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Purpose

(1) The purpose of this division is to interpret the requirements of Goal 2 and ORS 197.732 regarding exceptions. This division explains the three types of exceptions set forth in Goal 2 “Land Use Planning, Part II, Exceptions.” Rules in other divisions of OAR 660 provide substantive standards for some specific types of goal exceptions. Where this is the case, the specific substantive standards in the other divisions control over the more general standards of this division. However, the definitions, notice, and planning and zoning requirements of this division apply to all types of exceptions. The types of exceptions that are subject to specific standards in other divisions are:

- (a) Standards for a demonstration of reasons for sanitary sewer service to rural lands are provided in OAR 660-011-0060(9);
- (b) Standards for a demonstration of reasons for urban transportation improvements on rural land are provided in OAR 660-012-0070;
- (c) Standards to determine irrevocably committed exceptions pertaining to urban development on rural land are provided in OAR 660-014-0030, and standards for demonstration of reasons for urban development on rural land are provided in OAR 660-014-0040.

(2) An exception is a decision to exclude certain land from the requirements of one or more applicable statewide goals in accordance with the process specified in Goal 2, Part II, Exceptions. The documentation for an exception must be set forth in a local government’s comprehensive plan. Such documentation must support a conclusion that the standards for an exception have been met. The conclusion shall be based on findings of fact supported by substantial evidence in the record of the local proceeding and by a statement of reasons that explains why the proposed use not allowed by the applicable goal, or a use authorized by a statewide planning goal that cannot comply with the approval standards for that type of use, should be provided for. The exceptions process is not to be used to indicate that a jurisdiction disagrees with a goal.

(3) The intent of the exceptions process is to permit necessary flexibility in the application of the Statewide Planning Goals. The procedural and substantive objectives of the exceptions process are to:

- (a) Assure that citizens and governmental units have an opportunity to participate in resolving plan conflicts while the exception is being developed and reviewed; and
- (b) Assure that findings of fact and a statement of reasons supported by substantial evidence justify an exception to a statewide goal.

(4) When taking an exception, a local government may rely on information and documentation prepared by other groups or agencies for the purpose of the exception or for other purposes, as substantial evidence to support its findings of fact. Such information must be either included or properly incorporated by reference into the record of the local exceptions proceeding. Information included by reference must be made available to interested persons for their review prior to the last evidentiary hearing on the exception.

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Definitions

For the purpose of this division, the definitions in ORS 197.015 and the Statewide Planning Goals shall apply. In addition, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) An "Exception" is a comprehensive plan provision, including an amendment to an acknowledged comprehensive plan, that:

(a) Is applicable to specific properties or situations and does not establish a planning or zoning policy of general applicability;

(b) Does not comply with some or all goal requirements applicable to the subject properties or situations; and

(c) Complies with ORS 197.732(2), the provisions of this division and, if applicable, the provisions of OAR 660-011-0060, OAR 660-012-0070, OAR 660-014-0030, or OAR 660-014-0040.

(2) "Resource Land" is land subject to one or more of the statewide goals listed in OAR 660-004-0010(1)(a) through (g) except subsections (c) and (d).

(3) "Nonresource Land" is land not subject to any of the statewide goals listed in OAR 660-004-0010(1)(a) through (g) except subsections (c) and (d). Nothing in these definitions is meant to imply that other goals, particularly Goal 5, do not apply to nonresource land.

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Application of the Goal 2 Exception Process to Certain Goals

(1) The exceptions process is not applicable to Statewide Goal 1 "Citizen Involvement" and Goal 2 "Land Use Planning." The exceptions process is generally applicable to all or part of those statewide goals that prescribe or restrict certain uses of resource land, restrict urban uses on rural land, or limit the provision of certain public facilities and services. These statewide goals include but are not limited to:

(a) Goal 3 "Agricultural Lands"; however, an exception to Goal 3 "Agricultural Lands" is not required for any of the farm or nonfarm uses allowed in an exclusive farm use (EFU) zone under ORS chapter 215 and OAR chapter 660, division 33, "Agricultural Lands", except as provided under OAR 660-004-0022 regarding a use authorized by a statewide planning goal that cannot comply with the approval standards for that type of use;

(b) Goal 4 "Forest Lands"; however, an exception to Goal 4 "Forest Lands" is not required for any of the forest or nonforest uses allowed in a forest or mixed farm/forest zone under OAR chapter 660, division 6, "Forest Lands";

(c) Goal 11 "Public Facilities and Services" as provided in OAR 660-011-0060(9);

(d) Goal 14 "Urbanization" as provided for in the applicable paragraph (1)(c)(A), (B), (C) or (D) of this rule:

(A) An exception is not required for the establishment of an urban growth boundary around or including portions of an incorporated city;

(B) When a local government changes an established urban growth boundary applying Goal 14 as it existed prior to the amendments adopted April 28, 2005, it shall follow the procedures and requirements set forth in Goal 2 "Land Use Planning," Part II, Exceptions. An established urban growth boundary is one that has been acknowledged under ORS 197.251, 197.625 or 197.626. Findings and reasons in support of an

amendment to an established urban growth boundary shall demonstrate compliance with the seven factors of Goal 14 and demonstrate that the following standards are met:

- (i) Reasons justify why the state policy embodied in the applicable goals should not apply (This factor can be satisfied by compliance with the seven factors of Goal 14);
- (ii) Areas that do not require a new exception cannot reasonably accommodate the use;
- (iii) The long-term environmental, economic, social and energy consequences resulting from the use at the proposed site with measures designed to reduce adverse impacts are not significantly more adverse than would typically result from the same proposal being located in areas requiring a goal exception other than the proposed site; and
- (iv) The proposed uses are compatible with other adjacent uses or will be so rendered through measures designed to reduce adverse impacts.

