

only by a road or highway) under one ownership shall be considered as one farm or forest operation. The mere fact that small parcels exist does not in itself constitute irrevocable commitment. Small parcels in separate ownerships are more likely to be irrevocably committed if the parcels are developed, clustered in a large group or clustered around a road designed to serve these parcels. Small parcels in separate ownerships are not likely to be irrevocably committed if they stand alone amidst larger farm or forest operations, or are buffered from such operations.

(d) Neighborhood and regional characteristics;

(e) Natural or man-made features or other impediments separating the exception area from adjacent resource land. Such features or impediments include but are not limited to roads, watercourses, utility lines, easements, or rights-of-way that effectively impede practicable resource use of all or part of the exception area;

(f) Physical development according to OAR 660-004-0025; and
(g) Other relevant factors.

(7) The evidence submitted to support any committed exception shall, at a minimum, include a current map, or aerial photograph which shows the exception area and adjoining lands, and any other means needed to convey information about the factors set forth in this rule. For example, a local government may use tables, charts, summaries, or narratives to supplement the maps or photos. The applicable factors set forth in section (6) of this rule shall be shown on the map or aerial photograph.

(8) The requirement for a map or aerial photograph in section (7) of this rule only applies to the following committed exceptions:

(a) Those adopted or amended as required by a Continuance Order dated after the effective date of section (7) of this rule; and

(b) Those adopted or amended after the effective date of section (7) of this rule by a jurisdiction with an acknowledged comprehensive plan and land use regulations.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 183 & ORS 197

Stats. Implemented: ORS 197.732 & ORS 197.736

Hist.: LCDC 5-1982, f. & ef. 7-21-82; LCDC 9-1983, f. & ef. 12-30-83; LCDC 5-1985, f. & ef. 11-15-85; LCDC 4-1996, f. & cor. ef. 12-23-96

660-004-0030

Notice and Adoption of an Exception

(1) Goal 2 requires that each notice of a public hearing on a proposed exception shall specifically note that a goal exception is proposed and shall summarize the issues in an understandable manner.

(2) A planning exception takes effect when the comprehensive plan or plan amendment is adopted by the city or county governing body. Adopted exceptions will be reviewed by the Commission when the comprehensive plan is reviewed for compliance with the goals, when a plan amendment is reviewed pursuant to OAR chapter 660, division 18, or when a periodic review is conducted pursuant to ORS 197.640.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 197

Stats. Implemented: ORS 197.610 - 197.625, 197.628 - 197.646 & ORS 197.732

Hist.: LCDC 5-1982, f. & ef. 7-21-82; LCDC 9-1983, f. & ef. 12-30-83

660-004-0035

Appeal of an Exception

(1) Prior to acknowledgment, an exception, or the failure to take a required exception, may be appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals, pursuant to ORS 197.830, or to the Commission as an objection to the local government's request for acknowledgment, pursuant to ORS 197.251 and OAR 660-003-0000.

(2) After acknowledgment, an exception taken as part of a plan amendment, or the failure to take a required exception when amending a plan, may be appealed to the Board, pursuant to ORS 197.620 and OAR chapter 660, division 18.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 197

Stats. Implemented: ORS 197.610 - ORS 197.625, ORS 197.732 & ORS 197.830

Hist.: LCDC 5-1982, f. & ef. 7-21-82; LCDC 9-1983, f. & ef. 12-30-83

660-004-0040

Application of Goal 14 (Urbanization) to Rural Residential Areas

(1) The purpose of this rule is to specify how Statewide Planning Goal 14, *Urbanization*, applies to rural lands in acknowledged exception areas planned for residential uses.

(2)(a) This rule applies to lands that are not within an urban growth boundary, that are planned and zoned primarily for residential uses, and for which an exception to Statewide Planning Goal 3,

(*Agricultural Lands*), Goal 4 (*Forest Lands*), or both has been taken. Such lands are referred to in this rule as rural residential areas.

(b) Sections (1) to (8) of this rule do not apply to the creation of a lot or parcel, or to the development or use of one single-family home on such lot or parcel, where the application for partition or subdivision was filed with the local government and deemed to be complete in accordance with ORS 215.427(3) before the effective date of Sections (1) to (8) of this rule.

