1307 PROCEDURES

1307.01 PURPOSE

Section 1307 is adopted to:

A. Implement the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan for citizen involvement and the planning process;

B. Establish uniform procedures for the review of land use applications and legislative land use proposals;

C. Facilitate timely review of land use applications by the County;

D. Clarify the land use application review process for applicants; and

E. Enable the public to effectively participate in the County’s land use permit decision-making process.

1307.02 APPLICABILITY

Section 1307 applies to all land use permit applications and all legislative land use proposals under this Ordinance.

A. No person shall engage in or cause development to occur without first obtaining the necessary land use permit approvals required by, and according to the procedures in, Section 1307.

B. Where the provisions of Section 1307 conflict with other provisions of this Ordinance, the more specific provisions shall control.

1307.03 REVIEW AUTHORITIES

A. Review Authorities, Generally: Review authorities are those who are designated to make recommendations or decisions regarding land use permit applications and legislative land use proposals. Table 1307-1 lists the land use permits and legislative land use proposals that are provided for by this Ordinance and establishes:

1. The review authority charged with making the initial decision;

2. The review authority charged with making the decision on the initial County-level appeal, if any;

3. The review authority charged with making the decision on the second County-level appeal, if any; and
4. Those circumstances where an additional review authority is charged with making a recommendation on the application or proposal to the decision maker.

B. **Planning Director:** Pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 215.042, the Planning Director is the County official designated to administer land use planning in the County. In this role, the Planning Director administers the Comprehensive Plan and this Ordinance, issues decisions on certain land use permit applications, and provides administrative support to other review authorities. As used in this Ordinance, the term Planning Director includes any County staff member authorized by the Planning Director to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to the Planning Director by this Ordinance.

C. **Hearings Officer:** Pursuant to ORS 215.406, the Hearings Officer is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to conduct public hearings and issue decisions on certain land use permit applications.

D. **Historic Review Board:** The Historic Review Board is designated as an advisory body on matters pertaining to the Historic Landmark, Historic District, and Historic Corridor overlay zoning district and has the powers and duties described in Sections 707 and 1307.

1. The Historic Review Board shall be composed of seven members, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners.

2. Historic Review Board members shall have demonstrated an interest in historic preservation and have experience or special expertise or knowledge in the field of historic preservation. Three positions on the Historic Review Board shall be filled as follows:

   a. One architect, with knowledge in historic restoration;

   b. One contractor, with expertise in construction techniques applied to historic structures; and

   c. One representative from a historic group in the County.

3. Unless otherwise provided for, members of the Historic Review Board shall serve four-year terms, beginning on May 1st of the year in which they are appointed. Terms may be renewed by the Board of County Commissioners.

4. If a member of the Historic Review Board does not complete his or her term, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of that term.
5. A member whose term has ended may continue to serve on the Historic Review Board until the Board of County Commissioners renews that term or appoints a new member. The new term shall be considered to have begun on the date it would have under Subsection 1307.03(D)(3).

6. The Historic Review Board shall adopt bylaws governing its proceedings and appoint a chair and vice chair to manage those proceedings according to those bylaws, and County, state, and federal law.

7. In the event of a conflict between the bylaws and any provision of this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall govern. In the event of a conflict between the bylaws and a non-mandatory provision of state law, the bylaws shall govern.

E. Design Review Committee: The Design Review Committee is designated as an advisory body on matters pertaining to the design review process and has the powers and duties described in Sections 1102 and 1307.

1. The Design Review Committee shall be composed of seven members, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners.

2. Five positions on the Design Review Committee shall be filled as follows:
   a. One landscape architect;
   b. One architect;
   c. One registered engineer;
   d. One graphic design representative; and
   e. One representative from the field of finance or the construction and development industry.

3. Unless otherwise provided for, members of the Design Review Committee shall serve four-year terms, beginning on May 1st of the year in which they are appointed. Terms may be renewed by the Board of County Commissioners.

4. If a member of the Design Review Committee does not complete his or her term, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of that term.

5. A member whose term has ended may continue to serve on the Design Review Committee until the Board of County Commissioners renews that term or appoints a new member. The new term shall be considered to have begun on the date it would have under Subsection 1307.03(E)(3).
6. The Design Review Committee shall adopt bylaws governing its proceedings and appoint a chair and vice chair to manage those proceedings according to those bylaws, and County, state, and federal law.

7. In the event of a conflict between the bylaws and any provision of this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall govern. In the event of a conflict between the bylaws and a non-mandatory provision of state law, the bylaws shall govern.

F. Planning Commission: The Planning Commission is designated as the land use planning advisory body to the Board of County Commissioners and acts as the decision maker on an initial appeal of the Planning Director’s interpretation of the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission shall have the powers and duties described in Section 1307 and such other powers and duties as may be imposed on it by County, state, or federal law.

1. The Planning Commission shall be composed of nine members, designated in positions labeled 1 through 9, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners.

2. Members of the Planning Commission shall be residents of the various geographic areas of the County. No more than two voting members shall be engaged principally in the buying, selling, or developing of real estate for profit, as individuals, or be members of any partnership or officers or employees of any corporation that is engaged principally in the buying, selling, or developing of real estate for profit. No more than two voting members shall be engaged in the same kind of occupation, business, trade, or profession.

3. Unless otherwise provided for, members of the Planning Commission shall serve four-year terms, beginning on May 1st of the year in which they are appointed. Terms may be renewed by the Board of County Commissioners.

4. If a member of the Planning Commission does not complete his or her term, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of that term.

5. A member whose term has ended may continue to serve on the Planning Commission until the Board of County Commissioners renounces that term or appoints a new member. The new term shall be considered to have begun on the date it would have under Subsection 1307.03(F)(3).

6. The Planning Commission shall adopt bylaws governing its proceedings and appoint a chair and vice chair to manage those proceedings according to those bylaws, and County, state, and federal law.
7. In the event of a conflict between the bylaws and any provision of this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall govern. In the event of a conflict between the bylaws and a non-mandatory provision of state law, the bylaws shall govern.

G. Board of County Commissioners: The Board of County Commissioners is the governing body of the County and is the final County decision maker on legislative land use proposals and certain land use permit applications.

1307.04 REVIEW PROCEDURE TYPES

A. Land use permits and legislative land use proposals provided for under this Ordinance are classified as one of four types, each of which is subject to a corresponding review procedure. The four types are described as follows:

1. Type I permits are ministerial in nature and involve land use actions governed by non-discretionary standards and clear and objective approval criteria. Approval of a Type I permit may require imposition of conditions of approval to ensure compliance with this Ordinance. The Type I procedure is an administrative review process, where the review authority reviews the application for conformance with the applicable standards and approval criteria and issues a decision.

2. Type II permits are administrative in nature and involve land use actions governed by standards and approval criteria that generally require the exercise of limited discretion. Impacts associated with the land use action may require imposition of conditions of approval to minimize those impacts and to ensure compliance with this Ordinance. The Type II procedure is an administrative review process, where the review authority reviews the application for conformance with the applicable standards and approval criteria and issues a decision.

