial applications and the subsequent appeals process undertaken by both the local bodies and the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). Lastly, staff will discuss common legal concepts or issues encountered during the processing of land use applications.

Staff will leave time at the end of the presentation for any questions from Commissioners.

We look forward to an informative session that will strengthen Commissioner engagement with and understanding of the complex, yet essential, responsibilities of land use planning within our jurisdiction.

Attachment:

- Planning 101 Presentation