(c) This rule does not apply to types of land listed in (A) through (H) of this subsection:

(A) Land inside an acknowledged urban growth boundary;

(B) Land inside an acknowledged unincorporated community boundary established pursuant to OAR chapter 660, division 022;

(C) Land in an acknowledged urban reserve area established pursuant to OAR chapter 660, division 021;

(D) Land in an acknowledged destination resort established pursuant to applicable land use statutes and goals;

(E) Resource land, as defined in OAR 660-004-0005(2);

(F) Nonresource land, as defined in OAR 660-004-0005(3);

(G) Marginal land, as defined in ORS 197.247, 1991 Edition;

(H) Land planned and zoned primarily for rural industrial, commercial, or public use.

(3)(a) This rule shall take effect on the effective date of an amendment to Goal 14 to provide for development of all lawfully created lots and parcels created in rural residential areas prior to the effective date of the amendment to Goal 14.

(b) Some rural residential areas have been reviewed for compliance with Goal 14 and acknowledged to comply with that goal by the department or commission in a periodic review, acknowledgment, or post-acknowledgment plan amendment proceeding that occurred after the Oregon Supreme Court's 1986 ruling in *1000 Friends of Oregon v. LCDC, 301 Or 447 (Curry County)*, and before the effective date of this rule. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to require a local government to amend its acknowledged comprehensive plan or land use regulations for those rural residential areas already acknowledged to comply with Goal 14 in such a proceeding. However, if such a local government later amends its plan's provisions or land use regulations that apply to any rural residential area, it shall do so in accordance with this rule.

(4) The rural residential areas described in Subsection (2)(a) of this rule are rural lands. Division and development of such lands are subject to Statewide Planning Goal 14, *Urbanization*, which prohibits urban use of rural lands.

(5)(a) A rural residential zone currently in effect shall be deemed to comply with Goal 14 if that zone requires any new lot or parcel to have an area of at least two acres.

(b) A rural residential zone does not comply with Goal 14 if that zone allows the creation of any new lots or parcels smaller than two acres. For such a zone, a local government must either amend the zone's minimum lot and parcel size provisions to require a minimum of at least two acres or take an exception to Goal 14. Until a local government amends its land use regulations to comply with this subsection, any new lot or parcel created in such a zone must have an area of at least two acres.

(c) For purposes of this section, "rural residential zone currently in effect" means a zone applied to a rural residential area, in effect on the effective date of this rule, and acknowledged to comply with the statewide planning goals.

(6) After the effective date of this rule, a local government's requirements for minimum lot or parcel sizes in rural residential areas shall not be amended to allow a smaller minimum for any individual lot or parcel without taking an exception to Goal 14.

(7)(a) The creation of any new lot or parcel smaller than two acres in a rural residential area shall be considered an urban use. Such a lot or parcel may be created only if an exception to Goal 14 is taken. This subsection shall not be construed to imply that creation of new lots or parcels two acres or larger always complies with Goal 14. The question of whether the creation of such lots or parcels complies with Goal 14 depends upon compliance with all provisions of this rule.

(b) Each local government must specify a minimum area for any new lot or parcel that is to be created in a rural residential area. For the purposes of this rule, that minimum area shall be referred to as the minimum lot size.

(c) If, on the effective date of this rule, a local government's land use regulations specify a minimum lot size of two acres or more, the area of any new lot or parcel shall equal or exceed that *minimum lot size* which is already in effect.

(d) If, on the effective date of this rule, a local government's land use regulations specify a minimum lot size smaller than two acres, the area of any new lot or parcel created shall equal or exceed two acres.

(e) A local government may authorize a planned unit development (PUD), specify the size of lots or parcels by averaging density across a parent parcel, or allow clustering of new dwellings in a rural residential area only if all conditions set forth in paragraphs (7)(e)(A) through (7)(e)(H) are met:

(A) The number of new dwelling units to be clustered or developed as a PUD does not exceed 10.

(B) The number of new lots or parcels to be created does not exceed 10.

(C) None of the new lots or parcels will be smaller than two acres.

(D) The development is not to be served by a new community sewer system.

(E) The development is not to be served by any new extension of a sewer system from within an urban growth boundary or from within an unincorporated community.

(F) The overall density of the development will not exceed one dwelling for each unit of acreage specified in the local government's land use regulations on the effective date of this rule as the minimum lot size for the area.

(G) Any group or cluster of two or more dwelling units will not force a significant change in accepted farm or forest practices on nearby lands devoted to farm or forest use and will not significantly increase the cost of accepted farm or forest practices there.