(C) When a local government changes an established urban growth boundary applying Goal 14 as amended April 28, 2005, a goal exception is not required unless the local government seeks an exception to any of the requirements of Goal 14 or other applicable goals;

(D) For an exception to Goal 14 to allow urban development on rural lands, a local government must follow the applicable requirements of OAR 660-014-0030 or 660-014-0040, in conjunction with applicable requirements of this division;

- (e) Goal 16 "Estuarine Resources";
- (f) Goal 17 "Coastal Shorelands"; and
- (g) Goal 18 "Beaches and Dunes."

(2) The exceptions process is generally not applicable to those statewide goals that provide general planning guidance or that include their own procedures for resolving conflicts between competing uses. However, exceptions to these goals, although not required, are possible and exceptions taken to these goals will be reviewed when submitted by a local jurisdiction. These statewide goals are:

- (a) Goal 5 "Natural Resources, Scenic and Historic Areas, and Open Spaces";
- (b) Goal 6 "Air, Water, and Land Resources Quality";
- (c) Goal 7 "Areas Subject to Natural Hazards";
- (d) Goal 8 "Recreational Needs";
- (e) Goal 9 "Economic Development";
- (f) Goal 10 "Housing" except as provided for in OAR 660-008-0035, "Substantive Standards for Taking a Goal 2, Part II, Exception Pursuant to ORS 197.303(3)";
- (g) Goal 12 "Transportation" except as provided for by OAR 660-012-0070, "Exceptions for Transportation Improvements on Rural Land";
- (h) Goal 13 "Energy Conservation";
- (i) Goal 15 "Willamette River Greenway" except as provided for in OAR 660-004-0022(6); and
- (j) Goal 19 "Ocean Resources."

(3) An exception to one goal or goal requirement does not ensure compliance with any other applicable goals or goal requirements for the proposed uses at the exception site. Therefore, an exception to exclude certain lands from the requirements of one or more statewide goals or goal requirements does not exempt a local government from the requirements of any other goal(s) for which an exception was not taken.

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Inclusion as Part of the Plan

(1) A local government approving a proposed exception shall adopt, as part of its comprehensive plan, findings of fact and a statement of reasons that demonstrate that the standards for an exception have been met. The reasons and facts shall be supported by substantial evidence that the standard has been met.

(2) A local government denying a proposed exception shall adopt findings of fact and a statement of reasons that demonstrate that the standards for an exception have not been met. However, the findings need not be incorporated into the local comprehensive plan.

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Planning and Zoning for Exception Areas

(1) Purpose. This rule explains the requirements for adoption of plan and zone designations for exceptions. Exceptions to one goal or a portion of one goal do not relieve a jurisdiction from remaining goal requirements and do not authorize uses, densities, public facilities and services, or activities other than those recognized or justified by the applicable exception. Physically developed or irrevocably committed exceptions under OAR 660-004-0025 and 660-004-0028 and OAR 660-014-0030 are intended to recognize and allow continuation of existing types of development in the exception area. Adoption of plan and zoning provisions that would allow changes in existing types of uses, densities, or services requires the application of the standards outlined in this rule.

(2) For "physically developed" and "irrevocably committed" exceptions to goals, residential plan and zone designations shall authorize a single numeric minimum lot size and all plan and zone designations shall limit uses, density, and public facilities and services to those:

(a) That are the same as the existing land uses on the exception site;

(b) That meet the following requirements:

(A) The rural uses, density, and public facilities and services will maintain the land as "Rural Land" as defined by the goals, and are consistent with all other applicable goal requirements;

(B) The rural uses, density, and public facilities and services will not commit adjacent or nearby resource land to uses not allowed by the applicable goal as described in OAR 660-004-0028; and

(C) The rural uses, density, and public facilities and services are compatible with adjacent or nearby resource uses;

(c) For uses in unincorporated communities, the uses are consistent with OAR 660-022-0030, "Planning and Zoning of Unincorporated Communities", if the county chooses to designate the community under the applicable provisions of OAR chapter 660, division 22; and

(d) For industrial development uses and accessory uses subordinate to the industrial development, the industrial uses may occur in buildings of any size and type provided the

exception area was planned and zoned for industrial use on January 1, 2004, subject to the territorial limits and other requirements of ORS 197.713 and 197.714.

(3) Uses, density, and public facilities and services not meeting section (2) of this rule may be approved on rural land only under provisions for a reasons exception as outlined in section (4) of this rule and applicable requirements of OAR 660-004-0020 through 660-004-0022, OAR 660-011-0060 with regard to sewer service on rural lands, OAR 660-012-0070 with regard to transportation improvements on rural land, or OAR 660-014-0030 or OAR 660-014-0040 with regard to urban development on rural land.

(4) "Reasons" Exceptions:

(a) When a local government takes an exception under the "Reasons" section of ORS 197.732(1)(c) and OAR 660-004-0020 through 660-004-0022, plan and zone designations must limit the uses, density, public facilities and services, and activities to only those that are justified in the exception.

(b) When a local government changes the types or intensities of uses or public facilities and services within an area approved as a "Reasons" exception, a new "Reasons" exception is required.

(c) When a local government includes land within an unincorporated community for which an exception under the "Reasons" section of ORS 197.732(1)(c) and OAR 660-004-0020 through 660-004-0022 was previously adopted, plan and zone designations must limit the uses, density, public facilities and services, and activities to only those that were justified in the exception or OAR 660-022-0030, whichever is more stringent.

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Goal 2, Part II(c), Exception Requirements

(1) If a jurisdiction determines there are reasons consistent with OAR 660-004-0022 to use resource lands for uses not allowed by the applicable Goal or to allow public facilities or services not allowed by the applicable Goal, the justification shall be set forth in the comprehensive plan as an exception. As provided in OAR 660-004-0000(1), rules in other divisions may also apply.