3. Type III permits are quasi-judicial in nature, and involve land use actions governed by standards and approval criteria that require the use of discretion and judgment. The issues associated with the land use action may be complex and the impacts significant, and conditions of approval may be imposed to mitigate the impacts and ensure compliance with this Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan. The Type III procedure is a quasi-judicial review process where the review authority receives testimony, reviews the application for conformance with the applicable standards and approval criteria, and issues a decision.

4. Type IV proposals are legislative in nature, and involve the creation, broad-scale implementation, or revision of public policy. These include amendments to the text of the Comprehensive Plan or this Ordinance. Large-scale changes in the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Plan maps and zoning maps also may be characterized as legislative where a larger number of property owners are directly affected.
B. Table 1307-1 lists the land use permits and legislative land use proposals that are provided for by this Ordinance and assigns a procedure type to each. In the event that the procedure type for a land use permit application is not identified in Table 1307-1, specified elsewhere in this Ordinance, or otherwise required by law, the Planning Director shall determine the applicable procedure based on the guidelines in Subsection 1307.04(A). Questions as to the appropriate procedure shall be resolved in favor of the procedure type providing the greatest notice and opportunity to participate by the public.

1. As used in Table 1307-1:
   a. “PD” means Planning Director.
   b. “HO” means Hearings Officer.
   d. “BCC” means Board of County Commissioners.
   e. Numbers in superscript correspond to the notes that follow Table 1307-1.

**Table 1307-1: Land Use Permits by Procedure Type**

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Notes to Table 1307-1:

1. The Type III procedure shall be modified to include Planning Commission public hearing and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners prior to the initial Board of County Commissioners public hearing. In the case of a Comprehensive Plan amendment related to the designation of a Historic Landmark, Historic District, or Historic Corridor, both the Type III and Type IV procedures shall be modified to replace the Planning Commission public hearing and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners with Historic Review Board review and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

2. If condominium platting is proposed as part of a design review application, a separate condominium plat application is not required.

3. The Type II procedure may be modified, pursuant to Subsection 1102.04(A) or (B), to include Design Review Committee review and recommendation to the Planning Director prior to issuance of the Planning Director’s decision.

4. The Type II procedure shall be modified to include Historic Review Board review and recommendation to the Planning Director prior to issuance of the Planning Director’s decision.

5. The Type II procedure shall be modified to allow the Planning Commission’s decision on initial appeal to be further appealed to the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Subsection 1307.13(E)(1).

6. The Type II procedure shall be modified to allow the Hearings Officer’s decision on initial appeal to be further appealed to the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Subsection 1307.13(E)(2).

7. In the case of a zone change related to the Historic Landmark, Historic District, and Historic Corridor overlay zoning district, the Type III procedure shall be modified to designate the Board of County Commissioners as the initial decision review authority and to include Historic Review Board review and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners prior to the initial Board of County Commissioners public hearing, and the Type IV procedure shall be modified to replace the Planning Commission public hearing and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners with Historic Review Board review and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.
C. Notwithstanding any other provision in Section 1307, except for an application for an interpretation of the Comprehensive Plan, an applicant may choose to process a Type II land use permit application using the Type III procedure, and the Hearings Officer shall be the review authority for the initial decision. The decision of the Hearings Officer shall be the final decision of the County, except for an application for an interpretation of this Ordinance, in which case appeal to the Board of County Commissioners is allowed pursuant to Subsection 1307.13(E)(2).

1307.05 PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE

A. Purpose: Pre-application conferences are intended to familiarize applicants with the requirements of this Ordinance; to provide applicants with an opportunity to meet with County staff to discuss proposed projects in detail; and to identify standards, approval criteria, and procedures prior to filing a land use permit application. The pre-application conference is intended to be a tool to orient applicants and assist them in navigating the land use review process, but is not intended to be an exhaustive review that identifies or resolves all potential issues, and does not bind or preclude the County from enforcing all applicable regulations or from applying regulations in a manner differently than may have been indicated at the time of the pre-application conference.

B. Applicability: Table 1307-1 identifies the land use permit applications for which pre-application conferences are mandatory. Pre-application conferences are voluntary for all other land use permit applications.

C. Submittal Requirements: Pre-application conference requests shall include:

1. A completed application form, such form to be prescribed by the Planning Director, and containing, at a minimum, the following information:

   a. The names, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of the applicant(s);

   b. The address of the subject property, if any, and its assessor’s map and tax lot number;

   c. The size of the subject property;

   d. The Comprehensive Plan designation and zoning district of the subject property;

   e. The type of application for which the pre-application conference is requested;

   f. A brief description of the proposal for which the pre-application conference is requested; and
g. Signature(s) of the applicant(s), authorizing the filing of the pre-application request.

2. Additional information necessary to demonstrate the nature and scope of the proposal in sufficient detail to allow County staff to review and comment; and

3. Payment of the applicable fee, pursuant to Subsection 1307.15.

D. Scheduling: Upon receipt of a complete application, the Planning Director will schedule the pre-application conference. The Planning Director will coordinate the involvement of other County departments, as appropriate, in the pre-application conference. Pre-application conferences are not open to the general public.

E. Summary: Subsequent to the pre-application conference, the Planning Director will provide the applicant with a written summary of the conference. The purpose of the written summary is to provide a preliminary assessment of the proposal, but shall not be deemed to be a recommendation by the County or any other outside agency or service provider on the merits of the proposal.

F. Validity Period for Mandatory Pre-Application Conferences; Follow-Up Conferences: A follow-up pre-application conference is required for those mandatory pre-application conferences that have already been held when:

1. A complete application relating to the proposed development has not been submitted within one year of the pre-application conference; or

2. The proposed use, layout, or design of the proposed development has changed significantly.

1307.06 REVIEW OF MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS

When multiple land use permits for the same property are required or proposed by an applicant, all of the applications may be filed concurrently. Each application shall be processed separately using the procedure identified in Table 1307-1 for that application, except that applications filed concurrently shall be processed through a consolidated procedure if:

A. One of the applications is a Type III application for a Comprehensive Plan map amendment, in which case the Type III Comprehensive Plan map amendment procedure shall be used;

B. Multiple land use permit applications are subject to the same procedure type with the same initial decision and appeal review authorities. Applications for an interpretation of this Ordinance are excluded from this consolidation provision; or
C. The applicant elects to process multiple applications through a consolidated procedure, if such consolidation is consistent with Subsection 1307.04(C).

1307.07 APPLICATION SUBMITTAL AND COMPLETENESS REVIEW

A. Initiation of Applications: Type I, II, and III land use permit applications may be initiated by:

1. The owner of the subject property;

2. The contract purchaser of the subject property, if the application is accompanied by proof of the purchaser’s status as such;

3. The agent of the owner or contract purchaser of the subject property, if the application is duly authorized in writing by the owner or the contract purchaser, and accompanied by proof of the agent’s authority; or

4. If the application is for Comprehensive Plan designation or zoning of a Historic District or Historic Corridor, the owners or contract purchasers of at least 60 percent of the property within the area to be so designated or zoned.

B. Initiation of Legislative Proposals: Type IV legislative land use proposals may be initiated by the Board of County Commissioners, the Planning Commission, or the Planning Director. However, initiation of a legislative proposal does not obligate the County to further processing of the proposal pursuant to Subsection 1307.11, or prevent the County from discontinuing the processing of the proposal at any point prior to decision.

