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TO: The Honorable Peter Courtney, President of the Senate
The Honorable Tina Kotek, Speaker of the House

FROM: Jim Rue, Director,
Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)

SUBJECT: Notice of Proposed New and Amended Rules

The Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) is considering new administrative rules and amendments to existing rules in order to establish an alternative, streamlined process to evaluate or amend urban growth boundaries (UGB). The new and amended rules will implement legislation enacted by the 2013 Oregon Legislature, HB 2254 (now codified as ORS 197A), which required LCDC to adopt administrative rules establishing the new UGB process by January 1, 2016. The new statutes under ORS 197A require rules for the new alternative process, but also require some changes to the existing UGB process in rules under OAR 660, division 24.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) is soliciting public comment regarding proposed new rules and rule amendments. The new rules will be adopted as OAR 660, division 38, and the amended rules are under OAR 660, division 24. A draft of the proposed rules and other notices and fiscal statements will be available September 10, 2015, on DLCD's website at http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/Pages/UGB-Streamlining.aspx#Key_Documents.

LCDC will hold its first public hearing on September 24, 2015, in order to receive public comment regarding the proposed new rules and rule amendments. Interested persons may provide oral testimony to LCDC regarding the proposed rule amendments at this hearing, and are encouraged to send written comments in advance of the hearing. Oral and written testimony will be accepted until the close of the hearing. A second public hearing will be scheduled for LCDC's December 3-4, 2015 meeting, in Salem. LCDC will not adopt the proposed rules at the September hearing, but may adopt the rules at the December 3-4, 2015, hearing.

The September 24th LCDC hearing on this topic is scheduled to begin at approximately 1:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 204 W Marine Drive, Astoria. The department is also providing the opportunity for remote public testimony from Salem at the Agriculture Building, 635 Capitol St. NE, Basement Hearing Room. Please contact Amie Abbott (503-934-0045) for further information.

To obtain copies of the proposed new and amended rules amendments and related information by mail, email or fax, please contact Casaria Taylor at 503-934-0065; email casaria.taylor@state.or.us. The agenda for LCDC's September 24-25 meeting will be available on DLCD's website prior to the meeting: <http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/Pages/meetings.aspx>

Address written comments to the Chair of the Land Conservation and Development Commission, care of Casaria Taylor at the address above, or email comments to bob.rindy@state.or.us. Fax comments to 503 378-6033. If you have questions please contact Bob Rindy at 503-934-0008.

This notice is sent to the chairs of interim committees with authority over the subject matter of these rules, as required by ORS 183.335(15)(b).

- Senator Edwards
- Senator Olsen
- Representative Clem
- Representative Helm
- Representative Post

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