(2) The four standards in Goal 2 Part II(c) required to be addressed when taking an exception to a goal are described in subsections (a) through (d) of this section, including general requirements applicable to each of the factors:

(a) "Reasons justify why the state policy embodied in the applicable goals should not apply." The exception shall set forth the facts and assumptions used as the basis for determining that a state policy embodied in a goal should not apply to specific properties or situations, including the amount of land for the use being planned and why the use requires a location on resource land;

(b) "Areas that do not require a new exception cannot reasonably accommodate the use". The exception must meet the following requirements:

(A) The exception shall indicate on a map or otherwise describe the location of possible alternative areas considered for the use that do not require a new exception. The area for which the exception is taken shall be identified;

(B) To show why the particular site is justified, it is necessary to discuss why other areas that do not require a new exception cannot reasonably accommodate the proposed use.

Economic factors may be considered along with other relevant factors in determining that the use cannot reasonably be accommodated in other areas. Under this test the following questions shall be addressed:

(i) Can the proposed use be reasonably accommodated on nonresource land that would not require an exception, including increasing the density of uses on nonresource land? If not, why not?

(ii) Can the proposed use be reasonably accommodated on resource land that is already irrevocably committed to nonresource uses not allowed by the applicable Goal, including resource land in existing unincorporated communities, or by increasing the density of uses on committed lands? If not, why not?

(iii) Can the proposed use be reasonably accommodated inside an urban growth boundary? If not, why not?

(iv) Can the proposed use be reasonably accommodated without the provision of a proposed public facility or service? If not, why not?

(C) The “alternative areas” standard in paragraph B may be met by a broad review of similar types of areas rather than a review of specific alternative sites. Initially, a local government adopting an exception need assess only whether those similar types of areas in the vicinity could not reasonably accommodate the proposed use. Site specific comparisons are not required of a local government taking an exception unless another party to the local proceeding describes specific sites that can more reasonably accommodate the proposed use. A detailed evaluation of specific alternative sites is thus not required unless such sites are specifically described, with facts to support the assertion that the sites are more reasonable, by another party during the local exceptions proceeding.

(c) “The long-term environmental, economic, social and energy consequences resulting from the use at the proposed site with measures designed to reduce adverse impacts are not significantly more adverse than would typically result from the same proposal being located in areas requiring a goal exception other than the proposed site.” The exception shall describe: the characteristics of each alternative area considered by the jurisdiction in which an exception might be taken, the typical advantages and disadvantages of using the area for a use not allowed by the Goal, and the typical positive and negative consequences resulting from the use at the proposed site with measures designed to reduce adverse impacts. A detailed evaluation of specific alternative sites is not required unless such sites are specifically described with facts to support the assertion that the sites have significantly fewer adverse impacts during the local exceptions proceeding. The exception shall include the reasons why the consequences of the use at the chosen site are not significantly more adverse than would typically result from the same proposal being located in areas requiring a goal exception other than the proposed site. Such reasons shall include but are not limited to a description of: the facts used to determine which resource land is least productive, the ability to sustain resource uses near the proposed use, and the long-term economic impact on the general area caused by irreversible removal of the land from the resource base. Other possible impacts to be addressed include the effects of the proposed use on the water table, on the costs of improving roads and on the costs to special service districts;

(d) “The proposed uses are compatible with other adjacent uses or will be so rendered through measures designed to reduce adverse impacts.” The exception shall describe how

the proposed use will be rendered compatible with adjacent land uses. The exception shall demonstrate that the proposed use is situated in such a manner as to be compatible with surrounding natural resources and resource management or production practices. "Compatible" is not intended as an absolute term meaning no interference or adverse impacts of any type with adjacent uses.

(3) If the exception involves more than one area for which the reasons and circumstances are the same, the areas may be considered as a group. Each of the areas shall be identified on a map, or their location otherwise described, and keyed to the appropriate findings.

(4) For the expansion of an unincorporated community described under OAR 660-022-0010, including an urban unincorporated community pursuant to OAR 660-022-0040(2), the reasons exception requirements necessary to address standards 2 through 4 of Goal 2, Part II(c), as described in of subsections (2)(b), (c) and (d) of this rule, are modified to also include the following:

(a) Prioritize land for expansion: First priority goes to exceptions lands in proximity to an unincorporated community boundary. Second priority goes to land designated as marginal land. Third priority goes to land designated in an acknowledged comprehensive plan for agriculture or forestry, or both. Higher priority is given to land of lower capability site class for agricultural land, or lower cubic foot site class for forest land; and

(b) Land of lower priority described in subsection (a) of this section may be included if land of higher priority is inadequate to accommodate the use for any one of the following reasons:

(A) Specific types of identified land needs cannot be reasonably accommodated on higher priority land;

(B) Public facilities and services cannot reasonably be provided to the higher priority area due to topographic or other physical constraints; or

(C) Maximum efficiency of land uses with the unincorporated community requires inclusion of lower priority land in order to provide public facilities and services to higher priority land.

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Reasons Necessary to Justify an Exception Under Goal 2, Part II(c)

An exception under Goal 2, Part II(c) may be taken for any use not allowed by the applicable goal(s) or for a use authorized by a statewide planning goal that cannot comply with the approval standards for that type of use. The types of reasons that may or may not be used to justify certain types of uses not allowed on resource lands are set forth in the following sections of this rule. Reasons that may allow an exception to Goal 11 to provide sewer service to rural lands are described in OAR 660-011-0060. Reasons that may allow transportation facilities and improvements that do not meet the requirements of OAR 660-012-0065 are provided in OAR 660-012-0070. Reasons that rural lands are irrevocably committed to urban levels of development are provided in OAR 660-014-0030. Reasons that may justify the establishment of new urban development on undeveloped rural land are provided in OAR 660-014-0040.

