

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

A Resolution Seeking Redesignation of a Rural
Renewable Energy Development Zone in
Deschutes County

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-027

WHEREAS, ORS 285C.350 et seq., provides for redesignation of Rural Renewable Energy Development Zones (RREDZ) upon request of a county, to encompass the entire area of the county (excepting those areas within the urban growth boundary of a city with a population of 30,000 or more) for purposes of offering the standard property tax abatement of an enterprise zone to the qualified property of renewable energy projects locating therein; and

WHEREAS, Deschutes County is seeking redesignation of a RREDZ by the Director of the Oregon Business Development Department to encourage new business investment, job creation, higher incomes for local residents, and greater diversity of economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed RREDZ will include all eligible territory (whether incorporated or not) encompassed within Deschutes County, excepting the City of Bend urban growth boundary, the City of Bend city limits and City of Redmond urban growth boundary and the City of Redmond city limits; and

WHEREAS, the redesignation of a RREDZ does not grant or imply permission to develop land within the county without complying with prevailing zoning, regulatory and permitting processes and restrictions for the applicable jurisdiction, nor does it indicate any intent to modify those processes or restrictions, except as otherwise in accordance with Comprehensive Plans; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the RREDZ will expire on June 30, 2036.

WHEREAS, Deschutes County appreciates the impacts that the redesignated RREDZ would have and the property tax exemptions that eligible business firms might receive therein, as governed by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 285C and other provisions of Oregon Law, including but not limited to what is described in Oregon Administrative Rules OAR Chapter 123; and

WHEREAS, all of the municipal corporations, special service districts and other taxing districts (identified on attached Exhibit 1) that receive operating revenue through the levying of *ad valorem* taxes on real and personal property in the area of Deschutes County have been timely informed and invited to comment on this request for redesignation (copy of notification letter attached as Exhibit 2); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Deschutes County has duly and timely noticed the date, time and place for consideration of this Resolution, now therefore,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON, as follows:

Section 1. Deschutes County applies for redesignation of a RREDZ and requests that the Director of the Oregon Business Development order the redesignation thereof.

Section 2. Deschutes County sets the amount of real market value (RMV) for qualified property that may be exempt in this RREDZ at \$250 million, based on the RMV of property for the assessment year at the start of the exemption immediately after the property is placed in service.

Section 3. County Administrator, Nick Lelack, is authorized to submit the request for the aforementioned RREDZ redesignation and to make any substantive or technical change(s) to the application materials, as necessary, after adoption of this Resolution.

Section 4. Deschutes County appoints Economic Development of Central Oregon (EDCO) to serve in the capacity of the local zone manager for the RREDZ.

Section 5. Deschutes County will comply with the equivalent requirements and provisions of ORS 285C.105 respective to zone sponsor duties under ORS 285C.050 to 285C.250, as they would apply to the implementation of a RREDZ under ORS 285C.350 to 285C.370.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

Dated this _____ of _____, 2025

ANTHONY DEBONE, Chair

PATTI ADAIR, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary

PHIL CHANG, Commissioner