

ARTICLE 9.4 – CITY COUNCIL REVIEW PROCEDURE

SECTION 9.4.001 - PURPOSE

The purpose of the City Council Review Procedure is to establish a process for reaching major public policy decisions concerning the use and development of lands within La Grande and the Urban Growth Boundary. This procedure recognizes that certain decisions may be administrative in nature, while other decisions may be legislative.

SECTION 9.4.002 - APPLICATION

The following shall be subject to City Council Review:

- A. Amendment of the Comprehensive Plan Document
- B. Amendment of the Land Development Code
- C. Change in Comprehensive Plan and Zone Map Designation, including Limited Use Overlay Designations and Specific Plans
- D. Appeals of Planning Commission Decisions
- E. Final Subdivision and Major Partition Plats
- F. Right-Of-Way Vacations
- G. Right-Of-Way Dedications

SECTION 9.4.003 - PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE

The Community Development Department/Planning Division shall set a date for a noticed public hearing for City Council Review as provided by Chapter 9, Article 9.5 of this Code.

SECTION 9.4.004 - REVIEW AND DECISION

For actions under Section 9.4.002, the City Council must receive recommendations from the Planning Commission. The City Council shall conduct a de-novo public hearing to review the above applications, except E and G. The Council may approve the application or proposed policy as initially submitted, or it may disapprove the application or policy stating its reasons therefore. The Council may continue its public hearing where it reasonably appears that additional testimony needs to be taken. The Council shall make its decision at the time of the public hearing, but in the event more time is needed, the Council shall have a maximum of forty-five (45) days to hold an additional public hearing for such decision, so long as the total time required to process the land use application is less than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date the submittal is deemed complete-, except as provided in ORS 227.178 (7).

SECTION 9.4.005 - APPEAL

A decision of the City Council shall be final unless appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals in accordance with Oregon Law. If the property subject to the appeal is within the Urban Growth Area, the decision of the City Council may be appealed to the Union County Board of Commissioners in accordance with the Joint Management Agreement and Union County Ordinance.