



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Deschutes County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”)

**FROM:** Nicole Mardell, AICP, Senior Planner  
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**DATE:** September 25, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Second Reading – Ordinance 2024-007 Deschutes County 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

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On October 2, 2024, the Board will conduct second reading of Ordinance 2024-007 to formally adopt the Deschutes County 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

**I. PROPOSAL**

Over the course of 24 months, Deschutes County Community Development Department staff and project consultant, MIG Inc., conducted an extensive process to gather input on an update of the County’s Comprehensive Plan.

The proposal is a legislative text amendment to repeal and replace the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2011, with the 2040 Plan. No zoning or comprehensive plan map amendments are being considered, nor are any changes to the County’s adopted Goal 5 inventories pertaining to significant natural resources, scenic views, open spaces, mineral and aggregate sites, and historic and cultural resources.

The full record is included on the project hearing page: <https://www.deschutes.org/cd/page/247-23-000644-pa-deschutes-county-2040-comprehensive-plan-update-hearing-page>.

**II. DELIBERATION AND ADOPTION PROCESS**

The 2040 Plan provides background information, a summary of community considerations, and overarching goal and policy guidance pertaining to key issues facing the county. The Board held public hearings to gather testimony for the 2040 Plan on April 10, 2024, in Bend<sup>1</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/board-county-commissioners-meeting-162>

April 23 in Sunriver<sup>2</sup>; and April 30 in Sisters<sup>3</sup>; and May 8 in Bend<sup>4</sup>. At the conclusion of the May 8 hearing, the Commission voted to close the oral record, leave the written record open until May 30, and commence deliberations at a subsequent meeting.

Staff held a work session with the Board on June 10<sup>5</sup> to discuss the process for deliberating the 2040 Plan, ultimately determining to perform an extensive review of the following four chapters:

- July 22: Chapter 3, Farm and Forest Resources<sup>6</sup>
- July 24: Chapter 5, Natural Resources<sup>7</sup>
- July 29: Chapter 7, Natural Hazards<sup>8</sup>
- August 5: Chapter 11, Unincorporated Communities and Destination Resorts<sup>9</sup>
- August 19: Entire Document Review<sup>10</sup>

On September 16, 2024, the Board completed deliberations and voted 2-1 to approve the September 6, 2024, version of the Deschutes County 2040 Comprehensive Plan and conduct first reading of the implementing Ordinance No. 2024-007 by title only. The Board asked staff to correct a minor error with the listing of the current Board chair. The attached 2040 Plan has been revised to correct this error.

### III. NEXT STEPS

The Board will conduct second reading on October 2, 2024. Following adoption, interested parties have 21 days to appeal the decision to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals. If not appealed, the Deschutes County 2040 Plan will become effective on December 31, 2024.

#### Attachments:

Ordinance 2024-007

Exhibit A: Legislative History 23.01

Exhibit B: Deschutes County 2040 Comprehensive Plan - September 6, 2024, version

Exhibit C: Legislative History 5.12

Exhibit D: Proposed Findings

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<sup>2</sup><https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/public-hearing-2020-2040-comprehensive-plan-update>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/public-hearing-2020-2040-comprehensive-plan-update-0>

<sup>4</sup><https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/2020-2040-comprehensive-plan-update-public-hearing>

<sup>5</sup><https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/board-county-commissioners-meeting-175>

<sup>6</sup><https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/board-county-commissioners-meeting-179>

<sup>7</sup><https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/board-county-commissioners-meeting-186>

<sup>8</sup><https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/board-county-commissioners-meeting-182>

<sup>9</sup><https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/board-county-commissioners-meeting-183>

<sup>10</sup><https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/board-county-commissioners-meeting-188>