

Yamhill County Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Revised Goals And Policies - Adopted December 30, 1996
Incorporating Goal and Policy amendments through Ordinance 618

INTRODUCTION TO 1979 AMENDMENTS (ORD. 206)

In 1969 the State Legislature passed legislation requiring all local governments in Oregon to prepare comprehensive land use plans. In 1973, the State Legislature acted again and created through ORS Chapter 197 (Senate Bill 100) the basis for a viable State land-use planning program, established a Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC), and directed each city and county in the State to prepare and adopt comprehensive plans consistent with statewide planning goals which were to be approved by the Commission by January 1, 1975. Each city and county was also required to enact zoning, subdivision and other ordinances or regulations to implement their comprehensive plans. Legislation further stipulated that after December 31, 1975 comprehensive plans and their implementing ordinances must be updated and revised to comply with the statewide planning goals adopted by the LCDC.

The Yamhill County Comprehensive Plan was prepared and adopted prior to the development of LCDC's statewide planning goals. For this reason, the plan must be updated, and revised where necessary, to bring it into compliance with LCDC goals. Furthermore, changes in patterns of county growth and general local and economic trends in the five years since the Plan was adopted warrant such an update.

The process for preparing the existing Plan involved the time and commitment of many individuals and groups. The preparation of the Plan was a joint effort of the Board of County Commissioners, the Planning Commissioners of the County, McMinnville and Newberg, representatives of the small city planning commissions, eight County planning advisory committees and all those interested citizens who appeared at the public hearings on the Plan or contacted the County offices to offer their comments, ideas and proposals. The Plan reflects the concerns, hopes, and desires of a wide spectrum of Yamhill County citizens.

Since its adoption and implementation, the Plan has given able direction to the County's growth and development. It has served as a solid document in establishing growth policy for the County. The time, energy, and commitment of numerous individuals and interest groups have produced a comprehensive plan of which Yamhill County can justly be proud.

This update to the 1974 Comprehensive Plan is intended as a refinement of that document. In accordance with ORS Chapter 197, this refinement has been guided by the applicable statewide land use goals with which the comprehensive plan must be in conformance.

Paramount to the County plan update process has been the reexamination of goal and policy statements which form the basis of the Comprehensive Plan. Goals are general directives or achievements toward which the County wishes to go in the future. Policies are more specific statements of action to move the County toward attainment of the goals. These policies are used

in daily decision-making or in the development of ordinances by the County.

Many of the goal and policy statements in the 1974 Plan are just as applicable and appropriate today as they were at the time they were formulated. These have remained intact. Others which no longer apply or are inappropriate because of changing conditions or legislation have been deleted or revised. New goals and policies have been adopted to address topics not covered in the original Plan.

Implementation of the County goals and policies can occur several ways. Many are implemented through county ordinance. Other goals and policies will apply to individual issues or proposals put forth by both private and public sectors. Still others will require action dependent upon the County's fiscal resources through time.

Where certain goals and policies conflict with others, the final decision will require a weighing of the merits in order to achieve a balanced decision. Through time, the goals and policies are guides for consistent, reasonable and balanced land use decisions.

For those goals and policies that are a part of the 1974 Comprehensive Plan, parentheses indicate the page where they are found in the 1974 Plan text. An "R" next to a parenthesis indicates an adopted revision of a 1974 Plan goal or policy.

Introduction to Subsequent Amendments

Those goals and policies which were adopted or amended by ordinance after June 28, 1979 are indicated by the ordinance number at the end of the amended or added paragraph. New sections added after that time are identified by the ordinance number in the section heading.

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