SB 762 - RAC Update

Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal

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Our Mission

To protect people, property, and the environment from fire and hazardous materials.

Impacts of the Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) on OSFM:

The State Fire Marshal shall establish minimum defensible space requirements for wildfire risk reduction on lands in areas identified on the statewide map of wildfire risk described in section 7 of this 2021 Act as within the wildland-urban interface.

Background

- The State Fire Marshal shall establish minimum defensible space requirements for wildfire risk reduction on lands in areas identified on the statewide map of wildfire risk described in section 7 of this 2021 Act as within the wildland-urban interface.
- The State Fire Marshal:
  - Shall consult with the Oregon Fire Code Advisory Board to establish the requirements.
  - Shall establish requirements that are consistent with and do not exceed the standards pertaining only to defensible space that are set forth in the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code published by the International Code Council, including the standards pertaining only to defensible space that are set forth in sections 603 and 604 of the code.
  - May consider best practices specific to Oregon in order to establish the requirements.
  - Shall enforce the requirements that are applicable to lands within the jurisdiction of a local government.
  - May develop and apply a graduated fee structure for use in assessing penalties on property owners for noncompliance with the requirements.
  - Shall consult on implementation of the requirements.
  - Subject to additional local requirements, the requirements shall apply statewide for all lands in the wildland-urban interface that are designated as extreme or high risk, as identified on the map.

The State Fire Marshal may provide assistance to a local government to facilitate the administration and enforcement of requirements within the jurisdiction of the local government.

The Community Risk Reduction Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund.

Defensible Space Code

SEP. '21 - DEC. '21

- Develop/Update stakeholder interest list
- Engage in RAC Processes.

JAN. '22

- Develop a "framework" Defensible Space Code based on 762 language (603, 604, Best Mananment Practices, etc.)

JAN. '22 - MAY '22

- OSFM begins Defensible Space Code Adoption and Development with constituents and partners in regular meetings

MAY '22 - JUN. '22

- Defensible Space Committee will make Oregon Defensible Space Code recommendations to the Oregon Fire Code Advisory Board (OF-CAB)

JUN. '22 - JUL. '22

- OF-CAB will review Defensible Space recommendations and send to the State Fire Marshal

JUL. '22 - DEC. '22

- Final Notice of Proposed rulemaking & Hearing Notice
- Host Public Meetings

Tentative Code Adoption Date: December 2022

Community Risk Reduction Fund

Thank you

Questions?

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