



MEMORANDUM

TO: Deschutes County Board of Commissioners

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DATE: March 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Work Session: 2026 Housekeeping Text Amendments

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners (Board) will conduct a work session on April 6th, 2026, in preparation for a public hearing scheduled for April 8th, 2026 (file no. 247-26-000007-TA). Attached to this memorandum are the proposed text amendments and a staff report summarizing the changes. Within the proposed amendments, added language is shown underlined and deleted shown as ~~strikethrough~~. The public hearing will be conducted in-person, electronically, and by phone.¹

All record materials can be found on the project website: bit.ly/00007TA

I. BACKGROUND

The Planning Division regularly amends Deschutes County Code (DCC) and the Comprehensive Plan to correct minor errors identified by staff, other County departments, and the public. This process, commonly referred to as Housekeeping, also incorporates updates from rulemaking at the state level through amendments to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR), and allows for less substantive code changes to continue efficient County operations.

The last time Deschutes County adopted housekeeping amendments occurred in October 2024².

¹ See Deschutes County Board of Commissioners April 8th, 2026 Agenda for more information: <https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/board-county-commissioners-meeting-293>

² Ordinances 2024-008.

II. OVERVIEW OF AMENDMENTS

As summarized in the attached staff report and exhibits, the proposed text amendments will affect the following chapters of the Deschutes County Code:

Title 18, County Zoning

- Chapter 18.16. EXCLUSIVE FARM USE ZONES
- Chapter 18.32. MULTIPLE USE AGRICULTURAL ZONE; MUA
- Chapter 18.60. RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE; RR-10
- Chapter 18.65. RURAL SERVICE CENTER; UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY ZONE
- Chapter 18.66. TERREBONNE RURAL COMMUNITY ZONING DISTRICTS
- Chapter 18.67. TUMALO RURAL COMMUNITY ZONING DISTRICTS
- Chapter 18.74. RURAL COMMERCIAL ZONE
- Chapter 18.108. URBAN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY ZONE; SUNRIVER
- Chapter 18.110. RESORT COMMUNITY ZONE
- Chapter 18.116. SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS
- Chapter 18.128. CONDITIONAL USE

Title 19, Bend Urban Growth Boundary Zoning Ordinance

- Chapter 19.04. TITLE, COMPLIANCE, APPLICABILITY AND DEFINITIONS
- Chapter 19.12. URBAN AREA RESERVE ZONE UAR-10
- Chapter 19.20. SUBURBAN LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE; SR 2 ½
- Chapter 19.22. WESTSIDE TRANSECT ZONE; WTZ
- Chapter 19.28. URBAN STANDARD RESIDENTIAL ZONE; RS
- Chapter 19.80. OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING
- Chapter 19.88. PROVISIONS APPLYING TO SPECIAL USE STANDARDS
- Chapter 19.92. INTERPRETATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS
- Chapter 19.116. AMENDMENTS, APPEALS AND PROCEDURES

III. AGENCY AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Staff has received one agency comment to date. The Deschutes County Senior Transportation Planner reviewed the proposed amendments for potential Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) effects and found that the proposed amendments appear to comply with TPR provisions.

No public comments have been received to date.

IV. PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW

The Planning Commission (Commission) held a public hearing concerning the proposed amendments on February 12th, 2026.³ Following the hearing, the Commission closed both the oral and written records, and held deliberations that same day. The Commission unanimously (7-0) recommended approval of the proposed amendments.

³ See Deschutes County Planning Commission February 12th, 2026 Agenda for more information: <https://www.deschutes.org/bc-pc/page/planning-commission-77>

V. NEXT STEPS

A public hearing with the Board is scheduled for April 8th, 2026.

Attachments:

- 1) Staff Report & Proposed Text Amendments