It’s Ordinance Season!

Every year, new Washington County land use regulations are enacted. These regulations become laws that govern what, where, when and how land in the unincorporated areas of the county may be used and developed. This process is called the Land Use Ordinance Process.

What’s an ordinance?

A land use ordinance proposes a change in how land is used, planned or regulated. If adopted, it modifies one or more county planning documents, such as a community plan or the Community Development Code. It can result from an idea or ideas submitted by a CPO or an individual CPO member.

The County’s Land Use Ordinance Process has two stages. The first stage is the annual development and adoption of the Long Range Planning Work Program which includes and prioritizes potential ordinances, among other tasks. The second stage is the Washington County Ordinance Season when staff prepares, publishes and submits ordinances for public review. (See diagram below.)

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How does an idea become a land use regulation?

STAGE 1 = Work Program

1. Submission of Issue
   County staff or residents submit issues for consideration.

2. Draft Report
   Final draft report with compilation of public comments and staff recommendations considered by Board of Commissioners (Board).

3. Adoption of Work Program
   Board adopts Work Program, setting priorities for the year (Tier 1, Tier 2...). Tier 1 tasks are generally scheduled to be addressed in the current year.

4. Public Comments
   Long Range Planning Section compiles submissions and releases a draft Work Program Staff Report for a 30-day public review and comment period.

   *Some issues are addressed in an issue paper which helps inform the Board to determine if an ordinance is needed.*

STAGE 2 = Ordinance Season

5. Ordinance Schedule
   Ordinance is filed and scheduled for public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board between March 1 and October 31. Public is provided documentation and notice of hearings.

6. Public Hearings
   Planning Commission and Board hold public hearings.

7. Decision
   Following public hearings, Board decides to adopt, reject or continue an ordinance. Board may elect to extend the review process. If adopted, an ordinance typically becomes effective 30 days after adoption.

   *If engrossed (amended) by the Board, public notice is provided and additional hearings are held.*
CPO 6
Aloha, Cooper Mountain, Reedville
CPO 6 meetings are generally held at 7 pm on the first Thursday of the month at TVF&R Community Room, 20665 SW Blanton St., Aloha.

CPO 7
Bethany, Rock Creek, Sunset West
CPO 7 meetings are generally held at 7 pm on the second Monday of the month at TVF&R Station 68 Community Room, 13545 NW Evergreen St., Portland.

CPO 10
Chehalem Mountain, Farmington, Groner, Laurel, Scholls
CPO 10 meetings are generally held at 7 pm on the third Thursday of the month at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Education Center, 2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy, Cornelius. CPO 10 does not meet in June, July, and August.

Meeting schedules are subject to change. Visit your CPO online for upcoming meeting information, or call your CPO Program Coordinator (see below).

Inactive CPOs

CPO 8
Helvetia, North Plains, Mountaindale

CPO 9
Hillsboro, Orenco

If you are interested in helping CPO 8 or CPO 9 become active, contact Dan Schauer at dan.schauer@oregonstate.edu or 503-821-1123.

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CPOs Online

Your CPO Newsletter of Central Washington County
CPO News is published six times a year (Feb., Apr., Jun., Aug., Oct., Dec.) for all CPO subscribers. Active CPOs are mailed separate notices when their CPO meets. Update your email subscription on the web form at http://bit.ly/1FtYy8B. Contact a CPO Program Coordinator to change your postal mail address.

CPO Updates

The Committee for Citizen Involvement
Representatives from active CPOs meet monthly as the Washington County Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI). The CCI focuses on citizen involvement policy issues and provides time for CPOs to share and discuss emerging issues.

In July, meeting topics included the CPO role in the upcoming Department of Land Use & Transportation study, Rightsizing the Parking Code. Find meeting materials at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/committee-citizen-involvement-cci-0. Members also shared updates from their CPOs. The public is welcome. Meets on the third Tuesday at 7 pm, TVF&R Community Room, 20665 SW Blanton St., Aloha. The next CCI meeting will be on August 18.

CCI Work Program Subcommittee
Interested in the land use ordinance process and providing suggestions for the County’s 2016 Work Program? The CCI Work Program Subcommittee will begin meeting in September. Please email a coordinator if you want to know more.

