

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. PC 2013-2795

Recommend to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of an ordinance amending the Significant Environmental Concern provisions for MCC Chapters 33, 34 and 36 to provide an option for prescriptive standards for wildlife conservation plans and standards for the creation of optional development impact areas in the Significant Environmental Concern for Wildlife Habitat zone district.

The Planning Commission Finds:

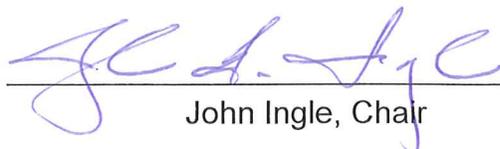
- a. The Planning Commission is authorized by Multnomah County Code Chapter 37.0710 and by ORS 215.110 to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the adoption of Ordinances to amend County's Comprehensive Plan and land use regulations.
- b. The Significant Environmental Concern for wildlife habitat regulations were adopted initially in 1994 in the West Hills and Sauvie Island plan areas, and in 2002 in the West of Sandy River plan area. The code remains substantially the same today. The proposed amendments seek to provide additional options and improve the permit processing time for property owners while reducing costs to the County and its customers.
- c. The proposed amendments are intended to maintain existing protection measures for conflicting uses and provide additional optional mitigation measures.
- d. No regulations are being proposed that further restrict the use of property and no mailed notices to individual property owners are required ("Ballot Measure 56 notice"). Notice of the Planning Commission hearing was published in the Oregonian newspaper and on the Land Use Planning Program internet pages. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 9, 2013 where all interested persons were given an opportunity to appear and be heard.
- e. The proposed ordinance language should be amended to replace the term native soil with topsoil, which is in more common usage.

The Planning Commission resolves:

The proposed Ordinance amending MCC Chapter 33, 34 and 36 is hereby recommended for adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 9th day of September, 2013.

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John Ingle, Chair