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ADOPT: 330-260-0000 RULE TITLE: Purpose

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RULE SUMMARY: OAR 330-260-0000 is a statement of purpose for Division 260 rules. The rules establish procedures to implement an incentive program for owners of commercial and residential properties that were destroyed in the Labor Day 2020 wildfires to incorporate energy efficiency as they rebuild affected structures. OAR 330-260-0000 provides a reference to Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 669 (House Bill 5006) which established the incentive program

RULE TEXT:

These rules implement an incentive program established by Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 669 (House Bill 5006) for the energy efficient rebuilding of structures damaged or destroyed in the 2020 wildfires. The rules provide procedures for: submitting incentive applications, establishing incentive amounts, agency review of incentive applications, agency verification of project completion, and compliance with the program.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 469.040, Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 669 (House Bill 5006)

RULE TITLE: Definitions

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RULE SUMMARY: OAR 330-260-010 contains definitions of terms used in the energy efficiency wildfire recovery incentive program rules.

RULE TEXT:

For the purposes of this division, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Department" means the Oregon Department of Energy.
- (2) "Director" means the director of the Oregon Department of Energy.
- (3) "Household" means all individuals who reside in the place of residence, including all family members and roommates who are not related and not part of a separate lease agreement.
- (4) "Manufactured dwelling" means a factory-built residential structure constructed to federal manufactured housing construction safety standards and installed in accordance with an Oregon-approved installation code (see ORS 446.003). A manufactured dwelling is not a prefabricated structure as defined in ORS 455.010.
- (5) "Multifamily housing structure or facility" means a structure or facility that is established primarily to provide housing that provides three or more living units, and may also provide facilities that are functionally related and subordinate to the living units for use by the occupants in social, health, educational or recreational activities.
- (6) "Owner" means the legal owner of the structure at the time of the application for an incentive.
- (7) "Residential structure" means one of the following:
- (a) A detached one- or two-family dwelling;
- (b) A townhouse not more than three stories above grade plane in height;
- (c) A detached owner-occupied lodging house containing not more than five guest rooms; or
- (d) An accessory dwelling unit.
- (8) "Utility incentive" means financial assistance that lowers the capital cost of a residential or commercial structure or heat pump system and that is provided directly from an electric utility as defined in ORS 757.600 or from funds provided by the Energy Trust of Oregon pursuant to ORS 757.612.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 469.040, Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 669 (House Bill 5006)

RULE TITLE: Structure Eligibility

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RULE SUMMARY: OAR 330-260-020 outlines the requirements for applicants to be eligible for the incentives.

RULE TEXT:

To be eligible for incentives under these rules, an application must meet the following requirements:

- (1) The owner must be altering, restoring, or replacing a structure in Oregon determined by the local government as having been damaged or destroyed by wildfire between August 1 and September 30, 2020.
- (2) The local government must have approved one of the following:
- (a) A building permit application to alter, restore, or replace a structure; or
- (b) A site permit application for a manufactured dwelling.
- (3) The structure being altered, restored, or replaced must be:
- (a) A residential structure;
- (b) A manufactured dwelling;
- (c) A multifamily housing structure or facility; or
- (d) A commercial or public building.
- (4) An owner who completed the alteration, restoration, or replacement of a structure prior to applying to the incentive program is eligible for incentives, provided they meet all other applicable eligibility requirements.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 469.040, Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 669 (House Bill 5006)

RULE TITLE: Incentives for Residential Structures

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 $RULE\ SUMMARY:\ OAR\ 330-260-0030\ outlines\ the\ incentives\ available\ to\ eligible\ owners\ of\ residential\ structures.$