C. Application Submittal: Type I, II, and III land use permit applications are subject to the following submittal requirements:

1. The following shall be submitted for an application to be complete:

   a. A completed application form, such form to be prescribed by the Planning Director, and containing, at a minimum, the following information:

      i. The names, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of the applicant(s), the owner(s) of the subject property, and any authorized representative(s) thereof;

      ii. The address of the subject property, if any, and its assessor’s map and tax lot number;

      iii. The size of the subject property;

      iv. The Comprehensive Plan designation and zoning district of the subject property;
v. The type of application being submitted;

vi. A brief description of the proposal; and

vii. Signature(s) of the applicant(s) and all owners or all contract purchasers of the subject property, or the duly authorized representative(s) thereof, authorizing the filing of the application.

b. A completed supplemental application form, such form to be prescribed by the Planning Director, or a written statement addressing each applicable approval criterion and standard and each item on the supplemental application form;

c. Any additional information required under this Ordinance for the specific land use permit sought; and

d. Payment of the applicable fee, pursuant to Subsection 1307.15.

2. The Planning Director, at his or her sole discretion, may waive a submittal requirement of Subsection 1307.07(C)(1)(b) or (c), if the Planning Director determines that the requirement is not material to the review of the application.

3. Each application, when received by the Planning Director, shall be date-stamped with the date the application was received.

D. Completeness of a Type I Application: If a Type I application is not complete when submitted, and the applicant does not make it complete within 60 days of submittal, the application is void.

E. Completeness Review for Type II and III Applications: After it is submitted, a Type II or III land use permit application shall be reviewed for completeness, as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided under Oregon Revised Statutes 215.427, the Planning Director shall review an application for completeness within 30 days of its receipt.

2. Determination of completeness shall be based upon the submittal requirements of Subsection 1307.07(C)(1) and shall not be based on opinions as to quality or accuracy. A determination that an application is complete indicates only that the application is ready for review on its merits, not that the County will make a favorable decision on the application.

3. If an application is determined to be complete, review of the application shall commence.
4. If an application is determined to be incomplete, written notice shall be provided to the applicant within 30 days of receipt of the application, identifying the specific information that is missing and allowing the applicant the opportunity to submit the missing information. The application shall be deemed complete upon receipt by the Planning Director of:

   a. All of the missing information;

   b. Some of the missing information and written notice from the applicant that no other information will be provided; or

   c. Written notice from the applicant that none of the missing information will be provided.

5. If the application was complete when first submitted, or the applicant submits additional information, as described in Subsection 1307.07(E)(4), within 180 days of the date the application was first submitted, approval or denial of the application shall be based upon the standards and criteria that were applicable at the time the application was first submitted.

6. On the 181st day after first being submitted, the application is void, if the applicant has been notified of the missing information as required under Subsection 1307.07(E)(4) and has not submitted the missing information or otherwise responded, as provided in Subsection 1307.07(E)(4).

1307.08 TYPE I MINISTERIAL PROCEDURES

Type I land use permit applications are subject to the following procedure:

A. Notice of Application: Notice of application is not provided.

B. Decision: The review authority shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application based on the applicable standards and criteria. The review authority shall issue a written decision.

C. Notice of Decision: A copy of the decision shall be mailed to the applicant(s), the owner(s) of the subject property, and any authorized representative(s) thereof.

D. Appeal: The review authority’s decision is the final decision of the County.

1307.09 TYPE II ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Type II land use permit applications are subject to the following procedures:

A. Notice of Application: Notice of application shall be provided as follows:

   1. A minimum of 20 days prior to the issuance of a decision, written notice of application shall be mailed to:
a. The applicant(s), the owner(s) of the subject property, and any authorized representative(s) thereof;

b. All property owners of record, pursuant to Subsection 1307.16(C), within:
   i. 300 feet of the subject property, and contiguous properties under the same ownership, if the subject property is located inside an urban growth boundary or in an MRR, HR, or RTC District;
   ii. 500 feet of the subject property, and contiguous properties under the same ownership, if the subject property is located outside an urban growth boundary and outside an MRR, HR, RTC, EFU, TBR, or AG/F zoning district; or
   iii. 750 feet of the subject property, and contiguous properties under the same ownership, if the subject property is located outside an urban growth boundary and in an EFU, TBR, or AG/F zoning district;

c. If the application is for a replat of a recorded plat, all owners of lots or parcels in the original plat.

d. Any active community planning organization, hamlet, or village that is recognized by the County, if the subject property lies wholly or partially inside the boundaries of such organization, hamlet, or village;

e. Cities, as prescribed in applicable urban growth management agreements;

f. Those special districts and government agencies deemed by the Planning Director to have an interest in the application;

F. The Oregon Department of Agriculture, if the subject property is in the EFU or AG/F District and the application is for the propagation, cultivation, maintenance, and harvesting of aquatic species that are not under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission;

h. Metro and any watershed council recognized by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and whose boundaries include the subject property, if the application is for Habitat Conservation Area map verification; and

i. The airport owner and the Oregon Department of Aviation, if required by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 197.183, 215.223, or 215.416.

2. At a minimum, notice of application shall include:

   a. An explanation of the nature of the application and the proposed use or uses that could be authorized;
b. A list of the applicable criteria from this Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan that apply to the application;

c. The street address or other easily understood geographical reference to the subject property;

d. The name and telephone number of the County staff member to contact where additional information may be obtained;

e. A statement that a copy of the application, all documents and evidence submitted by or on behalf of the applicant and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at a cost established by the Board of County Commissioners;

f. A general explanation of when, where, how, and to whom written comments on the application may be submitted; and

g. A statement that subsequent to the closing of the public comment period, a decision will be issued and mailed to everyone entitled to the initial notice of the application.

3. A minimum of 20 days prior to the issuance of a decision, a copy of the submitted application shall be mailed to those identified in Subsections 1307.09(A)(1)(d) through (i).

B. Decision: The review authority shall consider the record of the application and approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application based on the applicable standards and criteria. The review authority shall issue a written decision that explains the standards and criteria considered relevant to the decision, states the facts relied upon in rendering the decision, and explains the justification for the decision based on the standards, criteria, and facts set forth. The decision also shall include:

1. An explanation of the nature of the application and the use or uses that were proposed and, if applicable, are authorized by the decision;

2. The conditions of approval, if any;

3. The street address or other easily understood geographical reference to the subject property;

4. The name and telephone number of the County staff member to contact where additional information may be obtained;

5. A statement that the complete application file is available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at a cost established by the Board of County Commissioners;
6. The date the review authority’s decision becomes effective, unless appealed;

7. A statement that the decision will not become final until the period for filing an appeal with the County has expired without the filing of an appeal;

8. A statement that any person who is adversely affected or aggrieved or who is entitled to written notice under Subsection 1307.09(C) may appeal the decision by filing a written appeal, and including the date and time by which an appeal must be filed, the location for filing, a brief statement explaining how to file an appeal, the appeal fee, and where further information may be obtained concerning the appeal process; and

9. A statement that a person who is mailed written notice of the decision cannot appeal the decision directly to the Land Use Board of Appeals under ORS 197.830.

