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Seeking public comment on proposed changes to Special Assessment of Historic Properties rules

SALEM, Oregon—Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is seeking public comment on proposed rule changes to update the Special Assessment of Historic Properties following passage of HB 3190.

The Special Assessment of Historic Properties program offers a 10-year property tax exemption for properties listed in the federal National Register of Historic Places. Under the new legislation, the program will be limited to commercial properties. Eligible properties may apply for multiple 10-year terms with qualifying projects outlined in a preservation plan.

Public comments on the proposed rule change will be accepted through 5 p.m. July 31, 2025, and can be submitted:

- Online: <https://www.oregon.gov/opr/PRP/Pages/PRP-Rule-2025-Special%20Assessment%20for%20Historic%20Property.aspx>
- Mail: OPRD Department, attn: Katie Gauthier, 725 Summer St NE, Suite C, Salem OR 97301
- Email: OPRD.Publiccomment@opr.d.oregon.gov

A public hearings will be held for the public to provide comments.

- Virtual Hearing: Wednesday, July 16, 4 PM. Register to attend the hearing at: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3_MbeJwSRFat83fX3h6jPA

Once the public comment period ends, the proposal with any incorporated updates is slated to go to Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission in September for possible adoption. New applications for the program are expected to be accepted beginning November 1, 2025.