Owners of residential structures who rebuild to the

current version of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code receive a base incentive, while additional incentives are available to owners deemed to be of low- or moderate-income. Owners who build to a standard listed in the rules that is above the current energy code, or who participate in home energy efficiency programs listed in the rules, are eligible for a higher level of incentive. The rules also outline incentives for eligible accessory dwelling units.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) An owner that is altering or restoring an eligible residential structure, or replacing an eligible residential structure or manufactured dwelling with a residential structure, shall be eligible to receive an incentive of \$3,000 per eligible structure if:
- (a) The dwelling has been determined by a local government as being adequately served by water, sanitation and roads;
- (b) The dwelling is located within the same lot or parcel as the original dwelling being altered, restored, or replaced;
- (c) The alteration, restoration, or replacement is complete;
- (d) The dwelling meets the Oregon Residential Specialty Code in effect as specified in OAR 330-260-0030(5) and as administered by Oregon's Building Codes Division and local jurisdictions, including all energy efficiency requirements; and
- (e) The applicable local jurisdiction code official has verified the completion of the alteration, restoration, or replacement of the structure to the required building code including all energy efficiency requirements.
- (2) An owner that is altering or restoring an eligible residential structure, or replacing an eligible residential structure or manufactured dwelling with a residential structure, shall be eligible to receive an incentive of \$3,000 per eligible structure in addition to the amount they may be eligible to receive under OAR 330-260-0030(1) if:
- (a) The dwelling has been determined by a local government as being adequately served by water, sanitation and roads;
- (b) The dwelling is located within the same lot or parcel as the original dwelling being altered, restored, or replaced;
- (c) The alteration, restoration, or replacement is complete;
- (d) The dwelling meets the 2021 Oregon Residential Reach Code or is participating in a utility new homes energy efficiency program as specified in OAR 330-260-0030(6);
- (e) Any required utility inspections have been completed following completion of a utility new homes energy efficiency program; and
- (f) The applicable local jurisdiction code official has verified the completion of the alteration, restoration, or replacement of the structure to the required building code including energy efficiency standards.
- (3) An owner that demonstrates in their application they meet low- or moderate-income eligibility requirements specified in OAR 330-260-0060 shall be eligible for an additional incentive of \$4,500 if they qualify for an incentive under OAR 330-260-0030(1) but not (2).
- (4) An owner that demonstrates in their application they meet low- or moderate-income eligibility requirements specified in OAR 330-260-0060 shall be eligible for an additional incentive of \$9,000, if they qualify for an incentive under OAR 330-260-0030(2).
- (5)(a) For building permit applications submitted prior to April 1, 2021, the Oregon Residential Specialty Code in effect is the 2017 Oregon Residential Specialty Code.
- (b) For building permit applications submitted on or between April 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021, both the 2017 and 2021 Oregon Residential Specialty Code are considered in effect and are eligible to receive incentives.
- (c) For building permit applications submitted beginning October 1, 2021, the Oregon Residential Specialty Code in effect is the 2021 Oregon Residential Specialty Code.
- (6) Participating in one of the following above energy code programs qualifies the owner for an incentive under OAR

330-260-0030(2)(d):

- (a) Energy Trust of Oregon's Energy Performance Score Program.
- (b) Bonneville Power Administration's Single Family New Construction Performance Path.
- (c) Consumer Owned Utility energy efficiency new homes program verifying homes are 10 percent more energy efficient on a site energy consumption basis.
- (7) An owner that is altering or restoring an eligible residential structure, or replacing an eligible residential structure or manufactured dwelling with a residential structure, shall be eligible to receive an incentive of \$3,000 in addition to the amount they may be eligible to receive under OAR 330-260-0030(1) or OAR 330-260-0030(2) for each new accessory dwelling unit that meets the above current energy code building standard or is participating in a utility new homes energy efficiency program as specified in OAR 330-260-0030(6) that they build within the same property lot or parcel as the altered, restored, or replacement structure. A maximum of two incentives for accessory dwelling units can be applied for per application, unless the local jurisdiction permits fewer accessory dwelling units on a property, in which case the number of accessory dwelling units permitted per property is the maximum.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 469.040, Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 669 (House Bill 5006)

RULE TITLE: Incentives for Commercial and Public Buildings and Multifamily Housing