C. Notice of Decision: A copy of the decision shall be mailed to those identified in Subsection 1307.09(A)(1).

D. Appeal: The review authority’s decision is the final decision of the County, unless an appeal is filed pursuant to Subsection 1307.13.

1307.10 TYPE III QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

Type III land use permit applications are subject to the following procedures:

A. Notice of Application and Public Hearing: Notice of application and public hearing shall be provided as follows:

1. Notice shall be provided to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), if required pursuant to ORS 197.610. Procedures for the giving of the required notice shall be those established by ORS 197.610 and Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 660, Division 18.

2. A minimum of 35 days prior to the first evidentiary hearing on the application, a copy of the submitted application shall be mailed to:

   a. Any active community planning organization, hamlet, or village that is recognized by the County, if the subject property lies wholly or partially inside the boundaries of such organization, hamlet, or village;

   b. Cities, as prescribed in applicable urban growth management agreements;

   c. Those special districts and government agencies deemed by the Planning Director to have an interest in the application;
d. The Oregon Department of Agriculture, if the subject property is in the EFU or AG/F District and the application is for the propagation, cultivation, maintenance, and harvesting of aquatic species that are not under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission;

e. Metro and any watershed council recognized by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and whose boundaries include the subject property, if the application is for Habitat Conservation Area map verification; and

f. The airport owner and the Oregon Department of Aviation, if required by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 197.183, 215.223, or 215.416.

3. A minimum of 20 days prior to the first evidentiary hearing of each review authority on the application, written notice of the application and hearing shall be mailed to:

   a. The applicant(s), the owner(s) of the subject property, and any authorized representative(s) thereof;

   b. All property owners of record, pursuant to Subsection 1307.16(C), within:

      i. 300 feet of the subject property, and contiguous properties under the same ownership, if the subject property is located inside an urban growth boundary or in an MRR, HR, or RTC District;

      ii. 500 feet of the subject property, and contiguous properties under the same ownership, if the subject property is located outside an urban growth boundary and outside an MRR, HR, RTC, EFU, TBR, or AG/F zoning district; or

      iii. 750 feet of the subject property, and contiguous properties under the same ownership, if the subject property is located outside an urban growth boundary and in an EFU, TBR, or AG/F zoning district.

   iv. If the application is for a zone change to apply the MAO District, the distances set forth in Subsections 1307.10(A)(3)(b)(i) through (iii) shall be increased to 1,000 feet from the outer boundary of the proposed impact area under Section 708;

   c. If the application is for a replat of a recorded plat, all owners of lots or parcels in the original plat.

   d. Any active community planning organization, hamlet, or village that is recognized by the County, if the subject property lies wholly or partially inside the boundaries of such organization, hamlet, or village;

   e. Cities, as prescribed in applicable urban growth management agreements;
f. Those special districts and government agencies deemed by the Planning Director to have an interest in the application;

g. The Oregon Department of Agriculture, if the subject property is in the EFU or AG/F District and the application is for the propagation, cultivation, maintenance, and harvesting of aquatic species that are not under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission;

h. Metro and any watershed council recognized by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and whose boundaries include the subject property, if the application is for Habitat Conservation Area map verification;

i. The airport owner and the Oregon Department of Aviation, if required by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 197.183, 215.223, or 215.416; and

j. Tenants of a mobile home or manufactured dwelling park, as defined in ORS 446.003, when property that includes all or part of such mobile home or manufactured dwelling park is the subject of an application for a Comprehensive Plan map amendment, zone change, or both. Notice to such tenants shall be mailed no more than 40 days before the first evidentiary hearing.

4. At a minimum, notice of application and hearing shall include:

   a. An explanation of the nature of the application and the proposed use or uses that could be authorized;

   b. A list of the applicable criteria from this Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan that apply to the application;

   c. The street address or other easily understood geographical reference to the subject property;

   d. Date, time, and location of the hearing;

   f. A statement that failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the review authority an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue;

   g. The name and telephone number of the County staff member to contact where additional information may be obtained;

   h. A statement that a copy of the application, all documents and evidence submitted by or on behalf of the applicant and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at a cost established by the Board of County Commissioners;
i. A statement that a copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearing and will be provided at a cost established by the Board of County Commissioners;

j. A general explanation of the requirements for submission of testimony and the procedure for conduct of hearings; and

k. A statement that subsequent to the close of the public hearing, a decision will be issued and mailed as required by Subsection 1307.10(E).

5. If the application is for a Comprehensive Plan amendment, notice of the date, time, location, and purpose of the Planning Commission’s hearing and the Board of County Commissioner’s hearing shall be given a minimum of 10 days prior to the date of each review authority’s first evidentiary hearing, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the County. However, if the application applies to only a part of the County, the notice may instead be published in a newspaper of general circulation in that part of the County.

B. Application Review and Staff Report: The Planning Director shall review the application, written comments, and evidence submitted prior to the public hearing; prepare a staff report summarizing the application, comments received to-date, and relevant issues associated with the application; and make a recommendation to the review authority. The staff report shall be made available to the public for review a minimum of seven days prior to the first evidentiary hearing.

C. Public Hearing: A public hearing shall be held before the review authority, for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding the application.

D. Decision: The review authority shall consider the record and approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application based on the applicable standards and criteria. The review authority shall issue a written decision that explains the standards and criteria considered relevant to the decision, states the facts relied upon in rendering the decision, and explains the justification for the decision based on the standards, criteria, and facts set forth. The decision also shall include:

1. An explanation of the nature of the application and the use or uses that were proposed and, if applicable, are authorized by the decision;

2. The conditions of approval, if any;

3. The street address or other easily understood geographical reference to the subject property;

4. The date the review authority’s decision becomes effective, unless appealed; and
5. A statement that any person who presented evidence, argument, or testimony as part of the record may appeal the decision by filing a written appeal; the date by which an appeal must be filed, the location for filing, a brief statement explaining how to file an appeal, and where further information may be obtained concerning the appeal process;

E. Notice of Decision: A copy of the decision shall be mailed to:

1. Those identified in Subsections 1307.10(A)(3)(a) and (d) through (i);
2. Anyone who provided evidence, argument, or testimony as part of the record;
3. Anyone who made a written request for notice of decision; and
4. DLCD, if required pursuant to ORS 197.615. Procedures for the giving of the required notice to DLCD shall be those established by ORS 197.615 and Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 660, Division 18.

F. Appeal: The review authority’s decision is the final decision of the County, except as may be provided for interpretation applications pursuant to Subsection 1307.13(E). Appeal of the County’s final decision is to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals.

1307.11 TYPE IV LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES

Type IV legislative land use proposals are subject to the following procedures:

A. Notice of Proposal and Public Hearing: Notice of proposal and hearing shall be provided as follows:

1. Notice shall be provided to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, if required pursuant to ORS 197.610. Procedures for the giving of the required notice shall be those established by ORS 197.610 and Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 660, Division 18.

2. Notice shall be provided to the Metropolitan Service District, if required pursuant to Section 3.07.820 of the Code of the Metropolitan Service District. Procedures for the giving of the required notice shall be those established by Section 3.07.820 of the Code of the Metropolitan Service District.

