

DIVISION 24
URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES

660-024-0010

Definitions

(2) "Safe harbor" means an optional course of action that a local government may use to satisfy a requirement of Goal 14. Use of a safe harbor prescribed in this division will satisfy the requirement for which it is prescribed. A safe harbor is not the only way or necessarily the preferred way to comply with a requirement and it is not intended to interpret the requirement for any purpose other than applying a safe harbor within this division.

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Population Forecasts

(3) As a safe harbor, if a coordinated population forecast was adopted by a county within the previous 10 years but does not provide a 20-year forecast for an urban area at the time a city initiates an evaluation or amendment of the UGB, a city and county may adopt an updated forecast for the urban area consistent with this section. The updated forecast is deemed to comply with applicable goals and laws regarding population forecasts for purposes of the current UGB evaluation or amendment provided the forecast:

(a) Is adopted by the city and county in accordance with the notice, procedures and requirements described in section (1) of this rule; and

(b) Extends the current urban area forecast to a 20-year period commencing on the date determined under OAR 660-024-0040(2) by using the same growth trend for the urban area assumed in the county's current adopted forecast.

(4) As a safe harbor, a city and county may adopt a 20-year forecast for an urban area consistent with this section. The forecast is deemed to comply with applicable goals and laws regarding population forecasts for purposes of the current UGB evaluation or amendment provided the forecast:

(a) Is adopted by the city and county in accordance with the notice, procedures and requirements described in section (1) of this rule;

(b) Is based on OEA's population forecast for the county for a 20-year period commencing on the date determined under OAR 660-024-0040(2); and

(c) Is developed by assuming that the urban area's share of the forecasted county population determined in subsection (b) of this rule will be the same as the urban area's current share of county population based on the most recent certified population estimates from Portland State University and the most recent data for the urban area published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

(5) A city may propose a revised 20-year forecast for its urban area by following the requirements described in ORS 195.034.

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Land Need

(7) The following safe harbors may be applied in determining housing needs:

(a) Local governments may estimate persons per household for the 20-year planning period using the persons per household for the urban area indicated in the most current data for the urban area published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

(b) If a local government does not regulate government-assisted housing differently than other housing types, it is not required to estimate the need for government-assisted housing as a separate housing type.

(c) If a local government allows manufactured homes on individual lots as a permitted use in all residential zones that allow 10 or fewer dwelling units per net buildable acre, it is not necessary to provide an estimate of the need for manufactured dwellings on individual lots.

(d) If a local government allows manufactured dwelling parks required by ORS 197.475 to 197.490 in all areas planned and zoned for a residential density of six to 12 units per acre, a separate estimate of the need for manufactured dwelling parks is not required.

(8) The following safe harbors may be applied in determining employment needs:

(a) The local government may estimate that the current number of jobs in the urban area will grow during the 20-year planning period at a rate equal to either:

(A) The county or regional job growth rate provided in the most recent forecast published by the Oregon Employment Department; or

(B) The population growth rate for the urban area in the adopted 20-year coordinated population forecast specified in OAR 660-024-0030.

(b) A local government with a population of 10,000 or less may assume that retail and service commercial land needs will grow in direct proportion to the forecasted urban area population growth over the 20-year planning period. This safe harbor may not be used to determine employment land needs for sectors other than retail and service commercial.

(9) As a safe harbor during periodic review or other legislative review of the UGB, a local government may estimate that the 20-year land needs for streets and roads, parks and school facilities will together require an additional amount of land equal to 25 percent of the net buildable acres determined for residential land needs under section (4) of this rule. For purposes of this rule, a "Net Buildable Acre" consists of 43,560 square feet of residentially designated buildable land, after excluding present and future rights-of-way, restricted hazard areas, public open spaces and restricted resource protection areas.

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Land Inventory and Response to Deficiency

(2) As safe harbors, a local government, except a city with a population over 25,000 or a metropolitan service district described in ORS 197.015(14), may use the following assumptions in inventorying buildable lands to accommodate housing needs:

(a) The infill potential of developed residential lots or parcels of one-half acre or more may be determined by subtracting one-quarter acre (10,890 square feet) for the existing dwelling and assuming that the remainder is buildable land;

(b) Existing lots of less than one-half acre that are currently occupied by a residence may be assumed to be fully developed.

(3) As safe harbors when inventorying land to accommodate industrial and other employment needs, a local government may assume that a lot or parcel is vacant if it is:

(a) Equal to or larger than one-half acre, if the lot or parcel does not contain a permanent building; or

(b) Equal to or larger than five acres, if less than one-half acre of the lot or parcel is occupied by a permanent building.

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Boundary Location Alternatives Analysis

(7) For purposes of Goal 14 Boundary Location Factor 2, "public facilities and services" means water, sanitary sewer, storm water management, and transportation facilities.

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UGB Adjustments

(3) Notwithstanding sections (1) and (2) of this rule, a local government considering an exchange of land may rely on its acknowledged population forecast and land needs analysis, rather than adopt a new forecast and need analysis, provided the land added to the UGB is planned for the same uses and at the same housing or employment density as the land removed from the UGB, and provided:

(a) For residential land, the amount of buildable land added to the UGB is substantially equivalent to the amount of buildable land removed; or

(b) For industrial or other employment land, the amount of suitable land added to the UGB is substantially equivalent to the amount of suitable land removed.

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Definitions

For the purpose of this rule, the definitions in ORS 197.015, 197.295, and 197.303 shall apply. In addition, the following definitions shall apply:

(2) **“Buildable Land”** means residentially designated land within the urban growth boundary, including both vacant and developed land likely to be redeveloped, that is suitable, available and necessary for residential uses. **Publicly owned land is generally not considered available for residential uses. Land is generally considered “suitable and available” unless it:**

(a) Is severely constrained by natural hazards as determined under Statewide Planning Goal 7;

(b) Is subject to natural resource protection measures determined under statewide Planning Goals 5, 15, 16, 17, or 18;

(c) Has slopes of 25 percent or greater;

(d) Is within the 100-year flood plain; or

(e) Cannot be provided with public facilities.

(4) “Housing Needs Projection” refers to a local determination, justified in the plan, of the mix of housing types and densities that will be:

(a) Commensurate with the financial capabilities of present and future area residents of all income levels during the planning period;

(b) Consistent with any adopted regional housing standards, state statutes and Land Conservation and Development Commission administrative rules; and

(c) Consistent with Goal 14 requirements.

(6) “Redevelopable Land” means land zoned for residential use on which development has already occurred but on which, due to present or expected market forces, there exists the strong likelihood that existing development will be converted to more intensive residential uses during the planning period.