

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. PC 2021-14505

Recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the adoption of one or more ordinances amending Multnomah County Chapter 38 Zoning Code and the Multnomah County Comprehensive Plan in response to federally mandated revisions to the Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area approved by the Columbia River Gorge Commission and other amendments to Chapter 38 Code and the Comprehensive Plan not related to the Management Plan revisions.

The Planning Commission Finds:

- a. The Planning Commission is authorized by Multnomah County Code Chapter 38.0340 and by ORS 215.110 to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the adoption of ordinances to amend land use regulations and the County Comprehensive Plan.
- b. This recommended amendment to Multnomah County Code Chapter 38 and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Rural Area Plan (an element of the Multnomah County Comprehensive Plan) implements at the local level federally mandated revisions to the Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (Management Plan). The recommended amendment also proposes to simplify and clarify provisions within the Chapter 38 Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan.
- c. Following a three year public planning process, the Columbia River Gorge Commission adopted revisions to the Management Plan on October 13, 2020 as part of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act (National Scenic Area Act) requirement to review and update the Management Plan as needed every ten years. The Management Plan contains the land use and resource protection goals, objectives, policies and guidelines necessary to protect and enhance scenic, cultural, recreational and natural Columbia River Gorge resources and to protect and support the economy of the Columbia River Gorge area.
- d. Multnomah County is mandated by the National Scenic Area Act to adopt land use code amendments and any necessary Comprehensive Plan amendments consistent with the Management Plan revisions by December 11, 2021 (270 days from the date the revised Management Plan was transmitted to Multnomah County).
- e. The Planning Commission finds the recommended amendments adequately address this federal mandate and also include necessary amendments unrelated to the Management Plan revisions.
- f. Property is being “rezoned,” as that term is defined in ORS 215.503, and therefore a mailed notice to individual property owners was required and provided (“Ballot

Measure 56” notice). Notice was also published in the Oregonian newspaper and on the Land Use Planning Program website. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on October 4th, 2021, which was continued until November 1st, 2021, where all interested persons were given an opportunity to appear and be heard.

The Planning Commission resolves:

The adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of one or more ordinances amending MCC Chapter 38 and amending the Multnomah County Comprehensive Plan, in a form substantially similar to that approved by the Planning Commission as set forth in the attached staff report, is hereby recommended.

ADOPTED this 1st day of November, 2021

PLANNING COMMISSION
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John Ingle, Chair