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LCDC adopts rules to clarify and streamline UGB amendment process

SALEM – The Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) adopted new rules Thursday interpreting Statewide Planning Goal 14 (Urbanization) regarding local government urban growth boundary (UGB) amendments. The action by LCDC came during a regular meeting on Oct. 4-6 in Bend.

The adoption of the new rules culminated more than two years of work to clarify and streamline the UGB amendment process. LCDC held 12 public hearings during that time.

All cities in Oregon are surrounded by a UGB, adopted as a part of a local comprehensive land use plan. UGBs designate a 20-year land supply for urban growth. The adopted rules will take effect on April 5, 2007, but local governments can choose to apply the rules immediately.

In 2004, the Commission appointed a 24-member advisory work group to draft the new rules. The members represented cities, counties and a wide variety of citizens and interested organizations.

One of the main ingredients of the proposed new rules is a series of “safe harbors,” intended to save local governments time and cost in meeting state laws and requirements for UGB amendments.

“This is an important step by LCDC and demonstrates our commitment to streamline and clarify the state land use program,” said Lane Shetterly, Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development.

In adopting the new UGB rules, the Commission also indicated several UGB issues it would like to resolve in the near future.

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