

A NOTICE FROM

Oregon's Department of Land Conservation and Development

On August 5, 1999, the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) is expected to adopt amendments to Statewide Planning Goal 17, *Coastal Shorelands*. The commission has determined that these amendments will affect the permissible uses of property in your jurisdiction and may reduce the value of subject property.

The Goal 17 amendments are available for inspection at the Department of Land Conservation and Development, located at 635 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150, Salem, Oregon 97301-2540. A copy of the amendments also is available from DLCD at no charge.

For additional information, contact the Department of Land Conservation and Development at 503 373-0050. Thank you for your attention.



A few words of explanation

Last year, Oregon's voters passed a new law (Ballot Measure 56) about notification to land owners. It requires that notices like the one above be mailed to affected land owners when a change in state laws or rules might limit use of their property. The new law requires certain wording in the notice that may cause confusion. We hope the explanation below will help to clarify things.

First, Measure 56 requires the above notice to say that LCDC has determined the Goal 17 amendments ". . . will affect the permissible uses of property." But Oregon has more than a million lots and parcels of land. LCDC has no way of knowing whether the Goal 17 amendments really will affect the use of *your* property. The best way to find that out is to contact your local planning department.

Second, the law requires LCDC to send the above notice to all local governments. Local officials then must mail a copy of the notice to certain land owners whose property might be affected by the change in land-use regulations. But local governments often cannot know exactly whose property will be affected or how it will be affected. They may inadvertently send notices to some people whose land will not be affected. Your getting this notice does not necessarily mean the changes to Goal 17 will affect your property. Again, the best way to find out is to contact your local planning department.

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Third, Measure 56 requires the above notice to say that LCDC has determined the Goal 17 amendments “. . . may reduce the value of subject property.” But LCDC has no way to know how these amendments might affect the value of your property. In spite of the wording in the notice above, LCDC believes the Goal 17 amendments actually will *increase* the value of most properties affected by them.

Finally, Measure 56 requires us to send the above notice to *all* cities and counties in Oregon when actions like these Goal 17 amendments are taken. But Goal 17 affects only cities and counties along Oregon’s coast. Cities and counties not affected by these amendments need not mail this notice to any land owners. The Department of Land Conservation and Development has determined that only the cities and counties listed below would be affected by the Goal 17 amendments:

Counties	Cities		
Clatsop	Astoria	Florence	North Bend
Coos	Bandon	Garibaldi	Reedsport
Curry	Bay City	Gold Beach	Tillamook
Douglas	Brookings	Lincoln City	Toledo
Lane	Coos Bay	Myrtle Point	Waldport
Lincoln	Coquille	Nehalem	Warrenton
Tillamook	Depoe Bay	Newport	Wheeler

Local officials with questions about how Measure 56 applies to their city or county should consult their local legal counsel.

About the Goal 17 Amendments . . .

On August 5, 1999, LCDC will consider and possibly adopt changes to the program that manages development of water-dependent shorelands on the coast. The proposed changes include amendments to Goal 17 and a new set of administrative rules for Goal 17 (Chapter 660, Division 37). The changes will affect uses permitted on certain properties in coastal areas. The proposed changes, if adopted, will take effect when they are filed with the Secretary of State. That will occur on or about August 12, 1999.

Affected local governments and interested persons have received earlier drafts of the proposed changes. A third and final set of draft changes will be distributed in early July. Copies of the proposed Goal 17 amendments and rules are available at no charge from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). The department’s lead staff person on this project is Don Oswalt. You may reach him at 503 373-0050x248. His fax number is 503 378-5518; e-mail don.oswalt@state.or.us. Please visit our Goal 17 web site at <http://www.lcd.state.or.us/coast/eswd/eswdhome.htm>. □

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