
Urban Growth Boundary Adjustments 2016 – 2021

Background

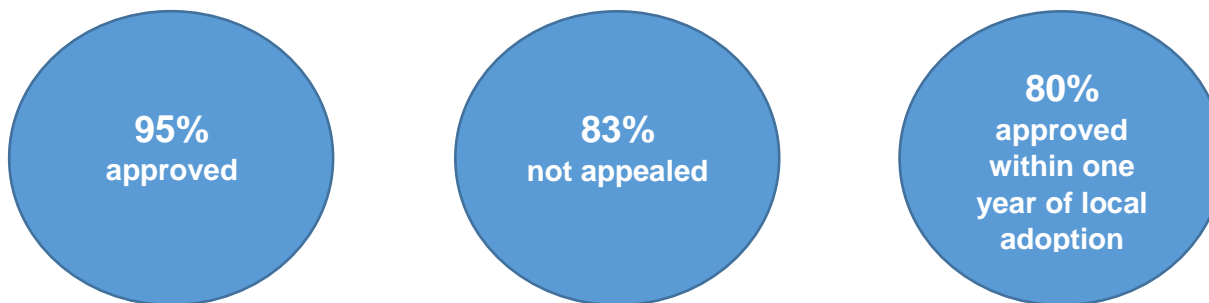
DLCD reviewed all Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) adjustments from 2016 through 2021 to determine the number of successful adjustments, and the time from local adoption to final approval. These adjustments include proposed UGB expansions and “land swaps” (i.e., an exchange of the same acreage from one UGB location to another). The land in these adjustments encompass a broad range of urban uses, including residential, commercial, industrial, employment, public facilities, schools, and recreation.

2016 was chosen as the first year because of legislative action to streamline the process for making UGB adjustments.

Approval time was measured from local adoption to final acknowledgement by DLCD, including review by DLCD and the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). It is important to note that considerable time may pass as the local government prepares the necessary plan amendments for submittal to DLCD, possibly as much as several years in rare cases.

Key Takeaways

From 2016 through 2021, cities filed 37 comprehensive plan amendments to adjust their UGBs. Of those, only two plan amendments were not approved¹, resulting in 35 successful UGB adjustments. This data suggests that major change is not necessary. Almost overwhelmingly, the current process delivers timely, non-controversial results.



¹ Metolius – Submitted in 2020 for public facilities use. Remanded by LUBA in 2021.

Klamath Falls – Submitted in 2017 for commercial use. Remanded and reversed by the Court of Appeals in 2018.

UGB Amendments by Acknowledgement Date

Jurisdiction	Local Approval Year	Acknowledgement Date	Land Need	Process
1. Culver	2016	2016	Public Facilities	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
2. Lakeview	2016	2016	Industrial	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
3. Newport	2016	2016	Residential	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
4. Spray	2016	2016	Commercial	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
5. Prineville	2016	2016	Industrial	No Objections, DLCD Director Approval
6. Bend	2016	2016	Residential Employment Public Facilities	Objections filed, DLCD Director Approval
7. Cannon Beach	2017	2017	Residential	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
8. Dallas	2017	2017	Recreation	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
9. Ione	2017	2017	Industrial	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
10. Prineville	2017	2017	Industrial	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
11. Seaside	2017	2017	Schools	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
12. Metro	2017	2017	Swap	No appeal of Metro decision to LUBA
13. Eugene	2017	2017	Employment Parks Schools	No Objections, DLCD Director Approval
14. Sandy	2017	2017	Residential Employment Parks	No Objections, DLCD Director Approval
15. Donald	2018	2018	Residential Public Facilities	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
16. Mill City	2018	2018	Residential	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
17. Sutherlin	2018	2018	Residential	No Objections, DLCD Director Approval
18. Springfield	2017	2018	Employment Parks	Objections filed, Approved by LCDC



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19. Medford	2018	2018	Residential Employment Parks	Objections filed, DLCD Director Approval
20. Coburg	2014	2018	Industrial	Remanded by LUBA, reapproved
21. Bend	2019	2019	Public Facilities	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
22. Gervais	2019	2019	Residential	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
23. Ontario	2019	2019	Residential	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
24. Nyssa	2018	2019	Industrial	No Objections, DLCD Director Approval
25. Redmond	2019	2019	Industrial	No Objections, DLCD Director Approval
26. Stanfield	2019	2019	Industrial	No Objections, DLCD Director Approval
27. Sandy	2020	2020	Public Facilities	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
28. Madras	2019	2020	Industrial Public Facilities	No Objections, DLCD Director Approval
29. Redmond	2020	2020	Public Facilities	No Objections, DLCD Director Approval
30. Redmond	2021	2021	Residential	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
31. Rockaway Beach	2021	2021	Public Facilities	No Appeal of city decision to LUBA
32. Pendleton	2020	2021	Industrial	No Objections, DLCD Director Approval
33. Umatilla	2021	2021	Employment	No Objections, DLCD Director Approval
34. Metro	2018	2021	Residential	Objections filed, Approved by LCDC, appealed to Court of Appeals. Affirmed
35. McMinnville	2020	2021	Residential Public Facilities Schools Parks	Objections filed, DLCD Director Approval

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