

ARTICLE 3.6 – ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

SECTION 3.6.001 - PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this Article is to establish a procedure for protecting archaeological resources within the City of La Grande and its Urban Growth Area.

SECTION 3.6.002 - DISCOVERIES DURING DEVELOPMENT

If an archaeological object, deposit, or artifact is discovered during any development action, individuals shall report the discovery as soon as possible to the Community Development Department/Planning Division.

No development shall be delayed or halted without the developer's or landowner's consent, unless a burial site is involved.

SECTION 3.6.003 - REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

The Community Development Department/Planning Division shall notify the appropriate native American tribe, the State Historic Preservation Office, and other appropriate agencies or individuals charged with archaeological resource preservation in order that the landowner and interested parties may negotiate and resolve any conflicts.

Any individual encountering archaeological resources in the course of any development shall comply with Oregon law including ORS 358.905 (Archaeological Objects and Sites), ORS 390.235 (Archaeological Sites and Historical Material), and ORS 97.750 (Protection of Indian Graves). The relevant Native American tribal government may request to receive recovered non-sacred artifacts following research studies, subject to approval of the landowner or developer.