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TO: Multnomah County Planning Commission
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RE: Update on State Farm Stands Rulemaking

At the last Planning Commission meeting in July, Staff and the Commission discussed state rulemaking efforts currently underway. There was much concern regarding around the farm stands rulemaking effort that was underway at the time – in particular around potential rules that could increase scrutiny of individual farm stand’s compliance with state statutes. At the meeting, some commissioners considered whether a letter from the Commission to the Farm Stand Rules Advisory Committee may be appropriate. Staff promised to bring forward additional information to the next meeting.

A few days after the July meeting we shared with the Commission that Governor’s office and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) had decided to pause the rulemaking effort due to controversy surrounding the proposed rules. To date, there has been no new activity on the rulemaking effort. We have been informed that the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) will receive an update on the topic at their next meeting on September 25th.

Here is an excerpt from the agenda packet:

“A legislative workgroup convened during the beginning of session to discuss a number of bills that would impact allowed farm uses. The workgroup met in February and March. After robust discussion, participants did not reach consensus and no legislation was moved forward. As a result of those conversations, DLCD was directed by the Governor's office to host a rulemaking to explore where policy could be improved to offer more consistency and clarity for issues related to farm stands. LCDC initiated that rulemaking in March. The department recruited a Rulemaking Advisory Committee according to the commission's charge. That committee met in June and July. Due to the level of controversy that arose from those discussions, DLCD and the Governor's office paused the rulemaking to evaluate next steps. The department will brief the commission on the status of that rulemaking in a separate agenda item.”

The meeting will be streamed live on DLCD’s YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@OregonDLCD/streams>

More information about the LCDC meeting can be found here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/commission/pages/meetings.aspx>

More information on the farm stands agenda item can be found here:

https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/Commission/Documents/2025-09_Item%204_Farm%20Stands_Staff_Report_FINAL.pdf

More information about DLCD rulemaking can be found here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/lar/pages/rulemaking.aspx>