

660-027-0070

Planning of Urban and Rural Reserves

(1) Urban reserves are the highest priority for inclusion in the urban growth boundary when Metro expands the UGB, as specified in Goal 14, OAR chapter 660, division 24, and in ORS 197.298.

(2) In order to maintain opportunities for orderly and efficient development of urban uses and provision of urban services when urban reserves are added to the UGB, counties shall not amend comprehensive plan provisions or land use regulations for urban reserves designated under this division to allow uses that were not allowed, or smaller lots or parcels than were allowed, at the time of designation as urban reserves until the reserves are added to the UGB, except as specified in sections (4) through (6) of this rule.

(3) Counties that designate rural reserves under this division shall not amend comprehensive plan provisions or land use regulations to allow uses that were not allowed, or smaller lots or parcels than were allowed, at the time of designation as rural reserves unless and until the reserves are re-designated, consistent with this division, as land other than rural reserves, except as specified in sections (4) through (6) of this rule.

(4) Notwithstanding the prohibitions in sections (2) and (3) of these rules, counties may adopt or amend comprehensive plan provisions or land use regulations as they apply to lands in urban reserves, rural reserves or both, unless an exception to Goals 3, 4, 11 or 14 is required, in order to allow:

(a) Uses that the county inventories as significant Goal 5 resources, including programs to protect inventoried resources as provided under OAR chapter 660, division 23, or inventoried cultural resources as provided under OAR chapter 660, division 16;

(b) Public park uses, subject to the adoption or amendment of a park master plan as provided in OAR chapter 660, division 34;

(c) Roads, highways and other transportation and public facilities and improvements, as provided in ORS 215.213 and 215.283, OAR 660-012-0065, and 660-033-0130 (agricultural land) or OAR chapter 660, division 6 (forest lands);

(d) Other uses and land divisions that a county could have allowed under ORS 215.130(5) – (11) or as an outright permitted use or as a conditional use under ORS 215.213 and 215.283 or Goal 4 if the county had amended its comprehensive plan to conform to the applicable state statute or administrative rule prior to its designation of rural reserves;

(5) Notwithstanding the prohibition in sections (2) through (4) of this rule a county may amend its comprehensive plan or land use regulations as they apply to land in an urban or rural reserve that is subject to an exception to Goals 3 or 4, or both, acknowledged prior to designation of the subject property as urban or rural reserves, in order to authorize an alteration or expansion of uses or lot or parcel sizes allowed on the land under the exception provided:

(a) The alteration or expansion would comply with the requirements described in ORS 215.296, applied whether the land is zoned for farm use, forest use, or mixed farm and forest use;

(b) The alteration or expansion conforms to applicable requirements for exceptions and amendments to exceptions under OAR chapter 660, division 4, and all other applicable laws;

(c) The alteration or expansion would not expand the boundaries of the exception area unless such alteration or expansion is necessary in response to a failing on-site wastewater disposal system; and

(d) An alteration to allow creation of smaller lots or parcels than was allowed on the land under the exception complies with the requirements of OAR chapter 660, division 29.

(6) Notwithstanding the prohibitions in sections (2) through (5) of this rule, a county may amend its comprehensive plan or land use regulations as they apply to lands in urban reserves or rural reserves or both in order to allow establishment of a new sewer system or the extension of a sewer system provided the exception meets the requirements under OAR 660-011-0060(9)(a).

(7) Notwithstanding the prohibition in sections (2) and (4) of this rule, a county may take an exception to a statewide land use planning goal in order to allow:

(a) Modifications to an unconstructed transportation facility that was authorized in an exception prior to designation of the location as a rural reserve; or

(b) The establishment of a transportation facility in an area designated as urban reserve.

(8) Counties, cities and Metro may adopt and amend conceptual plans for the eventual urbanization of urban reserves designated under this division, including plans for eventual provision of public facilities and services, roads, highways and other transportation facilities, and may enter into urban service agreements among cities, counties and special districts serving or projected to serve the designated urban reserve area.

(9) Metro shall ensure that lands designated as urban reserves, considered alone or in conjunction with lands already inside the UGB, are ultimately planned to be developed in a manner that is consistent with the factors in OAR 660-027-0050.

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