



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Nicole Mardell, AICP, Senior Planner
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DATE: September 11, 2024

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

On September 16, 2024, the Board will complete deliberations on the updated September 6, 2024, draft of the Deschutes County 2040 Plan and consider first reading of draft Ordinance No. 2024-007 adopting the updated 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 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 Bend¹; April 23 in Sunriver²; and April 30 in Sisters³; and May 8 in Bend⁴. 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 10⁵ 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 Resources⁶
- July 24: Chapter 5, Natural Resources⁷
- July 29: Chapter 7, Natural Hazards⁸
- August 5: Chapter 11, Unincorporated Communities and Destination Resorts⁹
- August 19: Entire Document Review¹⁰

During the August 19 meeting, the Board noted one additional revision to the draft document and directed staff to return with a finalized version for a vote and consideration of first reading. The finalized September 6, 2024, version of the document is included as Exhibit B to Draft Ordinance 2024-007.

III. NEXT STEPS

Staff will return on Wednesday, September 25 for Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-007.

Attachments:

Draft 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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