



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date:	4/28/11
Agenda Item #:	R.1
Est. Start Time:	9:30 am
Date Submitted:	4/13/11

Agenda Title: Public Hearing to Amend Exhibit 2 (Findings) to Ordinance No. 1161, which Amended the Multnomah County Comprehensive Framework Plan and the Multnomah County Plan and Sectional Zoning Maps Relating to Urban and Rural Reserves, as Amended by Ordinance No. 1165, and **Declaring an Emergency**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date:	April 28, 2011	Amount of Time Needed:	10 min.
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General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adopt an amendment to the Urban and Rural Reserves Ordinance No. 2010-1161 to conform the Multnomah County findings in part II of Exhibit 2 to the findings adopted by Clackamas County, Washington County, and Metro.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Multnomah County adopted an ordinance amending the County Framework Plan policies and zoning maps designating rural reserves in Ordinance No. 2010-1161 on May 13, 2010. In addition to the plan policies and map, the ordinance included Exhibit 2, a Statement of Reasons explaining the plan designations, and Exhibit 3, an index of the Multnomah County record supporting designation of reserves. Exhibit 2 contains findings that support the county’s decision in part I, and findings that support the regional decision in part II. The regional or “overall” findings in part II describe the extent of both urban and rural reserves in all three counties, and explain why the amount of urban and rural land designated in the region meets the legal requirements in the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR).

This amendment is necessary because each county and Metro must adopt the same findings in part II of Exhibit 2 pursuant to the Urban and Rural Reserves Rule (OAR) provisions in 660-027-008. At

the conclusion of public hearings in front of the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) on October 29, 2010, the Commission orally approved the reserves designated in Multnomah and Clackamas counties, and directed Metro and Washington County to revise reserves designations in that county. The actions taken by Metro and Washington County in response to LCDC have resulted in further changes to the Overall Findings. These changes must be included in the Exhibit 2 that Multnomah County adopts. Completion of this amendment is needed to enable the Multnomah County portion of the joint Urban and Rural Reserves decision to be submitted concurrently with the ordinances of Clackamas and Washington Counties, and Metro to LCDC in a timely way. Due to the timeline for submitting to LCDC, this amendment needs to be adopted by emergency.

The Urban and Rural Reserves process is a new regional approach to managing the Metro region urban form while protecting important farm, forest, and landscape features from urbanization. Adoption of the proposed policies and map is the final phase in the reserves designation process that began after the state legislature adopted enabling legislation in SB 1011(2007) followed by LCDC adoption of Oregon Administrative Rule Division 27 (OAR) in January of 2008. The plan and zoning map in Exhibit 1 to Ordinance No. 1161 identify reserve areas in Multnomah County as part of a process that included collaboration with Washington and Clackamas Counties, Metro, cities, and others. The Reserves process provides greater flexibility to decide what areas around the Portland Metro region are best suited for future urbanization, and the 50 year time horizon will result in greater predictability for where growth is and is not expected to occur. Land outside of the UGB has been studied to inform decisions about how to balance land needed to create great urban communities, to protect lands important to the viability of the agricultural and forest economies of the region, and protection of natural features that define the region.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

Staff resources to support adoption of this ordinance is accommodated within existing budget. The County adopted IGA with Metro anticipates future county participation in concept planning for areas considered for addition to the UGB, and participation in a review of the reserves program within 20 years. Resources for these efforts will come from future budgets.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

No legal or policy issues associated with this ordinance amendment are noted. The Board considered these elements in prior proceedings on this matter.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

This Reserves project has included an extensive public involvement program that led to adoption of Ordinance No. 2010-1161. That outreach program followed a regional Coordinated Public Involvement program and a County Public Involvement program. Coordination with affected local governments was been an important element in support of reserves evaluation and decisions. Outreach to the public occurred in a number of ways including newspaper notifications, use of the internet, individual property owner mailings, open house events, public meetings, and public hearings.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**



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