3. For proposed amendments to the text of the Comprehensive Plan or this Ordinance, a minimum of 35 days prior to the first public hearing, a copy of the text, showing proposed additions and deletions, shall be made available to the public for review. All active community planning organizations, hamlets, and villages that are recognized by the County shall be notified when it becomes available.
4. A minimum of 20 days prior to the first public hearing of each review authority on the proposal, written notice of the proposal and hearing shall be mailed to:
   
a. For proposed amendments to the text of the Comprehensive Plan or this Ordinance, all active community planning organizations, hamlets, and villages that are recognized by the County;

b. For proposed Comprehensive Plan Land Use Plan map amendments and zone changes, any active community planning organization, hamlet, or village that is recognized by the County, if the subject property lies wholly or partially inside the boundaries of such organization, hamlet, or village;

c. Cities, as prescribed in applicable urban growth management agreements; and

d. Those special districts and government agencies deemed by the Planning Director to have an interest in the proposal.

5. At a minimum, notice of proposal and hearing shall include:
   
a. An explanation of the nature of the proposal;

b. Date, time, and location of the hearing;

c. The name and telephone number of the County staff member to contact where additional information may be obtained; and

d. For Comprehensive Plan Land Use Plan map amendments and zone changes, a copy of the proposed map change(s).

6. Notice of the date, time, location, and purpose of the Planning Commission’s hearing and the Board of County Commissioner’s hearing shall be given a minimum of 10 days prior to the date of each review authority’s first public hearing, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the County. However, if the legislative land use proposal applies to only a part of the County, the notice may instead be published in a newspaper of general circulation in that part of the County.

B. Proposal Review and Staff Report: The Planning Director shall consider the proposal, written comments, and evidence submitted prior to each public hearing and prepare staff reports summarizing the proposal, comments received to-date, and the relevant issues associated with the proposal. Each staff report shall make a recommendation to the review authority.

C. Planning Commission Public Hearing: A public hearing shall be held before the Planning Commission, for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding the proposal.
D. **Planning Commission Recommendation:** The Planning Commission shall consider the record and may make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to adopt, adopt with modifications, or decline to adopt the proposal. If no recommendation is made by the Planning Commission and no extension is granted by the Board of County Commissioners, the Board of County Commissioners may act upon the proposal notwithstanding the lack of a recommendation.

E. **Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing:** A public hearing shall be held before the Board of County Commissioners, for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding the proposal.

F. **Decision:** The Board of County Commissioners shall consider the record and may adopt, adopt with modifications, or decline to adopt the proposal; remand the matter back to the Planning Commission for further consideration; or table the matter. The decision of the Board of County Commissioners to adopt or adopt with modifications shall be by ordinance.

G. **Notice of Decision:** Notice of decision shall be provided as follows:

1. A maximum of 20 days after the decision is made it shall be submitted to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). Procedures for the giving of the required notice shall be those established by ORS 197.615 and Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 660, Division 18.

2. On the same day the decision is submitted to DLCD, the County shall mail, or otherwise deliver, notice to persons who both participated in the County proceedings that led to the decision to adopt the change to the Comprehensive Plan or this Ordinance and requested in writing that the County give notice of the change. The notice shall:
   a. State how and where the materials described in ORS 197.615(2) may be obtained;
   b. Include a statement by the individual delivering the notice that identifies the date on which the notice was delivered and the individual delivering the notice;
   c. List the locations and times at which the public may review the decision and findings; and
   d. Explain the requirements for appealing the land use decision under ORS 197.830 to 197.845.
H. Appeal: The Board of County Commissioners’ decision is the final decision of the County. Appeal of the County’s final decision is to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals or the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission, as determined by state law.

1307.12 PUBLIC HEARINGS

Subsection 1307.12 applies to public hearings held pursuant to Section 1307, except that only Subsections 1307.12(A), (B), (E) through (H), and (J) apply to public hearings in a Type IV proceeding.

A. Procedure, Generally: Public hearings shall be conducted in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 197.763, Subsection 1307.12, and any bylaws or rules of procedure adopted by the review authority. Subsection 1307.12 authorizes the Hearings Officer, Planning Commission, and Board of County Commissioners to adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of hearings.

B. Parties: Any interested party shall be entitled to participate in a public hearing.

C. Order of Proceeding: The order of proceeding for a hearing will depend in part on the nature of the hearing. The following shall be supplemented by the adopted bylaws or rules of procedure of the review authority, as appropriate.

1. Jurisdictional Objections: Before receiving the staff report or testimony on the application, any objections on jurisdictional grounds shall be noted in the record and if there is objection, the review authority has the discretion to proceed or terminate the hearing.

2. Disclosure Statement: The review authority (or individual member thereof), or its designee, shall read the land use disclosure statement, which shall include:

   a. A list of the applicable substantive criteria, or a reference to the staff report, where a list of the criteria can be found;

   b. A statement that testimony, argument, and evidence must be directed toward the criteria described in Subsection 1307.12(C)(2)(a) or other criteria in the Comprehensive Plan or land use regulation which the person believes to apply to the decision;

   c. A statement that failure to raise an issue accompanied by statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision maker and the parties an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) based on that issue; and

   d. If applicable, a statement that a failure to raise constitutional issues relating to proposed conditions of approval precludes an action for damages in circuit court.
3. **Call for Ex Parte Contacts**: If the review authority is the Planning Commission or the Board of County Commissioners, the presiding officer, or designee, shall inquire whether any member has had ex parte contacts. Any member announcing an ex parte contact shall state for the record the nature and content of the contact. If the review authority is the Hearings Officer, he or she shall declare any ex parte contacts and state for the record the nature and content of the contact.

4. **Call for Abstentions**: If the review authority is the Planning Commission or the Board of County Commissioners, the presiding officer, or designee, shall inquire whether any member must abstain from participation in the hearing due to conflicts of interest. Any member announcing a conflict of interest shall state the nature of the conflict, and shall not participate in the proceeding, unless the vote is necessary to meet a requirement of a minimum number of votes necessary to take official action; provided, however, that the member shall not participate in any discussion or debate on the issue out of which the conflict arises. If the review authority is the Hearings Officer, he or she shall declare any potential conflicts of interest. The Hearings Officer shall state the nature of the conflict, and if the nature of the conflict is such that the Hearings Officer cannot fulfill his or her duty to be a fair and impartial decision maker, the Hearings Officer shall recuse himself or herself from hearing the matter.

5. **Staff Report**: The Planning Director shall present a report and recommendation concerning the proposal.

6. **Presentation of the Application**:
   a. Applicant’s case;
   b. Community planning organizations, hamlets, and villages. Appearance by a representative from any active community planning organization, hamlet, or village that is recognized by the County, if the subject property lies wholly or partially inside the boundaries of such organization, hamlet, or village, to present the organization’s position on the proposal;
   c. Public testimony; and
   d. Rebuttal. Rebuttal may be presented by the applicant. The scope of rebuttal is limited to matters that were introduced during the hearing.

7. **Close of Hearing**: No additional testimony, evidence, or argument shall be accepted after the close of the hearing unless the record is held open by the review authority.
8. **Reopened Hearing**: The hearing may be reopened by the review authority, prior to decision, to receive additional testimony, evidence, or argument. Notice shall be provided to the same persons who received notice of the original hearing and to anyone who provided evidence, argument, or testimony as part of the record.