Harold Haynes Citizen Involvement Award
The CCI honors citizens who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in engaging members of their community in civic affairs. Nominations are being accepted through October 9th. Contact your CPO Coordinator for more information or download a form from our website at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/cpo.

Transition Planning Team
Washington County has initiated a planning process to transfer the programmatic support for the CPO Program away from OSU Extension, the County’s current contracted service provider. A Board-appointed Transition Planning Team has been charged with developing several options for Board consideration so that a transition can be implemented in early 2016. Bruce Bartlett (CPO 1), Kathy Stallkamp (CPO 4K), and Jim Long (CPO 4M) are the CCI representatives serving on the team. The first meetings were held on July 13th and August 10th. Find meeting audio at http://co.washington.or.us/CPO/transition.cfm.

Team will meet: Tuesday, September 8 (joint meeting with the Board of Commissioners); and Monday, October 19. Meetings are planned for November and December. Attend these public meetings; find details and submit comments via the CPO Program Transition website at http://www.co.washington.or.us/CPO/transition.cfm.

Sign up for updates by email: http://washtech.co.washington.or.us/subscriptions/ Under “County Administrative Office,” select “Community Involvement Program Transition.”

Project web page: http://co.washington.or.us/CPO/transition.cfm
Bounce back faster from disaster!

Disasters are inevitable. How prepared are you?

A major earthquake off the Oregon coast could strike at any time. Join us Saturday, October 10th, 9 am - 1:30 pm, at the Hillsboro Civic Center on Main Street (across from the Farmers’ Market), to help you and your family prepare!

Quake Up! is a hands-on educational event presented by the Washington County CPO Program in partnership with the Downtown Hillsboro Saturday Farmers’ Market and the Washington County Museum.

Find out:

1. How to prepare before a quake.
2. What to do during and right after a quake.
3. What to do in the days and weeks after a quake.

Visit all the exhibitors and take home resources and step-by-step planning tools. Learn about storing emergency water and food, purifying water, and collecting key items for your disaster kit.

Connect with a licensed commercial professional about seismic protection for your home. Talk with Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter’s nationally recognized specialist on pets and disasters.

Hear presentations in English and Spanish on personal and community disaster planning. Hear talks about emergency management and the earthquake hazards and risks specific to the Northwest. Learn what to expect from a magnitude 9 quake and different ways to protect your home and family.

Also learn how to prepare together with neighbors, which is vitally important because emergency responders will be spread thin.

Fun for the kids! Kids can make buildings and see how they fare on an earthquake shake table built by 4-H. Enjoy free admission (10 am - 1 pm) to the Washington County Museum with earthquake-related kids’ crafts and storyteller. Explore hands-on exhibits while stamping passports for a free drawing!

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At Quake Up! you will learn how to take just a few simple steps to increase your chances to survive and bounce back faster from disaster!

Ask yourself, “What if the Really Big One happens?”

Preparation is the key.

No one can predict when an earthquake will happen, but you can control how ready you’ll be. Make a plan with your family and neighbors. Expect that bridges, roads and utilities will be cut off. Damage to older buildings will make them unsafe. First responders will be addressing only the most critical needs. Plan to have enough water, food, medicine and supplies for up to three weeks.

Join us at Quake Up! This event is designed to help you take simple steps to prepare, whether you are from a rural or urban area. Many agencies and organizations are participating including American Red Cross, Joint Water Commission, Sheriff’s Office, City of Hillsboro, Washington County Emergency Management and other county agencies. They can provide you with simple steps you can take now.

1 How to prepare before a quake.

Use Take 5 to Survive.

Begin with simple five-minute steps. Involve your family and friends. www.take5tosurvive.com

Make your disaster kit work for you and your family.

Every family has a variety of needs to consider. Use recommended checklists and guides in preparing your kit. http://1.usa.gov/1gj9B9v
http://rdcrss.org/19gG5Vc

Make a plan.

Learn how to be ready to make it on your own. Make a household communication plan. Work with your community in your planning. Get trained. Find out how to support people with special needs. Volunteer to help community members.

• Plan with Your Neighborhood http://www.preporegon.org/
• Preparing Together Guide and Toolkit www.crinorthwest.org/preptalk.html
• Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT) www.ocem.org/volunteering.cfm
• Emergency Management Cooperative www.ocem.org/volunteering.cfm

Take a first aid class.

