



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Deschutes County Board of Commissioners  
**FROM:** Kyle Collins, Associate Planner  
**DATE:** September 9, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Preparation for Public Hearing: 2024 Housekeeping Amendments

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Staff will prepare the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners (Board) for a September 25, 2024, public hearing to consider Housekeeping Amendments (file no. 247-24-000417-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 ~~striketrough~~. The public hearing will be conducted in-person, electronically, and by phone.<sup>1</sup>

All record materials can be found on the project website: <https://bit.ly/2024Housekeeping>

### 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 March 2023<sup>2</sup>.

### 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:

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<sup>1</sup> See Deschutes County Board of Commissioners September 25, 2024 Agenda for more information: <https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/board-county-commissioners-meeting-195>

<sup>2</sup> Ordinances 2023-001.

Title 15, Buildings and Construction  
Chapter 15.08. SIGNS

Title 18, County Zoning  
Chapter 18.04. TITLE, PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS  
Chapter 18.16. EXCLUSIVE FARM USE ZONES  
Chapter 18.32. MULTIPLE USE AGRICULTURAL ZONE; MUA  
Chapter 18.36. FOREST USE ZONE; F-1  
Chapter 18.40. FOREST USE ZONE; F-2  
Chapter 18.48. OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ZONE; OS AND C  
Chapter 18.60. RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE; RR-10  
Chapter 18.61. URBAN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY ZONE; LA PINE  
Chapter 18.65. RURAL SERVICE CENTER; UNINCOPORATED 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 18.76. AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT ZONE; A-D  
Chapter 18.108. URBAN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY ZONE; SUNRIVER  
Chapter 18.116. SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS  
Chapter 18.128. CONDITIONAL USE

Title 19, Bend Urban Growth Boundary Zoning Ordinance  
Chapter 19.04. TITLE, COMPLIANCE, APPLICABILITY ABD 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

Title 22, Deschutes County Development Procedures Ordinances  
Chapter 22.36. LIMITATIONS ON APPROVALS

### **III. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

Notice of the proposed amendments was sent to agencies on July 3, 2024. Comments from the following agencies were received:

- 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.

Additionally, one public comment was received. Ken Katzaroff, of Schwabe law firm, expressed reservations around the inclusion of the proposed "Agricultural Land" definition in Title 19 and the potential for unintended policy decisions being made through the Housekeeping process. Prior to deliberations by the Planning Commission, all agricultural related Title 19 definitions were removed from the proposed Housekeeping Amendments package.

#### **IV. PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW**

The Planning Commission (Commission) held a public hearing concerning the proposed amendments on August 22, 2024.<sup>3</sup> Following the hearing, the Commission closed both the oral and written records, and held deliberations that same day. The Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendments.

#### **V. NEXT STEPS**

A public hearing with the Board is scheduled for September 25, 2024.

#### Attachments:

- 1) Draft Ordinance 2024-008: Staff Report & Proposed Text Amendments

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.deschutes.org/bc-pc/page/planning-commission-56>