(1) For uses not specifically provided for in this division, or in OAR 660-011-0060, OAR 660-012-0070, OAR 660-014-0030 or OAR 660-014-0040, the reasons shall justify why the state policy embodied in the applicable goals should not apply. Such reasons include but are not limited to the following:

(a) There is a demonstrated need for the proposed use or activity, based on one or more of the requirements of Goals 3 to 19; and either

(A) A resource upon which the proposed use or activity is dependent can be reasonably obtained only at the proposed exception site and the use or activity requires a location near the resource. An exception based on this paragraph must include an analysis of the market area to be served by the proposed use or activity. That analysis must demonstrate that the proposed exception site is the only one within that market area at which the resource depended upon can reasonably be obtained; or

(B) The proposed use or activity has special features or qualities that necessitate its location on or near the proposed exception site.

(2) Rural Residential Development: For rural residential development the reasons cannot be based on market demand for housing except as provided for in this section of this rule, assumed continuation of past urban and rural population distributions, or housing types and cost characteristics. A county must show why, based on the economic analysis in the plan, there are reasons for the type and density of housing planned that require this particular location on resource lands. A jurisdiction could justify an exception to allow residential development on resource land outside an urban growth boundary by determining that the rural location of the proposed residential development is necessary to satisfy the market demand for housing generated by existing or planned rural industrial, commercial, or other economic activity in the area.

(3) Rural Industrial Development: For the siting of industrial development on resource land outside an urban growth boundary, appropriate reasons and facts may include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) The use is significantly dependent upon a unique resource located on agricultural or forest land. Examples of such resources and resource sites include geothermal wells, mineral or aggregate deposits, water reservoirs, natural features, or river or ocean ports;

(b) The use cannot be located inside an urban growth boundary due to impacts that are hazardous or incompatible in densely populated areas; or

(c) The use would have a significant comparative advantage due to its location (e.g., near existing industrial activity, an energy facility, or products available from other rural activities), which would benefit the county economy and cause only minimal loss of productive resource lands. Reasons for such a decision should include a discussion of the lost resource productivity and values in relation to the county's gain from the industrial use, and the specific transportation and resource advantages that support the decision.

(4) Expansion of Unincorporated Communities: For the expansion of an Unincorporated Community defined under OAR 660-022-0010(10) the requirements of subsections (a) through (c) of this section apply:

(a) Appropriate reasons and facts may include findings that there is a demonstrated need for additional land in the community to accommodate a specific rural use based on Goals 3-19 and a demonstration that either:

(A) The use requires a location near a resource located on rural land; or

(B) The use has special features necessitating its location in an expanded area of an existing unincorporated community, including:

(i) For industrial use, it would have a significant comparative advantage due to its location such as, for example, that it must be near a rural energy facility, or near products available from other activities only in the surrounding area, or that it is reliant on an existing work force in an existing unincorporated community;

(ii) For residential use, the additional land is necessary to satisfy the need for additional housing in the community generated by existing industrial, commercial, or other economic activity in the surrounding area. The plan must include an economic analysis showing why the type and density of planned housing cannot be accommodated in an existing exception area or urban growth boundary, and is most appropriate at the particular proposed location. The reasons cannot be based on market demand for housing, nor on a projected continuation of past rural population distributions.

(b) The findings of need must be coordinated and consistent with the comprehensive plan for other exception areas, unincorporated communities, and urban growth boundaries in the area. For purposes of this subsection, “area” includes those communities, exception areas, and urban growth boundaries that may be affected by an expansion of a community boundary, taking into account market, economic, and other relevant factors.

(c) Expansion of the unincorporated community boundary requires a demonstrated ability to serve both the expanded area and any remaining infill development potential in the community, at the time of development, with the level of facilities determined to be appropriate for the existing unincorporated community.

(5) Expansion of Urban Unincorporated Communities: In addition to the requirements of section (4) of this rule, the expansion of an urban unincorporated community defined under OAR 660-022-0010(9) shall comply with OAR 660-022-0040.

(6) Willamette Greenway: Within an urban area designated on the approved Willamette Greenway Boundary maps, the siting of uses that are neither water-dependent nor water-related within the setback line required by section C.3.k of Goal 15 may be approved where reasons demonstrate the following:

(a) The use will not have a significant adverse effect on the greenway values of the site under consideration or on adjacent land or water areas;

(b) The use will not significantly reduce the sites available for water-dependent or water-related uses within the jurisdiction;

(c) The use will provide a significant public benefit; and

(d) The use is consistent with the legislative findings and policy in ORS 390.314 and the Willamette Greenway Plan approved by the commission under ORS 390.322.

(7) Goal 16 – Water-Dependent Development: To allow water-dependent industrial, commercial, or recreational uses that require an exception in development and conservation estuaries, an economic analysis must show that there is a reasonable probability that the proposed use will locate in the planning area during the planning period, considering the following:

(a) Goal 9 or, for recreational uses, the Goal 8 Recreation Planning provisions;

(b) The generally predicted level of market demand for the proposed use;

(c) The siting and operational requirements of the proposed use including land needs, and as applicable, moorage, water frontage, draft, or similar requirements;

(d) Whether the site and surrounding area are able to provide for the siting and operational requirements of the proposed use; and

(e) The economic analysis must be based on the Goal 9 element of the County Comprehensive Plan and must consider and respond to all economic needs information available or supplied to the jurisdiction. The scope of this analysis will depend on the type of use proposed, the regional extent of the market and the ability of other areas to provide for the proposed use.