9. **Deliberations**: If the review authority is the Planning Commission or Board of County Commissioners, deliberations shall immediately follow the hearing, except that deliberations may be delayed to a subsequent date and time certain. If the review authority is the Hearings Officer, deliberations will not occur, and the Hearings Officer will instead take the matter under advisement.

10. **Remand**: The Board of County Commissioners may remand any matter previously considered by the Planning Commission back to the Planning Commission for further review.

11. **Recommendation or Decision**: When the review authority is the Planning Commission or Board of County Commissioners, the recommendation or decision, as applicable, will be voted on and announced during a public meeting.

D. **Ex Parte Contact**:

1. The review authority shall not do any of the following:

   a. Communicate, directly or indirectly, with any party or their representatives in connection with any issue involved, except upon notice and opportunity for all parties to participate;

   b. Take notice of any communications, reports, staff memoranda, or other materials prepared in connection with a particular application, unless the parties are afforded an opportunity to contest the material so noted; or

   c. Inspect the site with any party or his representatives unless all parties are given an opportunity to be present. Individuals representing the review authority may inspect the site alone but must put the circumstances of the inspection on record.

2. A party may challenge the review authority, or individual member thereof, on the grounds of Subsection 1307.12(D)(1), or that such individual has a legal conflict of interest as defined by ORS 244.020(1) or ORS 244.120. A challenge and the decision thereon by the review authority shall be entered in the record of the application.
3. While every effort must be made to avoid ex parte contact, no decision of the
review authority shall be invalid due to ex parte contact or bias resulting from
ex parte contact, as described under Subsection 1307.12(D)(1), if the review
authority (or individual member thereof) receiving the contact:

a. Places on the record the substance of any written or oral ex parte
communication concerning the decision or action; and

b. Has a public announcement made of the content of the communication,
and of the parties’ right to rebut the substance of the communication, at
the first hearing following the communication where action will be
considered or taken on the subject to which the communication related.

4. A communication between County staff and the review authority (or
individual member thereof) shall not be considered an ex parte contact for
purposes of Subsection 1307.12(D)(1).

E. Evidence and Exhibits:

1. All evidence may be received unless excluded by the review authority on its
own motion. Evidence received at any hearing shall be of the quality that
reasonable persons rely upon in the conduct of their everyday affairs.
Relevant evidence is any evidence having a tendency to make the existence or
non-existence of a fact that is of consequence to the approval of the land use
permit or legislative land use proposal more or less probable than it would
without the evidence. Evidence may be received subject to a later ruling
regarding its admissibility.

2. The review authority may exclude cumulative, repetitious, or immaterial
evidence, but erroneous admission of evidence by the review authority shall
not preclude action by the review authority or cause reversal on appeal unless
shown to have substantially prejudiced the rights of a party.

3. All evidence shall be offered and made a part of the record in the application
or legislative proceeding; and, except for matters stipulated to and except as
provided in Subsection 1307.12(E)(4), no other factual information or
evidence shall be considered in the recommendation or decision.

4. The review authority may take notice of judicially cognizable facts, and may
take notice of general, technical, or scientific facts within specialized
knowledge. Except in a Type IV proceeding, interested parties shall be
notified at any time during the proceeding, but in any event prior to the final
decision, of the material so noticed, and they shall be afforded an opportunity
to contest the facts so noticed. The review authority may utilize experience,
technical competence, and specialized knowledge in evaluation of the
evidence presented.
5. All exhibits received shall be marked so as to provide identification upon review. Such exhibits may be returned when the period for review has expired, but shall otherwise be preserved by the Planning Director.

F. **Time Limits:** The review authority may set consistent, reasonable time limits for oral presentations to the end that parties are encouraged to submit as much evidence as possible in writing prior to the hearing. No person may speak more than once without obtaining permission from the review authority.

G. **Questioning:** The review authority (or individual member thereof) or County staff may question any person who testifies. The applicant and other parties to the proceeding shall not have the right to question or cross-examine any person who testifies.

H. **Scope of Testimony:** Except in a Type IV proceeding, testimony shall be directed towards the applicable standards and criteria that apply to the proposal. The review authority may exclude or limit cumulative, repetitious, or immaterial testimony. To expedite hearings, the review authority may call for those in favor and those in opposition to rise, and the review authority shall note the numbers of such persons for the record.

I. **Continuances and Open Record Periods:**

1. All documents or evidence relied upon by the applicant shall be submitted to the County and be made available to the public. Any staff report used at the hearing shall be available at least seven days prior to the hearing. If additional documents or evidence are provided by any party, the review authority may allow a continuance or leave the record open to allow the parties a reasonable opportunity to respond. Any continuance or extension of the record requested by the applicant shall result in a corresponding extension of the time limitations of ORS 215.427 and ORS 215.429.

2. Prior to the conclusion of the initial evidentiary hearing, any participant may request an opportunity to present additional evidence, argument, or testimony regarding the application. The review authority shall either continue the public hearing, pursuant to Subsection 1307.12(1)(2)(a), or leave the record open for additional written evidence, argument, or testimony, pursuant to Subsection 1307.12(1)(2)(b).
a. If the review authority grants a continuance, the hearing shall be continued to a date, time, and place certain at least seven days from the date of the initial evidentiary hearing. An opportunity shall be provided at the continued hearing for persons to present and rebut new evidence, argument, or testimony. If new written evidence is submitted at the continued hearing, any person may request, prior to the conclusion of the continued hearing, that the record be left open for at least seven days to submit additional written evidence, argument, or testimony for the purpose of responding to the new written evidence. Only one continuance is available of right under Subsection 1307.12(I)(2)(a); provided, however, nothing in Subsection 1307.12(I)(2)(a) shall restrict the review authority, in its discretion, from granting additional continuances.

b. If the review authority leaves the record open for additional written evidence, argument, or testimony, the record shall be left open for at least seven days. The review authority may leave the record open for an additional period of at least seven days for any participant to respond to new evidence submitted during the prior open-record period. However, if the review authority has not provided for this additional open-record period, any participant may file a written request with the Planning Director for an opportunity to respond to new evidence submitted during the period the record was left open. Any such request shall be filed no later than the end of the last business day the record is left open. If such a request is filed, the review authority may reopen the record pursuant to Subsection 1307.12(I)(4).

c. A continuance or extension granted pursuant to Subsection 1307.12(I)(2) shall be subject to the limitations of ORS 215.427 and ORS 215.429, unless the continuance or extension is requested or agreed to by the applicant.

3. Additional notice of a continued hearing is not required, unless the hearing is continued without announcing a date, time, and place certain, in which case notice of the continued hearing shall be given as though it were the initial hearing.

4. If the record is reopened to admit new evidence, argument, or testimony, any person may raise new issues which relate to the new evidence, argument, testimony, or criteria for decision-making which apply to the matter at issue. Notice of the reopened record shall be provided to any person who presented evidence, argument, or testimony as part of the record prior to the date the record was reopened.
5. Unless waived by the applicant, the review authority shall allow the applicant at least seven days after the record is closed to all other parties to submit final written argument in support of the application. The applicant’s final submittal shall be considered part of the record, but shall not include any new evidence. This seven-day period shall not be subject to the limitations of ORS 215.427 and ORS 215.429.

