



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Public Hearing: Text Amendments for Wildfire Mitigation Building Codes

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Pending public comments, staff recommends closing both the oral and written records and beginning deliberations.

Should a member of the public request to keep the record open, staff recommends leaving the written record open for one week, until January 21, 2025.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners (Board) will conduct a public hearing on January 14, 2026, to consider amendments to the Deschutes County Code (file no. 247-25-000703-TA) adopting new wildfire mitigation building code standards as outlined in Section R327 of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code.

The amendments are intended to adopt discretionary wildfire mitigation residential building code standards that have recently been made available to local jurisdictions. This proposal does not cover defensible space standards, as any future amendments to address defensible space will be covered in a future project at the Board's direction.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

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Nicole Mardell, Principal Planner