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RULE SUMMARY: OAR 330-260-0040 outlines the incentives available to owners of eligible commercial or public buildings, or multifamily housing structures or facilities. Owners of commercial or public buildings, or multifamily housing structures or facilities, who complete a commercial building energy efficiency program that is listed in the rules, are eligible for a higher level of incentive. The rules also outline an additional incentive for multifamily housing providing housing to low-income households.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) An owner that is altering, restoring, or replacing an eligible commercial or public building, or multifamily housing structure or facility shall be eligible to receive an incentive of \$3,000 per eligible structure if:
- (a) The structure is located within the same lot or parcel as the original structure being altered, restored, or replaced;
- (b) The alteration, restoration, or replacement is complete;
- (c) The structure meets the Oregon Structural Specialty Code in effect as specified by OAR 330-260-0040(5) and as administered by Oregon's Building Codes Division and local jurisdictions, including all energy efficiency requirements;
- (d) The commercial or public building, or multifamily housing structure or facility is 25,000 square feet or less in conditioned space; and
- (e) The applicable local jurisdiction code official has verified the completion of the alteration, restoration, or replacement of the structure to the required building code including all energy efficiency requirements.
- (2) An owner that is altering, restoring, or replacing an eligible commercial or public building, or multifamily housing structure or facility shall be eligible to receive an incentive of \$4,000 per eligible structure if:
- (a) The structure is located in the same lot or parcel as the original structure being altered, restored, or replaced;
- (b) The alteration, restoration, or replacement is complete;
- (c) The structure meets the Oregon Structural Specialty Code in effect as specified by OAR 330-260-0040(5) and as administered by Oregon's Building Codes Division and local jurisdictions, including all energy efficiency requirements;
- (d) The commercial or public building, or multifamily housing structure or facility is 25,001 square feet or more in conditioned space; and
- (e) The applicable local jurisdiction code official has verified the completion of the alteration, restoration, or replacement of the structure to the required building code including all energy efficiency requirements.
- (3) An owner of a multifamily housing structure or facility providing housing to low-income households may qualify for an additional incentive to any they may qualify for under OAR 330-260-0040(1) or (2). The incentive will be determined based upon the number of multifamily units in the designed structure being rebuilt. An incentive of \$500 per unit is available, not to exceed \$18,000 for the property.
- (4) To be a qualified multifamily housing structure or facility under OAR 330-260-0040(3), the owner or developer must be currently qualified under one of the following programs offered through the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department and be approved for an incentive by the Director of the Oregon Department of Energy:
- (a) A housing capital funding offering issued through a Notice of Funding Availability.
- (b) Low Income Housing Tax Credits.
- (c) Oregon Multifamily Energy Program.
- (d) Conduit/Pass-Through Revenue Bond Financing Program.
- (e) Local Innovation and Fast Track Housing Program.
- (f) Loan Guarantee Program and General Guarantee Program.
- (g) Oregon Rural Rehabilitation Loan Program.
- (h) Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program.
- (i) Wildfire programs developed via HB 5006 of the 2021 Oregon Legislative Session.
- (5)(a) For building permit applications submitted prior to October 1, 2021, the 2019 Oregon Zero Energy Ready

Commercial Code (OZERCC) or applicable statewide alternate methods is in effect.

- (b) For building permit applications submitted on or after October 1, 2021, the 2021 Oregon Energy Efficiency Specialty Code (OEESC) is in effect.
- (6) An owner that is altering, restoring, or replacing an eligible commercial or public building, or multifamily housing structure or facility shall be eligible to receive an incentive of \$5,000 per eligible structure, in addition to the amount they may be eligible to receive under OAR 330-260-0040(1) if:
- (a) The structure is located within the same lot or parcel as the original structure being altered, restored, or replaced;
- (b) The alteration, restoration, or replacement is complete;
- (c) The structure is participating in an above energy code building program, as specified in OAR 330-260-0040(8);
- (d) The commercial or public building, or multifamily housing structure or facility is 25,000 square feet or less in conditioned space;
- (e) Any required inspections have been completed following completion of an above energy code building program; and
- (f) The applicable local jurisdiction code official has verified the completion of the alteration, restoration, or replacement of the structure to the required building code including energy efficiency standards.
- (7) An owner that is altering, restoring, or replacing an eligible commercial or public building, or multifamily housing structure or facility shall be eligible to receive an incentive of \$6,000 per eligible structure in addition to the amount they may be eligible to receive under OAR 330-260-0040(2) if:
- (a) The structure is located within the same lot or parcel as the original structure being altered, restored, or replaced;
- (b) The alteration, restoration, or replacement is complete;
- (c) The structure is participating in an above energy code building program, as specified in OAR 330-260-0040(8); and
- (d) The commercial or public building, or multifamily housing structure or facility is 25,001 square feet or more in conditioned space;
- (e) Any required inspections have been completed following completion of an above energy code building program; and
- (f) The applicable local jurisdiction code official has verified the completion of the alteration, restoration, or replacement of the structure to the required building code including energy efficiency standards.
- (8) Qualifying above energy code building programs include:
- (a) Energy Trust of Oregon's New Buildings Program.
- (b) Bonneville Power Administration's Commercial New Multifamily Construction Program.
- (c) Consumer Owned Utility energy efficiency commercial programs verifying commercial structures are 10 percent more energy efficient or greater than code on a site energy consumption basis.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 469.040, Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 669 (House Bill 5006)