J. Record of Hearing:

1. A verbatim record of the proceeding shall be made by written, mechanical, or electronic means, which record need not be transcribed except upon review on the record.

2. The record of proceedings is comprised of:
   a. The Comprehensive Plan and this Ordinance, all of which shall be automatically incorporated into the record;
   b. The application or legislative proposal that initiated the proceeding;
   c. All testimony, argument, evidence, and exhibits submitted prior to the close of the record of the proceeding;
   d. Any staff reports submitted prior to the close of the record of the proceeding;
   e. Any electronic presentation used by either staff, applicant, or other participant in the proceeding;
   f. The verbatim record, as provided in Subsection 1307.12(J)(1);
   g. Minutes, if any, of the hearing;
   h. A verbatim record, as provided in Subsection 1307.12(J)(1), of any public meeting after the close of the hearing at which the proceeding is discussed by or acted upon by the review authority;
   i. Minutes, if any, of any public meeting after the close of the hearing at which the proceeding is discussed by or acted upon by the review authority; and
   j. The written decision.

1307.13 APPEALS

Subsection 1307.13 applies to all appeals processed by the County of decisions issued under Section 1307. Table 1307-1 identifies those land use permit decisions that may be appealed at the County level and the applicable review authority for those appeals.
A. **Filing an Appeal**: An appeal shall be in writing and must be received by the Planning Director within 12 days of the date of mailing of the notice of decision, or if the 12th day falls on a day on which the County is not open for business, by the next day on which the County is open for business.

B. **Notice of Appeal**: Notice of appeal shall be made on a form prescribed by the Planning Director and shall be accompanied by the appeal fee. The notice of appeal shall contain:

1. Identification of the decision sought to be appealed, including its assigned file number, the name of the applicant, and the decision date;

2. The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the appellant;

3. The nature of the decision being appealed and the grounds for appeal; and

4. Signature(s) of the appellant(s), or the duly authorized representative(s) thereof, authorizing the filing of the appeal.

C. **Proper Filing of Notice of Appeal**: The failure to file a timely and complete notice of appeal is a jurisdictional defect, and the Planning Director shall not accept a notice of appeal that does not comply with Subsections 1307.13(A) and (B). The Planning Director’s determination that an appellant has failed to comply with Subsections 1307.13(A) and (B) shall be final.

D. **Appeal Procedures; Scope**: Appeals are subject to the following procedures:

1. **De Novo Review**: Appeals shall be de novo. In a de novo review, all issues of law and fact are heard anew, and no issue of law or fact decided by the lower-level review authority is binding on the parties in the hearing. New parties may participate, and any party may present new evidence and legal argument by written or oral testimony. The record of the initial proceeding shall be made a part of the record of the appeal. For purposes of Subsection 1307.13(D)(1), the record of the initial proceeding consists of

   a. Those items listed in Subsections 1307.12(J)(2)(a) through (d) and (j); and

   b. Those items listed in Subsections 1307.12(J)(2)(e) through (i), to the extent that any prior hearing(s) or public meeting(s) were conducted in reaching the decision that is being appealed.

2. **Notice of Public Hearing**: Notice of public hearing shall be provided as follows:

   a. A minimum of 20 days prior to the first evidentiary hearing on the appeal, written notice of the appeal and hearing shall be mailed to:
i. Those who were entitled to notice pursuant to Subsection 1307.09(A)(1);

ii. The appellant; and

iii. Anyone who previously provided evidence, argument, or testimony as part of the record.

b. At a minimum, notice of hearing shall include those elements identified in Subsection 1307.10(A)(4), except that 1307.10(A)(4)(i) will reference the appealed decision, rather than the staff report.

3. Public Hearing: A public hearing shall be held before the appeal review authority, for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding the application.

4. Decision: The appeal review authority shall consider the record and affirm the decision, affirm the decision with additional conditions or modifications, or reverse the decision. The appeal review authority shall issue a written decision in the form of an order, which shall be signed and dated, that explains the standards and criteria considered relevant to the decision, states the facts relied upon in rendering the decision, and explains the justification for the decision based on the standards, criteria, and facts set forth. The decision also shall include the elements identified in Subsection 1307.10(D)(1) through (5).

5. Notice of Decision: A copy of the written order shall be mailed to:

a. Those identified in Subsection 1307.10(E); and

b. The appellant.

6. Appeal: Except where an additional County-level appeal is provided pursuant to Subsection 1307.13(E), the appeal review authority’s decision is the final decision of the County. Appeal of the County’s final decision is to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals.

E. Review of an Interpretation by the Board of County Commissioners:

1. A second County-level appeal is provided for applications for an interpretation of the Comprehensive Plan, where the Board of County Commissioners shall review the decision of the Planning Commission on appeal. Processing of the appeal shall comply with Subsections 1307.13(A) through (D), except that notice of the public hearing shall be given to:

a. Those identified in Subsections 1307.09(A)(1)(a), (d) through (f), and (i);

b. The appellant;
c. Anyone who provided evidence, argument, or testimony as part of the record; and

d. Anyone who made a written request for notice of decision.

2. A second County-level appeal is provided for applications for an interpretation of this Ordinance, where the Board of County Commissioners may choose to review the decision of the Hearings Officer on appeal but is not required to do so.

   a. If the Board of County Commissioners accepts the appeal, processing of the appeal shall comply with Subsections 1307.13(A) through (D), except that notice of the public hearing shall be given pursuant to Subsection 1307.13(E)(1).

   b. If the Board of County Commissioners denies a request for review, it shall do so in writing. Notice of the denial shall be given pursuant to Subsection 1307.13(E)(1). If the Board of County Commissioners denies a request for review, the decision of the Hearings Officer stands as the final decision of the County. The period for appeal to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals commences on the date of mailing of the Board of County Commissioners’ denial of review.

F. Effect of Judicial or Administrative Review: Except as provided by law or order of a court or administrative tribunal having jurisdiction, a decision of the County shall remain valid and effective notwithstanding the initiation of judicial or administrative review of such decision; provided, however, that any development permit dependent upon such decision shall be issued only with the applicant’s written acknowledgement in a form approved by County Counsel, that such review has been initiated and may result in the reversal of the decision, in which event the permit shall be revoked, as well as any temporary occupancy permit, and the premises shall thereafter be brought into conformity with the applicable standards and criteria by appropriate means. No permanent occupancy certificate shall be issued by the building official until such review has concluded through the adoption of a decision making such occupancy in all respects lawful.

G. Remand from the Land Use Board of Appeals: Except as set forth in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 215.435(4), the County shall take final action on decisions remanded by the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals within the time frame established by ORS 215.435(1) and (2).

1307.14 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Approval of a Type I, II, or III land use permit may be granted subject to conditions. The following limitations shall be applicable to conditional approvals:
A. Conditions shall be fulfilled within the time limitations set forth in the approval thereof, or, if no time is set forth, within a reasonable time. Failure to fulfill any conditions within the time limitations provided shall be grounds for the Planning Director to initiate revocation of the approved land use permit pursuant to Subsection 1307.16(L).

