



## **Attachment C - Replatting and Property Line Adjustment Amendments**

### **BACKGROUND & OVERVIEW**

Property owners have two primary options for adjusting the boundaries of properties created through subdivisions or partitions:

1. Replats
2. Property line adjustments/consolidations

Simple lot line adjustments involving a single property line are adequately regulated under statute (ORS 92.192). Significant reconfiguration of partitions and subdivisions are regulated under replatting standards, which are more comprehensive and take into account how reconfiguration of properties might affect surrounding roads, emergency access, and infrastructure capacity. However, the Deschutes County Code contains ambiguous language defining when applicants should utilize replatting standards versus property line adjustments and property line consolidations.

### **CURRENT PROCESS & CHANGES**

As noted by the by the Deschutes County Road Department, under current county code, the potential exists for an applicant to apply for a series of property line adjustments to convert adjoining undevelopable properties into developable properties without any consideration for transportation infrastructure impacts. This potential is particularly present in undeveloped portions of subdivisions platted prior to the statewide land use program. Notable examples include portions of the Hillman, Millican, Centralo, and Laidlaw townsite plats. While the Road Department does not have specific recommendations to correct these issues, they outline the following possibilities:

- Property line adjustments that would reconfigure existing adjoining undevelopable units of platted land into a certain number of developable units of land shall be processed as a replat.
- Property line adjustments that would allow for development that is not subject to site plan review with the potential to generate a certain number of weekday PM peak-hour trips shall be processed as a replat.

Code amendments to address these issues would allow a more clear understanding of the thresholds for applying replatting standards versus more simplified property line adjustment

standards. While generally uncommon, staff has encountered high profile applications wherein definitional clarity between these two application types would have avoided additional legal or consultant fees for the applicant while also addressing the impact concerns of the Road and Community Development Departments.

<b>Key Amendment Concerns</b>	
Staff Effort/Resources	Medium
Legal Complexity	Medium
Implementation Urgency	Medium