(H) For any open space or common area provided as a part of the cluster or planned unit development under this subsection, the owner shall submit proof of nonrevocable deed restrictions recorded in the deed records. The deed restrictions shall preclude all future rights to construct a dwelling on the lot, parcel, or tract designated as open space or common area for as long as the lot, parcel, or tract remains outside an urban growth boundary.

(f) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a local government shall not allow more than one permanent single-family dwelling to be placed on a lot or parcel in a rural residential area. Where a medical hardship creates a need for a second household to reside temporarily on a lot or parcel where one dwelling already exists, a local government may authorize the temporary placement of a manufactured dwelling or recreational vehicle.

(g) In rural residential areas, the establishment of a new mobile home park or manufactured dwelling park as defined in ORS 446.003(32) shall be considered an urban use if the density of manufactured dwellings in the park exceeds the density for residential development set by this rule's requirements for minimum lot and parcel sizes. Such a park may be established only if an exception to Goal 14 is taken.

(h) A local government may allow the creation of a new parcel or parcels smaller than a minimum lot size required under subsections (a) through (d) of this section without an exception to Goal 14 only if the conditions described in paragraphs (A) through (D) of this subsection exist:

(A) The parcel to be divided has two or more permanent habitable dwellings on it;

(B) The permanent habitable dwellings on the parcel to be divided were established there before the effective date of this rule;

(C) Each new parcel created by the partition would have at least one of those permanent habitable dwellings on it; and

(D) The partition would not create any vacant parcels on which a new dwelling could be established.

(E) For purposes of this rule, *habitable dwelling* means a dwelling that meets the criteria set forth in ORS 215.283(t)(A)-(t)(D).

(i) For rural residential areas designated after the effective date of this rule, the affected county shall either:

(A) Require that any new lot or parcel have an area of at least ten acres, or

(B) Establish a minimum size of at least two acres for new lots or parcels in accordance with the requirements of Section (6). The

minimum lot size adopted by the county shall be consistent with OAR 660-004-0018, "Planning and Zoning for Exception Areas."

(8)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7 of this rule, divisions of rural residential land within one mile of an urban growth boundary for any city or urban area listed in paragraphs (A) through (E) of this subsection shall be subject to the provisions of subsections (8)(b) and (8)(c).

(A) Ashland;

(B) Central Point;

(C) Medford;

(D) Newberg;

(E) Sandy.

(b) If a city or urban area listed in Subsection (8)(a):

(A) Has an urban reserve area that contains at least a twenty-year reserve of land and that has been acknowledged to comply with OAR 660, division 021; or

(B) Is part of a regional growth plan that contains at least a twenty-year regional reserve of land beyond the land contained within the collective urban growth boundaries of the participating cities, and that has been acknowledged through the process prescribed for Regional Problem Solving in ORS 197.652 through 197.658; then any division of rural residential land in that reserve area shall be done in accordance with the acknowledged urban reserve ordinance or acknowledged regional growth plan.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7 of this rule, if any part of a lot or parcel to be divided is less than one mile from an urban growth boundary for a city or urban area listed in Subsection (8)(a), and if that city or urban area does not have an urban reserve area acknowledged to comply with OAR 660, division 021, or is not part of an acknowledged regional growth plan as described in Subsection (b), Paragraph (B), of this section, the minimum area of any new lot or parcel there shall be ten acres.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7, if the Portland metropolitan service district has an urban reserve area that contains at least a twenty-year reserve of land and that has been acknowledged to comply with OAR 660, division 021, any division of rural residential land in that reserve area shall be done in accordance with the acknowledged urban reserve ordinance.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7, if any part of a lot or parcel to be divided is less than one mile from the urban growth boundary for the Portland metropolitan area and is in a rural residential area, and if the Portland metropolitan area does not have an urban reserve area that contains at least a twenty-year reserve of land and that has been acknowledged to comply with OAR 660, division 021, the minimum area of any new lot or parcel there shall be twenty acres. If the lot or parcel to be divided also lies within the area governed by the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, the division shall be done in accordance with the provisions of that act.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7 and Subsection (8)(c), a local government may establish minimum area requirements smaller than twenty acres for some of the lands described in Subsection (8)(e). The selection of those lands and the minimum established for them shall be based on an analysis of the likelihood that such lands will urbanize, of their current parcel and lot sizes, and of the capacity of local governments to serve such lands efficiently with urban services at the densities set forth in the Metro 2040 plan. In no case shall the minimum area requirement set for such lands be smaller than 10 acres.