B. Conditions shall be imposed to ensure compliance with the standards and approval criteria applicable to the land use permit, or shall be reasonably calculated to fulfill public needs emanating from the proposed land uses as set forth in the application, in the following respects:

1. Protection of the public from the potentially deleterious effects of the proposed use; or

2. Fulfillment of the need for public services created by the proposed use.

C. The review authority may find compliance with an applicable approval criterion by imposing conditions necessary to ensure compliance and finding that it is feasible for the conditions to be satisfied. Notwithstanding this provision, where conditions require state agency permits to be obtained, the review authority need only find substantial evidence to demonstrate that the applicant is not precluded from obtaining such state agency permits as a matter of law.

D. A surety may be required from the applicant, in an amount sufficient to ensure compliance with one or more conditions of approval, subject to Section 1311, Completion of Improvements, Sureties, and Maintenance.

1307.15 FEES

Fees are for the purposes of defraying administrative costs and are subject to the following:

A. Fees payable at the time of application or appeal are established by separate order of the Board of County Commissioners.

B. The failure to submit the required fee with an application or appeal, including return of checks unpaid or other failure of consideration, shall be a jurisdictional defect.

C. An active community planning organization that is recognized by the County may file appeals without fee, provided the decision to file an appeal is made at a public meeting held in compliance with Oregon Revised Statutes 192.610 to 192.690.

D. Appeal fees shall be refunded if the appellant prevails. Any other fee refund policy shall be established by separate order of the Board of County Commissioners.
E. The County Administrator or designee may reduce or waive fees upon showing of just cause to do so.

1307.16 GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Calculation of Time: For the purposes of this Ordinance, unless otherwise specifically provided, days mean calendar days. In calculating a specific time period, the day on which the period begins to run shall not be included; and the day on which the period ends shall be included. In the event the last day falls on a day on which the County is not open for business, the period of time shall end on the next day on which the County is open for business.

B. Property Owner’s Signature: When any person signs as the owner of property or as an officer of a public or private corporation owning the property, or as an attorney in fact or agent of any owner, or when any person states that he or she is buying the property under contract, the Planning Director and the review authority, if other than the Planning Director, may accept these statements to be true, unless the contrary be proved, and except where otherwise in this Ordinance more definite and complete proof is required. Nothing herein shall prevent the Planning Director or the review authority, if other than the Planning Director, from demanding proof that the signer is the owner, officer, attorney in fact, or agent.

C. Property Owner Notice: Where notice to property owners of record is required by Section 1307, the records of the County Assessor shall be used to identify the owners and their mailing addresses. Persons whose names and addresses are not on file at the time of the filing of the applicable land use permit application or appeal need not be notified of the application, decision, or hearing. If a property within the notification area is located outside the County, the records of the applicable County Assessor shall be used. The failure of a property owner to receive notice as provided in Section 1307 shall not invalidate the proceedings, if the County can demonstrate by affidavit that such notice was given.

D. Method of Mailing: When mailing is required by Section 1307, first-class mail shall be used, except that for mailing to any of the following, either first-class mail or electronic mail may be used: community planning organizations, hamlets, villages, cities, special districts, and government agencies.

E. Burden of Proof: Except in a Type IV proceeding, the proponent has the burden of proof on all elements of the proposal. The proposal must be supported by a preponderance of evidence that it conforms to all applicable standards and criteria. The preponderance of evidence standard is often described as enough evidence to make the proponent’s point more likely than not.

F. Argument and Evidence: For the purposes of Section 1307:

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1. Argument means assertions and analysis regarding the satisfaction or violation of legal standards or policy believed relevant by any party. Argument does not include facts.

2. Evidence means facts, documents, data, or other information offered to demonstrate compliance or noncompliance with the standards and criteria believed by any party to be relevant to the proposal.

G. Withdrawal: Prior to the issuance of the written decision, the applicant may submit a written notice of withdrawal of the application. Upon receipt of a written notice of withdrawal, the application shall be deemed dismissed without further action by the review authority. A withdrawal shall not bar filing a new application; withdrawal shall not be deemed a final decision for any purpose. A withdrawal cannot be appealed. If an application is withdrawn after the mailing of notice of application or public hearing, the Planning Director shall mail written notice stating the application has been withdrawn to all persons who were provided mailed notice of the application or public hearing.

H. Final Action Deadline: Except as modified by ORS 197.763, the County shall take final action on a land use permit application that is subject to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 215.427, including resolution of all County appeals, within the time period specified by ORS 215.427, unless the applicant provides written request for an extension of such period pursuant to ORS 215.427(5).

I. Effective Date of Decision: The County’s final decision on a Type I, II, or III land use permit application becomes effective on:

1. The day the final decision is issued, if no appeal at the County level is allowed;

2. The day after the appeal period expires, if an appeal at the County level is allowed, but no notice of appeal is timely filed;

3. The day the decision is issued by the final County appeal body, if an appeal is allowed and notice of appeal is timely filed. However, if the appeal is withdrawn prior to decision, the effective date of the County’s final decision shall revert to the day after the appeal period would have expired had an appeal not been timely filed; or

4. The date of mailing of the Board of County Commissioners’ denial of review, pursuant to Subsection 1307.13(E)(2)(b).
J. **Reissuing a Decision**: The review authority may reissue a Type I, II, or III decision as a result of a clerical error, a misstatement of facts, or the erroneous imposition or omission of conditions of approval. A decision may not be reissued after the expiration of the appeal period, if any, or after the filing of an appeal. Notice of the reissued decision shall be given in the same manner as notice of the original decision. A new appeal period equal to that of the original decision shall be provided from the date of mailing of the amended decision.

K. **Re-filing an Application**: If a Type II or III land use permit application is denied, or a Type II or III land use permit is revoked pursuant to Subsection 1307.16(L), an applicant may re-file for consideration of the same or substantially similar application only if:

1. At least two years have passed after either final denial of an application by the County or revocation of a permit; or

2. The review authority finds that one or more of the following circumstances render inapplicable all of the specific reasons for the denial:

   a. A change, which is material to the application, has occurred in this Ordinance, the Comprehensive Plan, or other applicable law; for the purposes of this provision, “change” includes amendment to the applicable provisions or a modification in accepted meaning or application caused by an interpretation filed pursuant to Section 1308;

   b. A mistake in facts, which was material to the application, was considered by the review authority;

   c. There have been changes in circumstances resulting in new facts material to the application;

   d. A change has occurred in the zoning of the subject property, or adjacent property, that substantially affects the merits of the application; or

   e. There have been substantial changes in the surrounding area, or on the subject property, such as availability of services or improvements to public facilities, that affect the merits of the application.

L. **Revocation of Approval**: An approval of a Type II or III land use permit may be revoked, as follows:

1. The Planning Director may initiate a public hearing for revocation of a prior approval of a land use permit when there is a violation of conditions attached to the previous approval sufficient to merit such revocation.
2. Revocation of approval shall be reviewed using the Type III procedure. The Hearings Officer shall be the review authority, and the decision of the Hearings Officer shall be the final decision of the County.

3. Revocation is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedy provided by law or equity, and is not a condition precedent to any such remedy.

M. Modifications: Except as permitted pursuant to Section 1309:

1. A modification to an approved Type I, II, or III land use permit, or conditions thereto, shall be processed as a new application; and

2. A modification to conditions of approval for a Type II or III land use permit shall be considered only if one or more of the circumstances identified in Subsection 1307.16(K)(2) apply.

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