(8) Goal 16 – Other Alterations or Uses: An exception to the requirement limiting dredge and fill or other reductions or degradations of natural values to water-dependent uses or to the natural and conservation management unit requirements limiting alterations and uses is justified, where consistent with ORS chapter 196, in any of the circumstances specified in subsections (a) through (e) of this section:

(a) Dredging to obtain fill for maintenance of an existing functioning dike where an analysis of alternatives demonstrates that other sources of fill material, including adjacent upland soils or stockpiling of material from approved dredging projects, cannot reasonably be utilized for the proposed project or that land access by necessary construction machinery is not feasible;

(b) Dredging to maintain adequate depth to permit continuation of the present level of navigation in the area to be dredged;

(c) Fill or other alteration for a new navigational structure where both the structure and the alteration are shown to be necessary for the continued functioning of an existing federally authorized navigation project such as a jetty or a channel;

(d) An exception to allow minor fill, dredging, or other minor alteration of a natural management unit for a boat ramp or to allow piling and shoreline stabilization for a public fishing pier;

(e) Dredge or fill or other alteration for expansion of an existing public non-water-dependent use or a nonsubstantial fill for a private non-water-dependent use (as provided for in ORS 196.825) where:

(A) A Countywide Economic Analysis based on Goal 9 demonstrates that additional land is required to accommodate the proposed use;

(B) An analysis of the operational characteristics of the existing use and proposed expansion demonstrates that the entire operation or the proposed expansion cannot be reasonably relocated; and

(C) The size and design of the proposed use and the extent of the proposed activity are the minimum amount necessary to provide for the use.

(f) In each of the situations set forth in subsections (7)(a) to (e) of this rule, the exception must demonstrate that the proposed use and alteration (including, where applicable, disposal of dredged materials) will be carried out in a manner that minimizes adverse impacts upon the affected aquatic and shoreland areas and habitats.

(9) Goal 17 -- Incompatible Uses in Coastal Shoreland Areas: Exceptions are required to allow certain uses in Coastal Shoreland areas consistent with subsections (a) through (e) of this section, where applicable:

(a) For purposes of this section, “Coastal Shoreland Areas” include:

(A) Major marshes, significant wildlife habitat, coastal headlands, exceptional aesthetic resources and historic and archaeological sites;

(B) Shorelands in urban and urbanizable areas, in rural areas built upon or irrevocably committed to non-resource use and shorelands in unincorporated communities pursuant to OAR chapter 660, division 22 (Unincorporated Communities) that are suitable for water-dependent uses;

(C) Designated dredged material disposal sites; and

(D) Designated mitigation sites.

(b) To allow a use that is incompatible with Goal 17 requirements for coastal shoreland areas listed in subsection (9)(a) of this rule, the exception must demonstrate:

(A) A need, based on Goal 9, for additional land to accommodate the proposed use;

(B) Why the proposed use or activity needs to be located on the protected site, considering the unique characteristics of the use or the site that require use of the protected site; and

(C) That the project cannot be reduced in size or redesigned to be consistent with protection of the site and, where applicable, consistent with protection of natural values.

(c) Exceptions to convert a dredged material disposal site or mitigation site to another use must also either not reduce the inventory of designated and protected sites in the affected area below the level identified in the estuary plan or be replaced through designation and protection of a site with comparable capacity in the same area.

(d) Uses that would convert a portion of a major marsh, coastal headland, significant wildlife habitat, exceptional aesthetic resource, or historic or archaeological site must use as little of the site as possible and be designed and located and, where appropriate, buffered to protect natural values of the remainder of the site.

(e) Exceptions to designate and protect, for water-dependent uses, an amount of shorelands less than that amount required by Goal 17 Coastal Shoreland Uses Requirement 2 must demonstrate that:

(A) Based on the Recreation Planning requirements of Goal 8 and the requirements of Goal 9, there is no need during the next 20-year period for the amount of water-dependent shorelands required by Goal 17 Coastal Shoreland Uses Requirement 2 for all cities and the county in the estuary. The Goal 8 and Goal 9 analyses must be conducted for the entire estuary and its shorelands, and must consider the water-dependent use needs of all local government jurisdictions along the estuary, including the port authority, if any, and be consistent with the Goal 8 Recreation Planning elements and Goal 9 elements of the comprehensive plans of those jurisdictions; and

(B) There is a demonstrated need for additional land to accommodate the proposed use(s), based on one or more of the requirements of Goals 3 to 18.

(10) Goal 18 – Foredune Breaching: A foredune may be breached when the exception demonstrates that an existing dwelling located on the foredune is experiencing sand inundation and the sand grading or removal:

(a) Does not remove any sand below the grade of the dwelling;

(b) Is limited to the immediate area in which the dwelling is located;

(c) Retains all graded or removed sand within the dune system by placing it on the beach in front of the dwelling; and

(d) Is consistent with the requirements of Goal 18 “Beaches and Dunes” Implementation Requirement 1.

(11) Goal 18 – Foredune Development: An exception may be taken to the foredune use prohibition in Goal 18 "Beaches and Dunes", Implementation Requirement. Reasons that justify why this state policy embodied in Goal 18 should not apply shall demonstrate that:

- (a) The use will be adequately protected from any geologic hazards, wind erosion, undercutting ocean flooding and storm waves, or the use is of minimal value;
- (b) The use is designed to minimize adverse environmental effects; and
- (c) The exceptions requirements of OAR 660-004-0020 are met.

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Exception Requirements for Land Physically Developed to Other Uses

(1) A local government may adopt an exception to a goal when the land subject to the exception is physically developed to the extent that it is no longer available for uses allowed by the applicable goal. Other rules may also apply, as described in OAR 660-004-0000(1).

(2) Whether land has been physically developed with uses not allowed by an applicable goal will depend on the situation at the site of the exception. The exact nature and extent of the areas found to be physically developed shall be clearly set forth in the justification for the exception. The specific area(s) must be shown on a map or otherwise described and keyed to the appropriate findings of fact. The findings of fact shall identify the extent and location of the existing physical development on the land and can include information on structures, roads, sewer and water facilities, and utility facilities. Uses allowed by the applicable goal(s) to which an exception is being taken shall not be used to justify a physically developed exception.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 197.040

Stats. Implemented ORS 197.732

Hist.: LCDC 5-1982, f. & ef. 7-21-82; LCDC 9-1983, f. & ef. 12-30-83

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Exception Requirements for Land Irrevocably Committed to Other Uses

(1) A local government may adopt an exception to a goal when the land subject to the exception is irrevocably committed to uses not allowed by the applicable goal because existing adjacent uses and other relevant factors make uses allowed by the applicable goal impracticable:

(a) A "committed exception" is an exception taken in accordance with ORS 197.732(2)(b), Goal 2, Part II(b), and with the provisions of this rule, except where other rules apply as described in OAR 660-004-0000(1).