(g) A local government may allow the creation of a new parcel, or parcels, smaller than a minimum lot size required under subsections (a) through (f) of this section without an exception to Goal 14 only if the conditions described in paragraphs (A) through (E) of this subsection exist:

(A) The parcel to be divided has two or more permanent, habitable dwellings on it;

(B) The permanent, habitable dwellings on the parcel to be divided were established there before the effective date of OAR 660-004-0040;

(C) Each new parcel created by the partition would have at least one of those permanent, habitable dwellings on it;

(D) The partition would not create any vacant parcels on which new dwellings could be established; and

(E) The resulting parcels shall be sized to promote efficient future urban development by ensuring that one of the parcels is the

minimum size necessary to accommodate the residential use of the parcel.

(F) For purposes of this rule, habitable dwelling means a dwelling that meets the criteria set forth in ORS 215.283(1)(t)(A)-(D).

(9) The development, placement, or use of one single-family dwelling on a lot or parcel lawfully created in an acknowledged rural residential area is allowed under this rule and Goal 14, subject to all other applicable laws.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 183 & ORS 197
 Stats. Implemented: ORS 197.040, 197.230, 197.245, 215.700, 215.705, 215.720, 215.740, 215.750, 215.780 & Ch. 792, 1993 OL
 Hist.: LCDD 7-2000, f. 6-30-00, cert. ef. 10-4-00; LCDD 3-2001, f. & cert. ef. 4-3-01

DIVISION 6

GOAL 4 FOREST LANDS

660-006-0000

Purpose

(1) The purpose of the Forest Lands Goal is to conserve forest lands and to carry out the legislative policy of ORS 215.700.

(2) To accomplish the purpose of conserving forest lands, the governing body shall:

(a) Designate forest lands on the comprehensive plan map as forest lands consistent with Goal 4 and OAR 660, division 6;

(b) Zone forest lands for uses allowed pursuant to OAR chapter 660, division 6 on designated forest lands; and

(c) Adopt plan policies consistent with OAR chapter 660, division 6.

(3) This rule provides for a balance between the application of Goal 3 "Agricultural Lands" and Goal 4 "Forest Lands," because of the extent of lands that may be designated as either agricultural or forest land.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 183, ORS 197.040, ORS 197.230 & ORS 197.245
 Stats. Implemented: ORS 197.040, 197.230, 197.245, 215.700, 215.705, 215.720, 215.740, 215.750, 215.780 & Ch. 792, 1993 OL
 Hist.: LCDC 8-1982, f. & ef. 9-1-82; LCDC 1-1990, f. & cert. ef. 2-5-90; LCDC 1-1994, f. & cert. ef. 3-1-94

660-006-0003

Applicability

(1) OAR chapter 660, division 6 applies to all forest lands as defined by Goal 4.

(2) Governing bodies shall amend their comprehensive plan and land use regulations to comply with requirements of OAR 660-006-0035(2) and 660-006-0040 by September 6, 1994.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 183, ORS 197.040, ORS 197.230 & ORS 197.245
 Stats. Implemented: ORS 197.040, 197.230, 197.245, 215.700, 215.705, 215.720, 215.740, 215.750, 215.780 & Ch. 792, 1993 OL
 Hist.: LCDC 1-1990, f. & cert. ef. 2-5-90; LCDC 7-1992, f. & cert. ef. 12-10-92; LCDC 1-1994, f. & cert. ef. 3-1-94

660-006-0004

Notice of Decision in Forest Zones

Governing bodies shall provide the following types of notice:

(1) Notice of all applications for dwellings and land divisions in forest and agriculture/forest zones shall be provided to the Department of Land Conservation and Development at the Salem office. Notice shall be in accordance with the governing body's acknowledged comprehensive plan and land use regulations, and shall be mailed at least ten calendar days prior to the hearing or decision being made.

(2) Notice of proposed actions described in section (1) of this rule shall be provided as required by procedures for notice contained in ORS 197.763 and 215.402 to 215.438.

