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LCDC gives Woodburn green light to expand UGB

The Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) gave the City of Woodburn the green light Thursday to expand its urban growth boundary (UGB) by 979 acres. The decision came during a regular LCDC meeting in Salem.

Woodburn's UGB expansion proposal is a product of a statewide planning process called "periodic review." Generally, larger cities in Oregon are required to go through the periodic review process to keep their Comprehensive Land Use Plans up-to-date. The UGB proposal was based primarily on Woodburn's recent "Commercial and Industrial Lands Inventory," which was also approved by LCDC on Thursday.

For an Oregon city to expand a UGB, it needs to demonstrate that there is a "need" for that expansion based on population and economic development projections. City of Woodburn planners project their population to increase to 34,919 by the year 2020. The UGB amendment contains 546 acres for residential uses (including public and institutional uses), 24 acres for commercial uses, and 409 acres for industrial uses.

"These decisions by LCDC will allow the City of Woodburn to diversify its economy as well as address the need for a variety of housing in this rapidly growing area," said Lane Shetterly, Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development. "Woodburn was founded on agriculture, but due to its location, the city is much more than that today."

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