(b) For the purposes of this rule, an "exception area" is that area of land for which a "committed exception" is taken.

(c) An "applicable goal," as used in this rule, is a statewide planning goal or goal requirement that would apply to the exception area if an exception were not taken.

(2) Whether land is irrevocably committed depends on the relationship between the exception area and the lands adjacent to it. The findings for a committed exception therefore must address the following:

- (a) The characteristics of the exception area;

- (b) The characteristics of the adjacent lands;
 - (c) The relationship between the exception area and the lands adjacent to it; and
 - (d) The other relevant factors set forth in OAR 660-004-0028(6).
- (3) Whether uses or activities allowed by an applicable goal are impracticable as that term is used in ORS 197.732(2)(b), in Goal 2, Part II(b), and in this rule shall be determined through consideration of factors set forth in this rule, except where other rules apply as described in OAR 660-004-0000(1). Compliance with this rule shall constitute compliance with the requirements of Goal 2, Part II. It is the purpose of this rule to permit irrevocably committed exceptions where justified so as to provide flexibility in the application of broad resource protection goals. It shall not be required that local governments demonstrate that every use allowed by the applicable goal is "impossible." For exceptions to Goals 3 or 4, local governments are required to demonstrate that only the following uses or activities are impracticable:
- (a) Farm use as defined in ORS 215.203;
 - (b) Propagation or harvesting of a forest product as specified in OAR 660-033-0120; and
 - (c) Forest operations or forest practices as specified in OAR 660-006-0025(2)(a).
- (4) A conclusion that an exception area is irrevocably committed shall be supported by findings of fact that address all applicable factors of section (6) of this rule and by a statement of reasons explaining why the facts support the conclusion that uses allowed by the applicable goal are impracticable in the exception area.
- (5) Findings of fact and a statement of reasons that land subject to an exception is irrevocably committed need not be prepared for each individual parcel in the exception area. Lands that are found to be irrevocably committed under this rule may include physically developed lands.
- (6) Findings of fact for a committed exception shall address the following factors:
- (a) Existing adjacent uses;
 - (b) Existing public facilities and services (water and sewer lines, etc.);
 - (c) Parcel size and ownership patterns of the exception area and adjacent lands:
 - (A) Consideration of parcel size and ownership patterns under subsection (6)(c) of this rule shall include an analysis of how the existing development pattern came about and whether findings against the goals were made at the time of partitioning or subdivision. Past land divisions made without application of the goals do not in themselves demonstrate irrevocable commitment of the exception area. Only if development (e.g., physical improvements such as roads and underground facilities) on the resulting parcels or other factors makes unsuitable their resource use or the resource use of nearby lands can the parcels be considered to be irrevocably committed. Resource and nonresource parcels created and uses approved pursuant to the applicable goals shall not be used to justify a committed exception. For example, the presence of several parcels created for nonfarm dwellings or an intensive commercial agricultural operation under the provisions of an exclusive farm use zone cannot be used to justify a committed exception for the subject parcels or land adjoining those parcels.
 - (B) Existing parcel sizes and contiguous ownerships shall be considered together in relation to the land's actual use. For example, several contiguous undeveloped parcels (including parcels separated only by a road or highway) under one ownership shall be considered as one farm or forest operation. The mere fact that small parcels exist does not in itself constitute irrevocable commitment. Small parcels in separate ownerships are

more likely to be irrevocably committed if the parcels are developed, clustered in a large group or clustered around a road designed to serve these parcels. Small parcels in separate ownerships are not likely to be irrevocably committed if they stand alone amidst larger farm or forest operations, or are buffered from such operations;

(d) Neighborhood and regional characteristics;

(e) Natural or man-made features or other impediments separating the exception area from adjacent resource land. Such features or impediments include but are not limited to roads, watercourses, utility lines, easements, or rights-of-way that effectively impede practicable resource use of all or part of the exception area;

(f) Physical development according to OAR 660-004-0025; and

(g) Other relevant factors.

(7) The evidence submitted to support any committed exception shall, at a minimum, include a current map or aerial photograph that shows the exception area and adjoining lands, and any other means needed to convey information about the factors set forth in this rule. For example, a local government may use tables, charts, summaries, or narratives to supplement the maps or photos. The applicable factors set forth in section (6) of this rule shall be shown on the map or aerial photograph.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 197.040

Stats. Implemented: ORS 197.732 & ORS 197.736

Hist.:

660-004-0030

Notice and Adoption of an Exception

(1) Goal 2 requires that each notice of a public hearing on a proposed exception shall specifically note that a goal exception is proposed and shall summarize the issues in an understandable manner.

(2) A planning exception takes effect when the comprehensive plan or plan amendment is adopted by the city or county governing body. Adopted exceptions will be reviewed by the Commission when the comprehensive plan is reviewed for compliance with the goals through the acknowledgment or periodic review processes under OAR chapter 660, divisions 3 or 25, and by the Board when a plan amendment is reviewed as a post-acknowledgment plan amendment pursuant to OAR chapter 660, division 18.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 197.040

Stats. Implemented ORS 197.610 - ORS 197.625, ORS 197.628 - ORS 197.646 & ORS 197.732

Hist.:

660-004-0035

Appeal of an Exception

(1) Prior to acknowledgment, an exception, or the failure to take a required exception, may be appealed to the Board pursuant to ORS 197.830, or to the Commission as an objection to the local government's request for acknowledgment, pursuant to ORS 197.251 and OAR chapter 660, division 3.

(2) After acknowledgment, an exception taken as part of a plan amendment, or the failure to take a required exception when amending a plan, may be appealed to the Board pursuant to ORS 197.620 and OAR chapter 660, division 18.