RULE TITLE: Incentives for Manufactured Dwellings

NOTICE FILED DATE: 11/24/2021

RULE SUMMARY: OAR 330-260-0050 outlines the incentives available to owners replacing a residential structure or manufactured home destroyed or damaged in the 2020 wildfires with a manufactured home. Owners who purchase a new manufactured home that meets or exceeds the NEEM 1.1 code for energy efficiency or who are participating in one out of a list of energy efficient manufactured home replacement programs are eligible for an incentive. Additionally the rule outlines that owners who install a qualifying heat pump in either a new or previously owned manufactured home purchased to replace a manufacture home or residential structures damaged of destroyed in the 2020 wildfires are eligible for an incentive.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) An owner replacing a destroyed or damaged manufactured dwelling or residential structure shall be eligible for an incentive of \$12,500 at the time of purchase of a new energy efficient manufactured dwelling if:
- (a) The new manufactured dwelling will be sited within Oregon; and
- (b) The new manufactured dwelling meets or exceeds the NEEM 1.1 code for energy efficiency, or the owner is participating in one of the following qualified energy efficient manufactured dwelling replacement programs:
- (A) Oregon Housing and Community Services Manufactured Home Replacement Loan Program.
- (B) Energy Trust of Oregon Manufactured Home Replacement Program.
- (C) Bonneville Power Administration's Manufactured Home Replacement Program.
- (D) Oregon Consumer Owned Utility new manufactured home program.
- (2) A new or previously owned manufactured dwelling purchased to replace a manufactured dwelling or residential structure damaged or destroyed in the 2020 wildfires may qualify for an incentive of up to \$5,000 for the installation of a new heat pump system, or by supplementing or replacing an existing heating system with a heat pump system.
- (a) The appropriate heat pump system type and sizing of the system must be determined by a qualified contractor.
- (b) The heat pump system must be installed by a qualified contractor, as outlined in OAR 330-260-0070.
- (c) The heat pump system must have a baseline efficiency of 9.0 HSPF, SEER of 14, and be properly sized to the structure.
- (d) Utility and Department incentives for installation of a new heat pump, supplementing or replacing an existing heating system may not exceed the installation cost of the system.
- (e) The manufactured dwelling must be sited within Oregon.
- (3) If a manufactured homeowner has replaced their manufactured home or upgraded the heating and cooling system with a heat pump system prior to applying for this incentive program, they shall be eligible to receive an incentive provided they meet all other applicable eligibility requirements.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 469.040, Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 669 (House Bill 5006)

RULE TITLE: Low- or Moderate-Income Eligibility

NOTICE FILED DATE: 11/24/2021

RULE SUMMARY: OAR 330-260-0060 details the methods by which a residential structure owner can provide proof of eligibility to receive a higher incentive under the program as a low- or moderate-income homeowner. These include ODOE verifying with Oregon Housing and Community Services that the homeowner is eligible for one out of a list of OHCS programs listed in the rules; the homeowner providing ODOE with an eligibility notice for one out of a list of programs administered by the Oregon Department of Human Services or the Oregon Health Authority listed in the rules; or the owner providing a tax transcript that demonstrates the household income is less than or equal to 100 percent of the state median income.

RULE TEXT:

To qualify for an incentive offered under the program for low- or moderate-income residential structure owners, the owner must provide proof of eligibility. Proof of eligibility must be provided in one of the following ways:

- (1) An owner will be considered eligible if the Department verifies with the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department that the owner, at the time of applying for an incentive, is eligible or was eligible in the three years prior to February 1, 2022, for one of the following Oregon Housing and Community Services Department programs:
- (a) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).
- (b) Oregon Energy Assistance Program (OEAP).
- (c) Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program (LIWAP).
- (2) An owner will be considered eligible if the owner provides the Department an eligibility notice for the owner's household for one of the following Oregon Department of Human Services or Oregon Health Authority programs that was received during the seven months prior to applying for an incentive with the Oregon Department of Energy:
- (a) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- (b) Oregon Health Plan (OHP) (Medicaid).
- (c) Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP; this option is available only for households consisting of six or fewer people).
- (3) An owner will be considered eligible if they provide the Department with either an Oregon Department of Revenue tax transcript or US Internal Revenue Service tax transcript for each tax filer residing at the household for the most recent tax filing year immediately preceding the current year, or the transcript for the year prior if the tax return for the most recent tax filing year has not yet been filed, that demonstrates their household income is less than or equal to 100 percent of state median income adjusted for household size.
- (4) An owner will be considered eligible if the Department verifies the owner meets the incentive program's low- or moderate-income eligibility requirements or equivalent income levels with an organization, such as a local community action agency, that the Department has established an agreement with. Methods by which an organization that the Department has established an agreement with may verify a person meets the requirements in OAR 330-260-0060 or demonstrates equivalent income levels will be established in the agreement between organization and Department.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 469.040, Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 669 (House Bill 5006)

RULE TITLE: HVAC Contractor Participation and Eligibility

NOTICE FILED DATE: 11/24/2021

RULE SUMMARY: OAR 330-260-0070 details how a contractor can participate in the incentive program to assist the owner of a manufactured home install a new heat pump system and the requirements for a contractor to be eligible to do this.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) To participate in the incentive program and offer to install a heat pump in a rebuilding manufactured home, a contractor must meet the eligibility requirements provided in these rules.
- (2) A contractor that installs a heat pump system must hold any license, bond, insurance, or permit required to install a heat pump system and submit any requested appropriate documentation to the Department to be eligible to participate in the program. The contractor performing the installation must maintain all applicable licenses, bonds, insurance or permits throughout the construction, installation, and warranty period. Identification on one of the following lists can substitute for the need to submit appropriate documentation:
- (a) The contractor is listed as an Energy Trust of Oregon heat pump trade ally who is currently eligible to apply for Energy Trust of Oregon incentives on behalf of customers.
- (b) The contractor is identified as an approved heat pump installer on a list maintained by a consumer owned electric utility as defined in ORS 757.600 serving customers in one of the 2020 wildfire impacted areas.
- (c) The contractor is identified as an approved ductless heat pump installer on a list maintained by the NW Ductless Heat Pump Project serving customers in one of the 2020 wildfire impacted areas.
- (3) The Department reserves the right to verify all applicable licenses, bonds, insurance, permits or certifications of a contractor at any time, including a contractor's status with utility or energy efficiency programs.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 469.040, Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 669 (House Bill 5006)

RULE TITLE: Incentive Application

NOTICE FILED DATE: 11/24/2021

RULE SUMMARY: OAR 330-260-0080 specifies the application requirements including timelines and the information required of applicants.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) The Department may begin accepting wildfire rebuilding incentive applications March 28, 2022. The Department may continue to accept new incentive applications throughout the duration of the program until all funds allocated to the program have been committed or prior to June 1, 2023, whichever comes first.
- (2) An incentive application must be submitted using a form specified by the Department, be completed in full, and include the following at a minimum:
- (a) Structure owner's name.
- (b) Site address.
- (c) Mailing address (if different from site address).
- (d) Telephone number and email address of owner when possible.
- (e) Type of structure being rebuilt.
- (f) The incentives being applied for.
- (g) Building permit number, project tracking, sales or identification number, if applicable.
- (h) If applicable, evidence the Department deems sufficient to demonstrate applicant meets requirements under OAR 330-260-0060 to be eligible for low-income incentives.
- (i) If applicable, evidence the Department deems sufficient to demonstrate compliance with above code energy standards or participation in a utility new homes energy efficiency program.
- (j) If applicable, evidence the Department deems sufficient to demonstrate eligibility for the incentive available under OAR 330-260-0050(1) for the purchase of a new energy efficient manufactured dwelling.
- (k) Other information and documentation requested by the Department that is necessary to process and verify the application.
- (3) In addition to the information requested in OAR 330-260-0080(2), the following information is also required on an application for an incentive for heat pump system installation in a manufactured dwelling:
- (a) Appropriate information regarding existing heating system.
- (b) Proposed heat pump system including its efficiency and configuration.
- (c) Total installed cost.
- (d) If applicable, participation in a utility heat pump program and utility incentives received.
- (e) Other information and documentation requested by the Department that is necessary to process and verify the application.
- (4) The Department reserves the right to request additional information or documentation that the Department deems necessary to process and verify the application.
- (5) The Department may require a response to any request for additional information or documentation within 30 days of the Department's correspondence. If the applicant does not respond within 30 days the applicant may lose their reserved funds.
- (6) A structure must have a rebuilding permit and application submitted to the Oregon Department of Energy prior to June 1, 2023, to receive an incentive.
- (7) The Department reserves the right to verify all applicable licenses, bonds, insurance, permits, or certifications of a contractor or owner at any time.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 469.040, Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 669 (House Bill 5006)

