

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Planning Organizations, Planning Commission and Interested Parties

FROM: Maggie Dickerson, Planning Division

DATE: January 28, 2010

SUBJECT: File ZDO-223

The Clackamas County Planning Division staff is proposing amendments to the text of the Clackamas County Comprehensive Plan (Plan). These amendments may affect your community or area of interest. As a result, we want to extend an opportunity for you to review and comment on the proposed changes.

The proposed amendments are to the Definitions and Urbanization elements of Chapter 4 of the Plan; also a Map IV-9 is added. These proposals are in response to ORS 660 Division 27, which has set out a process to identify urban and rural reserves in the Portland Metropolitan area.

For about two years, Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties and Metro have cooperated to identify urban and rural reserves for the region. A map is expected to be adopted as part of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) in late February. State agencies, regional stakeholders, county CPOs, hamlets, cities, and the elected officials of the four affected jurisdictions have had the opportunity to participate in some way over the course of the project, and an extensive citizen involvement process has created opportunities for hundreds of citizens to receive information and provide input.

The proposed amendments included in ZDO 223 incorporate implementation materials in the Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, they include updated definitions, new policy language, and a map. Please note that the map included in this notice may be changed as part of the approval of the IGA; if that is the case, a second draft map will be presented to the Planning Commission.

The Clackamas County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 8, 2010, at the Development Services Building Auditorium (Room 115), 150 Beaver Creek Road., Oregon City, Oregon to consider these amendments. **You are invited to attend the hearing and present oral comments to the Planning Commission. Typically, written correspondence received at least one week prior to the hearing will be included in the Planning Commission packets. Written testimony received after that time will be provided to the Planning Commission on the evening of the hearing.**

The Board of County Commissioners will consider the Planning Commission's recommendation on the proposed amendments beginning at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room, Public Services Building, 2051 Kaen Rd., Oregon City. **Once again, you are invited to attend the**

hearing and present oral comments to the Commissioners. The Board will consider all written testimony submitted to the Planning Commission. Also, the Board will accept additional written testimony up to, and on the day of, the hearing.

An agenda will be provided at the hearings because there may be other items considered in addition to File ZDO-223. If you would like additional information regarding this proposal, please contact Maggie Dickerson at (503) 742-4534 or e-mail at maggied@co.clackamas.or.us. The draft amendments are also available on the county web site at www.clackamas.us/transportation/planning/zdo.htm