

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Policy Session Worksheet

**Presentation Date:** 6/25/19    **Approx. Start Time:** 11:00    **Approx. Length:** 30 Minutes

**Presentation Title:** Outdoor Mass Gathering Ordinance

**Department:** County Counsel

**Presenters:** Stephen Madkour and Scott Ciecko

**Other Invitees:** Jennifer Hughes, Planning Director

### WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Review of an ordinance adding Chapter 6.12 in the Clackamas County Code to regulate Outdoor Mass Gatherings (gatherings of more than 3,000 persons) in compliance with the requirements of ORS 433.735 and Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 333, Division 039, and to regulate Limited Gatherings (gatherings of more than 300 persons)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (why and why now):

In the past mass gatherings (often electronic music festivals or “raves”) have been held or attempted to be held in Clackamas County. In 2013, the Planning staff was given direction by the BCC to research and develop code language to address Outdoor Mass Gatherings. Currently Outdoor Mass Gatherings, which are defined as an assembly of more than 3,000 persons, are regulated under State law (ORS 433.735 – 433.770) and all health and safety rules associated with Outdoor Mass Gatherings are governed by the Oregon Administrative Rules. Gatherings of less than 3,000 persons are not regulated by state law and may or may not be regulated under the County Zoning and Development Ordinance.

The proposed code amendments will implement current state law which regulates mass gatherings, into the County Code and tailor the process to include more specific review, public notice, agency coordination, decision making, and public hearing procedures.

In addition to adopting state laws governing Outdoor Mass Gatherings, the proposed code amendment would regulate other gatherings of less than 3,000 persons (referred to as Limited Gatherings). These amendments are being considered because Limited Gatherings have the potential to create impacts similar to Outdoor Mass Gatherings. The proposed standards regulate Limited Gatherings for those multiday assemblies that have an attendance greater than 300 persons, or assemblies of any duration that have an attendance greater than 500 persons.

The proposed amendments for Outdoor Mass Gatherings and Limited Gatherings would establish approval standards and criteria to ensure minimum health, safety and welfare



2. Direct staff to incorporate all recent legislative changes into this current proposed code amendment and proceed to a public hearing and first reading;

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff has no recommendations.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Division Director/Head Approval \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Director/Head Approval \_\_\_\_\_  
County Administrator Approval \_\_\_\_\_



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