(3) The provisions of sections (1) and (2) of this rule are repealed on September 6, 1995.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 183, ORS 197.040, ORS 197.230 & ORS 197.245
 Stats. Implemented: ORS 197.040, 197.230, 197.245, 215.700, 215.705, 215.720, 215.740, 215.750, 215.780 & Ch. 792, 1993 OL
 Hist.: LCDC 1-1990, f. & cert. ef. 2-5-90; LCDC 1-1994, f. & cert. ef. 3-1-94

660-006-0005

Definitions

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

(1) Definitions contained in ORS 197.015 and the Statewide Planning Goals.

(2) "Cubic Foot Per Acre" means the average annual increase in cubic foot volume of wood fiber per acre for fully stocked stands at the culmination of mean annual increment as reported by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Where NRCS data are not available or are shown to be inaccurate, an alternative method for determining productivity may be used. An alternative method must provide equivalent data and be approved by the Department of Forestry.

(3) "Cubic Foot Per Tract Per Year" means the average annual increase in cubic foot volume of wood fiber per tract for fully stocked stands at the culmination of mean annual increment as reported by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service. Where NRCS data are not available or are shown to be inaccurate, an alternative method for determining productivity may be used. An alternative method must provide equivalent data and be approved by the Department of Forestry.

(4) "Date of Creation and Existence." When a lot, parcel or tract is reconfigured pursuant to applicable law after November 4, 1993, the effect of which is to qualify a lot, parcel or tract for the siting of a dwelling, the date of the reconfiguration is the date of creation or existence. Reconfigured means any change in the boundary of the lot, parcel, or tract.

(5) "Eastern Oregon" means that portion of the state lying east of a line beginning at the intersection of the northern boundary of the State of Oregon and the western boundary of Wasco County, then south along the western boundaries of the counties of Wasco, Jefferson, Deschutes and Klamath to the southern boundary of the State of Oregon.

(6) "Forest Operation" means any commercial activity relating to the growing or harvesting of any forest tree species as defined in ORS 527.620(6).

(7) "Governing Body" means a city council, county board of commissioners, or county court or its designate, including planning director, hearings officer, planning commission or as provided by Oregon law.

(8) "Western Oregon" means that portion of the state lying west of a line beginning at the intersection of the northern boundary of the State of Oregon and the western boundary of Wasco County, then south along the western boundaries of the counties of Wasco, Jefferson, Deschutes and Klamath to the southern boundary of the State of Oregon.

(9) "Lot" shall have the meaning set forth in ORS 92.010 and "parcel" shall have the meaning set forth ORS 215.010.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 183, 197.040, ORS 197.230 & ORS 197.245
 Stats. Implemented: ORS 197.040, 197.230, 197.245, 215.700, 215.705, 215.720, 215.740, 215.750, 215.780 & Ch. 792, 1993 OL
 Hist.: LCDC 8-1982, f. & ef. 9-1-82; LCDC 1-1990, f. & cert. ef. 2-5-90; LCDC 7-1992, f. & cert. ef. 12-10-92; LCDC 1-1994, f. & cert. ef. 3-1-94; LCDD 2-1998, f. & cert. ef. 6-1-98; LCDD 5-2000, f. & cert. ef. 4-24-00

660-006-0010

Inventory

Governing bodies shall include an inventory of "forest lands" as defined by Goal 4 in the comprehensive plan. Lands inventoried as Goal 3 agricultural lands or lands for which an exception to Goal 4 is justified pursuant to ORS 197.732 and taken are not required to be inventoried under this rule. Outside urban growth boundaries, this inventory shall include a mapping of forest site class. If site information is not available then an equivalent method of determining forest land suitability must be used. Notwithstanding this rule, governing bodies are not required to reinventory forest lands if such an inventory was acknowledged previously by the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 183 & ORS 197
 Stats. Implemented: ORS 197.040, 197.230, 197.245, 215.700, 215.705, 215.720, 215.740, 215.750, 215.780 & Ch. 792, 1993 OL
 Hist.: LCDC 8-1982, f. & ef. 9-1-82; LCDC 1-1990, f. & cert. ef. 2-5-90

660-006-0015

Plan Designation Outside an Urban Growth Boundary

(1) Lands inventoried as forest lands must be designated in the comprehensive plan and implemented with a zone which conserves forest lands consistent with OAR chapter 660, division 6, unless an exception to Goal 4 is taken pursuant to ORS 197.732, the forest lands are marginal lands pursuant to ORS 197.247 (1991 Edition), or the land is zoned with an Exclusive Farm Use Zone pursuant to