

ARTICLE 8.8 – LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT

SECTION 8.8.001 - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Land Development Code Amendment is to provide for its revision in response to revisions to the City of La Grande Comprehensive Plan, or to provide for the continued efficient administration of this Code, or to provide for revision and update as deemed necessary.

SECTION 8.8.002 - REVIEW PROCEDURE

Land Development Code Amendment requests shall be subject to the Planning Commission and the City Council Review Procedures.

SECTION 8.8.003 - REVIEW CRITERIA

A proposed Land Development Code Amendment shall meet the following criteria:

- A. That the proposed amendment is in compliance with the Statewide Planning Goals and with the Comprehensive Plan Policies.

SECTION 8.8.004 - PROCESSING

In the processing of Land Development Code Amendments, the following procedures shall be followed, in accordance with Chapter 9 of this Code:

- A. Initiation by the Community Development Director/Planner, Planning Commission, or City Council - The Community Development Director/Planner, Planning Commission or City Council may initiate proceedings to amend the Land Development Code by majority vote, providing that if said Community Development Director/Planner or Council initiates the amendment it shall be referred to the Planning Commission for hearing. Said referral shall be in writing stating the text of the amendment.
- B. Public Hearing by Planning Commission - Upon receipt of either a request for a Land Development Code Amendment or a motion from the Planning Commission or City Council to consider a proposed amendment, the Community Development Director/Planner shall set a date for a public hearing, as provided by Chapter 9, Article 9.5 before the Planning Commission.
- C. Notice - Notice of a hearing on a proposed Land Development Code Amendment shall be provided as set forth in Article 9.6, Section 9.6.001 of this Code. Notice of the proposal shall also be submitted to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development and other affected agencies for review in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rules.
- D. Review by the Planning Commission - The Planning Commission shall review the proposed Land Development Code Amendment in accordance with the procedure established in Chapter 9 and make a recommendation to the City Council.
- E. Public Hearing by City Council - Upon receipt of a recommendation of the Planning Commission, the Community Development Director/Planner shall set a date for public hearing, as provided by Chapter 9, Article 9.5, before the City Council.
- F. Review by City Council - The City Council shall review the proposed Land Development Code Amendment and reach a decision in accordance with the procedure established in Chapter 9, and

Oregon Revised Statutes relating to enactment of Ordinances. If the decision of the City Council is to approve the proposed amendment, such action shall be confirmed through amendment of the Land Development Code by the Community Development Department/Planning Division.

- G. Limitation - No request for a Land Development Code Amendment shall be considered by the Planning Commission on the same matter or substantially the same matter within a one (1) year period immediately following a previous denial of such request except the Planning Commission may consent to a new hearing if in the opinion of the Planning Commission, new evidence or a change of circumstances warrant it.