(3) After acknowledgment, an exception taken as part of a periodic review work task submitted under OAR 660-025-0130, or failure to take a required exception when

amending a plan under periodic review, may be appealed to the Commission pursuant to ORS 197.633 and OAR 660-025-0150.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 197.040

Stats. Implemented ORS 197.610 - 197.625, 197.732 & 197.830

Hist.: LCDC 5-1982, f. & ef. 7-21-82; LCDC 9-1983, f. & ef. 12-30-83; LCDD 3-2004, f. & cert. ef. 5-7-04

660-004-0040

Application of Goal 14 to Rural Residential Areas

(1) The purpose of this rule is to specify how Goal 14 “Urbanization” applies to rural lands in acknowledged exception areas planned for residential uses.

(2)(a) This rule applies to lands that are not within an urban growth boundary, that are planned and zoned primarily for residential uses, and for which an exception to Goal 3 “Agricultural Lands”, Goal 4 “Forest Lands”, or both has been taken. Such lands are referred to in this rule as “rural residential areas”.

(b) Sections (1) to (8) of this rule do not apply to the creation of a lot or parcel, or to the development or use of one single-family home on such lot or parcel, where the application for partition or subdivision was filed with the local government and deemed to be complete in accordance with ORS 215.427(3) before October 4, 2000, the effective date of sections (1) to (8) of this rule.

(c) This rule does not apply to types of land listed in (A) through (H) of this subsection:

(A) Land inside an acknowledged urban growth boundary;

(B) Land inside an acknowledged unincorporated community boundary established pursuant to OAR chapter 660, division 22;

(C) Land in an acknowledged urban reserve area established pursuant to OAR chapter 660, divisions 21 or 27;

(D) Land in an acknowledged destination resort established pursuant to applicable land use statutes and goals;

(E) Resource land, as defined in OAR 660-004-0005(2);

(F) Nonresource land, as defined in OAR 660-004-0005(3);

(G) Marginal land, as defined in former ORS 197.247 (1991 Edition); or

(H) Land planned and zoned primarily for rural industrial, commercial, or public use.

(3)(a) This rule took effect on October 4, 2000.

(b) Some rural residential areas have been reviewed for compliance with Goal 14 and acknowledged to comply with that goal by the department or commission in a periodic review, acknowledgment, or post-acknowledgment plan amendment proceeding that occurred after the Oregon Supreme Court’s 1986 ruling in *1000 Friends of Oregon v. LCDC*, 301 Or 447 (Curry County), and before October 4, 2000. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to require a local government to amend its acknowledged comprehensive plan or land use regulations for those rural residential areas already acknowledged to comply with Goal 14 in such a proceeding. However, if such a local government later amends its plan’s provisions or land use regulations that apply to any rural residential area, it shall do so in accordance with this rule.

(4) The rural residential areas described in subsection (2)(a) of this rule are “rural lands”. Division and development of such lands are subject to Goal 14, which prohibits urban use of rural lands.

(5)(a) A rural residential zone in effect on October 4, 2000 shall be deemed to comply with Goal 14 if that zone requires any new lot or parcel to have an area of at least two acres, except as required by section (7) of this rule.

(b) A rural residential zone does not comply with Goal 14 if that zone allows the creation of any new lots or parcels smaller than two acres. For such a zone, a local government must either amend the zone's minimum lot and parcel size provisions to require a minimum of at least two acres or take an exception to Goal 14. Until a local government amends its land use regulations to comply with this subsection, any new lot or parcel created in such a zone must have an area of at least two acres.

(c) For purposes of this section, "rural residential zone currently in effect" means a zone applied to a rural residential area that was in effect on October 4, 2000, and acknowledged to comply with the statewide planning goals.

(6) After October 4, 2000, a local government's requirements for minimum lot or parcel sizes in rural residential areas shall not be amended to allow a smaller minimum for any individual lot or parcel without taking an exception to Goal 14 pursuant to OAR chapter 660, division 14, and applicable requirements of this division.

(7)(a) The creation of any new lot or parcel smaller than two acres in a rural residential area shall be considered an urban use. Such a lot or parcel may be created only if an exception to Goal 14 is taken. This subsection shall not be construed to imply that creation of new lots or parcels two acres or larger always complies with Goal 14. The question of whether the creation of such lots or parcels complies with Goal 14 depends upon compliance with all provisions of this rule.

(b) Each local government must specify a minimum area for any new lot or parcel that is to be created in a rural residential area. For the purposes of this rule, that minimum area shall be referred to as "the minimum lot size."

(c) If, on October 4, 2000, a local government's land use regulations specify a minimum lot size of two acres or more, the area of any new lot or parcel shall equal or exceed the minimum lot size that is already in effect.

(d) If, on October 4, 2000, a local government's land use regulations specify a minimum lot size smaller than two acres, the area of any new lot or parcel created shall equal or exceed two acres.

(e) A local government may authorize a planned unit development (PUD), specify the size of lots or parcels by averaging density across a parent parcel, or allow clustering of new dwellings in a rural residential area only if all conditions set forth in paragraphs (7)(e)(A) through (7)(e)(H) are met:

(A) The number of new dwelling units to be clustered or developed as a PUD does not exceed 10;

(B) The number of new lots or parcels to be created does not exceed 10;

(C) None of the new lots or parcels will be smaller than two acres;

(D) The development is not to be served by a new community sewer system;

(E) The development is not to be served by any new extension of a sewer system from within an urban growth boundary or from within an unincorporated community;

(F) The overall density of the development will not exceed one dwelling for each unit of acreage specified in the local government's land use regulations on October 4, 2000 as the minimum lot size for the area;

(G) Any group or cluster of two or more dwelling units will not force a significant change in accepted farm or forest practices on nearby lands devoted to farm or forest use and will not significantly increase the cost of accepted farm or forest practices there; and

(H) For any open space or common area provided as a part of the cluster or planned unit development under this subsection, the owner shall submit proof of nonrevocable deed restrictions recorded in the deed records. The deed restrictions shall preclude all future rights to construct a dwelling on the lot, parcel, or tract designated as open space or common area for as long as the lot, parcel, or tract remains outside an urban growth boundary.