RULE TITLE: Incentive Reservation Process

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RULE SUMMARY: OAR 330-260-0090 outlines at what point in the process an incentive is reserved and the process by which an incentive application may be amended.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) If the necessary funds are available the Department shall reserve the requested incentive for the owner upon receipt of a complete application form.
- (2) An owner may amend the requested incentive.
- (3) An incentive amendment application must be received prior to the Department distributing funds to the owner or prior to June 1, 2023, whichever is earliest.
- (4) The Department shall review applications to ensure all requested information is included before any incentive is released. The Department reserves the right to request additional information or documentation that the Department deems necessary to process and verify the application.
- (5) An amended incentive application must be submitted in the manner specified by the Department and include the following at a minimum:
- (a) Structure owner's name.
- (b) Site address.
- (c) Mailing address (if different from site address).
- (d) Telephone number and email address of owner when possible.
- (e) Type of structure being rebuilt.
- (f) The changes to the incentives being applied for.
- (g) Building permit number, project tracking, sales or identification number, if applicable.
- (h) Other information and documentation requested by the Department that is necessary to process and verify the change in the application.
- (6) Any increase in the level of incentive applied for is subject to the availability of funds at the date the amended application is received.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 469.040, Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 669 (House Bill 5006)

RULE TITLE: Completion and Verification

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RULE SUMMARY: OAR 330-260-0100 specifies that before an incentive will be paid out by the Department, a property owner must receive occupancy approval and notify the Department that the owner's structure has been rebuilt. The rule also specifies that before an incentive will be paid out by the Department, the Department must have received proof of occupancy from the local jurisdiction and any required verification by a utility company. The rule establishes deadline for project completion and notification to ODOE in order for an owner to receive an incentive.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) To receive the incentive the owner must notify the Department that the eligible structure has been rebuilt to the specified building code and energy efficiency requirements, and received occupancy approval by local jurisdiction code officials.
- (2) The rebuilding incentive will be available following Department receipt of proof of occupancy by local jurisdiction code officials and any required verification of completion by a utility company if the owner is participating in an above energy code utility program.
- (3) After Department receipt of proof of the completion and verification, from the Department, electric utility, local jurisdiction code official, or state agency representative of installation of a qualifying manufactured home, or qualifying heat pump installation in a replacement manufactured home, the owner may receive their eligible incentive.
- (4) To receive an incentive, the project must be complete and the Department must receive notification prior to December 1, 2024.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 469.040, Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 669 (House Bill 5006) STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 669 (House Bill 5006)

RULE TITLE: Compliance

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RULE SUMMARY: OAR 330-260-0110 details an owner's responsibilities with respect to: compliance with building code; utility verification inspections; and incorporation of energy efficiency measures. The rule also specifies that ODOE retains the right to inspect projects and to audit documentation for projects receiving an incentive and outlines Department procedures regarding compliance with incentive program rules.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) The owner, or their contractor representative, are responsible for completing all required building code inspections and incorporating all energy efficiency measures included in the original, or amended, plan designs.
- (2) The owner, or their contractor representative, are responsible for completing all required utility verification inspections to participate in utility above code energy efficiency programs.
- (3) The Department reserves the right to conduct a physical inspection of all sites that have received an incentive and to audit all documentation relating to a project receiving an incentive.
- (4) The Director may order the revocation of an incentive or portion of an incentive under the program if the Director finds that the incentive was obtained by fraud or misrepresentation, or by mistake or miscalculation by the applicant or Department. As soon as the order of revocation becomes final, the Department shall proceed to recover the incentive or portion of the incentive that is subject to the order of revocation. All moneys provided to an owner or contractor attributable to the fraudulently or mistakenly obtained incentive or portion of the incentive shall be forfeited.
- (5) A person aggrieved by a decision of the Director to revoke or reduce the amount of an incentive may request a contested case hearing under ORS Chapter 183 (Administrative Procedures Act).

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 469.040, Oregon Laws 2021, chapter 669 (House Bill 5006)