Know the basics in first aid to help your family and neighbors. http://rdcrss.org/1ByGM3w

2 What to do during and right after a quake.

Practice drop, cover and hold.

Participate in the Great Oregon Shake Out on October 15th, 10 am. http://shakeout.org/oregon/

Know how to secure your home.


3 What to do in the days and weeks after a quake.

Secure food and water sources.

Learn how to make use of the water in your home, such as the water in the water heater. Learn how to purify water and make water and food supplies last. http://1.usa.gov/UXieDX

Personal and family preparedness contributes to building community resilience. Once you’re prepared, start working with your community! If you know your neighbors and what disaster items and skills they have available, you can work together in a disaster. Plus, you’ll build a strong community that provides benefits year round.
STAGE 1: Work Program Development

1. Community and staff members submit ordinance ideas to the County’s Department of Land Use & Transportation’s Long Range Planning Section.
2. In the fall and winter, staff reviews and researches the submissions, and then prioritizes them with other projects. This compilation becomes part of the draft Annual Work Program Staff Report.
3. During a 30-day public comment period in the spring, community members are encouraged to review and comment on the draft report and offer other potential Work Program ideas.
4. A final draft report and staff recommendations are presented to the Board of Commissioners (Board). The Board reviews, modifies and adopts the County’s Work Program setting priorities for the year.

STAGE 2: Ordinance Season

5. Unlike other counties in the state, Washington County has an official Land Use Ordinance Season which begins on March 1 and continues through October 31. During this time, documentation of each ordinance and notices of upcoming public hearings are provided to the public and CPOs. Each ordinance is put on the agenda at hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board.
6. The public is invited to provide testimony about the contents of each ordinance at the public hearings. Occasionally, contents of an ordinance are amended based upon direction from the Board. Amending the contents of an ordinance is called engrossing an ordinance. If the Board engrosses an ordinance, additional notice and public hearings will be scheduled to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the revised ordinance.
7. After reviewing public comment and testimony for each ordinance, the Board has the choice to either adopt, reject or continue each ordinance. If adopted, an ordinance typically becomes effective 30 days after adoption. If an ordinance is not adopted or continued to the following Ordinance Season by October 31, it is deemed rejected.
The mission of Citizen Participation Organizations in Washington County is to encourage and empower public involvement.

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/cpo

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**Opportunities to Participate**

**Washington County Rightsizing the Parking Code Project**
Become a member of a stakeholder work group tasked with providing input and review for this project. Email parking-codestudy@co.washington.or.us.  

**Newly-Formed City of Hillsboro Citizen Advisory Committee**
Applications are being accepted for representatives on this committee as part of a two-year project to update the City’s Comprehensive Plan.  
[http://www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/](http://www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/)

**Marijuana Updates**
The Oregon Liquor Control Commission provides a snapshot of the latest information on this issue.  
[http://whatslegaloregon.com/](http://whatslegaloregon.com/)

**Community Public Safety Academy**
Sept. 1 - Nov. 10, Tuesdays, 6-9:30 pm. Learn about what goes on behind the scenes in your Sheriff’s Office. Contact Darlene Schnoor at 503-846-2774 for more information.  

**River Terrace**
**211-Unit Single-Family Subdivision**
Comment period through August 19. Mail to Monica Bilodeau, 13125 SW Hall Blvd. City of Tigard Planning Commission hearing August 24, 7 pm, Town Hall, 13525 SW Hall Blvd.

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**Resources**

Washington County Land Use Ordinances for 2015  

Washington County Land Use Applications  

Projects Under Review:  
[www.co.washington.or.us/devreview](http://www.co.washington.or.us/devreview)

Public Notices:  
[www.co.washington.or.us/devnotice](http://www.co.washington.or.us/devnotice)

Notices of Decision:  
[www.co.washington.or.us/devdecision](http://www.co.washington.or.us/devdecision)

Washington County e-Subs  

City of Beaverton e-Subs  

City of Hillsboro e-Updates  
[http://bit.ly/1Mg0g35](http://bit.ly/1Mg0g35)

River Terrace Updates  

South Cooper Mountain Updates  

Southwest Corridor Updates  