

September 13, 2023

Clackamas County Planning Commission
150 Beaver Creek Road
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Dear Members of the Clackamas County Planning Commission,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Sandy City Council to express our strong support for Clackamas County Ordinance ZDO-286. This ordinance proposes the creation of a framework for the development of Local Park Master Plans on Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zoned properties and the establishment of a Special Use Overlay District (SUOD) consistent with OAR 660-034-0035 and 660-034-0040.

The City of Sandy recognizes the importance of preserving our agricultural lands and open spaces while also addressing the needs of our growing community. The proposed ordinance strikes a balance between these two vital aspects of our county's development. It offers a thoughtful approach to ensuring the availability of recreational and open spaces for our residents while respecting the agricultural heritage that is deeply rooted in our region.

We commend Clackamas County for proactively working to address the needs of our residents and visitors for accessible recreational opportunities, especially in EFU zones, without compromising the integrity of our agricultural lands. The creation of Local Park Master Plans for EFU zoned properties and the establishment of the Special Use Overlay District align with the values and goals of our community, which prioritize both sustainability and quality of life.

By supporting Ordinance ZDO-286, the City of Sandy believes that we are contributing to the betterment of our county as a whole. This ordinance demonstrates a commitment to responsible land use planning that balances the various interests within our county.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Clackamas County for engaging in this important initiative and for considering the diverse needs of our communities. We look forward to the positive impacts that Ordinance ZDO-286 will bring to our county, including enhanced recreational opportunities, the preservation of our agricultural heritage, and the overall improvement of our quality of life.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office. We stand ready to assist and support the successful implementation of this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Stan Pulliam, Mayor
City of Sandy, Oregon