(f) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a local government shall not allow more than one permanent single-family dwelling to be placed on a lot or parcel in a rural residential area. Where a medical hardship creates a need for a second household to reside temporarily on a lot or parcel where one dwelling already exists, a local government may authorize the temporary placement of a manufactured dwelling or recreational vehicle.

(g) In rural residential areas, the establishment of a new "mobile home park" or "manufactured dwelling park" as defined in ORS 446.003(23) and (30) shall be considered an urban use if the density of manufactured dwellings in the park exceeds the density for residential development set by this rule's requirements for minimum lot and parcel sizes. Such a park may be established only if an exception to Goal 14 is taken.

(h) A local government may allow the creation of a new parcel or parcels smaller than a minimum lot size required under subsections (a) through (d) of this section without an exception to Goal 14 only if the conditions described in paragraphs (A) through (D) of this subsection exist:

(A) The parcel to be divided has two or more permanent habitable dwellings on it;

(B) The permanent habitable dwellings on the parcel to be divided were established there before October 4, 2000;

(C) Each new parcel created by the partition would have at least one of those permanent habitable dwellings on it; and

(D) The partition would not create any vacant parcels on which a new dwelling could be established.

(E) For purposes of this rule, "habitable dwelling" means a dwelling that meets the criteria set forth in ORS 215.283(1)(p)(A)-(D).

(i) For rural residential areas designated after October 4, 2000, the affected county shall either:

(A) Require that any new lot or parcel have an area of at least ten acres, or

(B) Establish a minimum size of at least two acres for new lots or parcels in accordance with the applicable requirements for an exception to Goal 14 in OAR chapter 660, division 14. The minimum lot size adopted by the county shall be consistent with OAR 660-004-0018, "Planning and Zoning for Exception Areas."

(8)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section (7) of this rule, divisions of rural residential land within one mile of an urban growth boundary for any city or urban area listed in paragraphs (A) through (E) of this subsection shall be subject to the provisions of subsections (8)(b) and (8)(c).

(A) Ashland;

(B) Central Point;

- (C) Medford;
- (D) Newberg;
- (E) Sandy.

(b) Any division of rural residential land in an urban reserve area shall be done in accordance with the acknowledged urban reserve ordinance or acknowledged regional growth plan of a city or urban area listed in subsection (8)(a) that:

(A) has an urban reserve area that contains at least a twenty-year reserve of land and that has been acknowledged to comply with OAR chapter 660, division 21; or

(B) is part of a regional growth plan that contains at least a twenty-year regional urban reserve of land beyond the land contained within the collective urban growth boundaries of the participating cities, and that has been acknowledged through the process prescribed for Regional Problem Solving in ORS 197.652 through 197.658.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section (7) of this rule, if any part of a lot or parcel to be divided is less than one mile from an urban growth boundary for a city or urban area listed in subsection (8)(a), and if that city or urban area does not have an urban reserve area acknowledged to comply with OAR chapter 660, division 21, or is not part of an acknowledged regional growth plan as described in subsection (b), paragraph (B), of this section, the minimum area of any new lot or parcel there shall be ten acres.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section (7), if Metro has an urban reserve area that contains at least a twenty-year reserve of land and that has been acknowledged to comply with OAR chapter 660, division 21 or division 27, any land division of rural residential land in that urban reserve shall be done in accordance with the applicable acknowledged comprehensive plan and zoning provisions adopted to implement the urban reserve.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of section (7), if any part of a lot or parcel to be divided is less than one mile from the urban growth boundary for the Portland metropolitan area and is in a rural residential area, and if Metro has not designated an urban reserve that contains at least a twenty-year reserve of land acknowledged to comply with either OAR chapter 660, division 21 or division 27, the minimum area of any new lot or parcel there shall be twenty acres. If the lot or parcel to be divided also lies within the area governed by the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, the division shall be done in accordance with the provisions of that act.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of section (7) and subsection (8)(e), a local government may establish minimum area requirements smaller than twenty acres for some of the lands described in subsection (8)(e). The selection of those lands and the minimum established for them shall be based on an analysis of the likelihood that such lands will urbanize, of their current parcel and lot sizes, and of the capacity of local governments to serve such lands efficiently with urban services at densities of at least 10 units per net developable acre. In no case shall the minimum parcel area requirement set for such lands be smaller than 10 acres.

(g) A local government may allow the creation of a new parcel, or parcels, smaller than a minimum lot size required under subsections (a) through (f) of this section without an exception to Goal 14 only if the conditions described in paragraphs (A) through (G) of this subsection exist:

(A) The parcel to be divided has two or more permanent, habitable dwellings on it;

(B) The permanent, habitable dwellings on the parcel to be divided were established there before October 4, 2000;

(C) Each new parcel created by the partition would have at least one of those permanent, habitable dwellings on it;

(D) The partition would not create any vacant parcels on which new dwellings could be established;

(E) The resulting parcels shall be sized to promote efficient future urban development by ensuring that one of the parcels is the minimum size necessary to accommodate the residential use of the parcel;

(F) For purposes of this rule, habitable dwelling means a dwelling that meets the criteria set forth in ORS 215.213(1)(q)(A)-(D) or ORS 215.283(1)(p)(A)-(D), whichever is applicable; and

(G) The parcel is not in an area designated as rural reserve under OAR chapter 660, division 27, except as provided under OAR 660-027-0070.

(9) The development, placement, or use of one single-family dwelling on a lot or parcel lawfully created in an acknowledged rural residential area is allowed under this rule and Goal 14, subject to all other applicable laws.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 197.040, 195.141

Stats. Implemented: ORS 197.175 & 197.732, 195.145, 195.141

Hist.: