

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

To all persons who own, or have an interest in, Washington County land outside of the incorporated cities or in the vicinity of County roads:

The Board of Commissioners may adopt **land use ordinances** each year between March 1 and Oct. 31. These legislative acts may **change the land use designation or types of uses permitted on your land** or land adjacent to yours.



To receive a description of all proposed land use ordinances during 2020, **mail the completed form below with a \$31.00 check to the address indicated below.**

**Electronic copies of land use ordinances are posted on the County's website:**

[www.co.washington.or.us/landuseordinances](http://www.co.washington.or.us/landuseordinances)

Questions about information in this notice: Washington County Long Range Planning Section at 503-846-3519

Questions about property taxes: Washington County Assessment & Taxation at 503-846-8741

## What is a Land Use Ordinance?

- A land use ordinance is a **legislative decision by the Board of Commissioners**, which generally affects land use designations (zoning) for large areas of land or permitted land uses. Modification of the alignment or number of lanes planned for a roadway, which may include County roads inside a city, may be considered to be a legislative decision. A land use ordinance may **change the policies, standards, or procedures** used to process land development applications for individuals' properties, such as development applications for subdivisions, apartment complexes, shopping centers, transportation improvement projects, industrial buildings, non-farm dwellings, etc.
- Each land use ordinance will have at least two public hearings - one by the Washington County Planning Commission and one by the Board of Commissioners. It is the Board's decision whether to adopt, reject, or continue a land use ordinance.
- **The County Charter requires that all persons who pay a notice fee be mailed a notice generally describing each proposed land use ordinance and the date, time, and place of the initial public hearings.** Persons who pay this fee will also receive an additional notice if a substantive change to the ordinance is proposed by the Board of Commissioners. The date, time and location of the required additional hearings will be included in the notice. To receive this same information through email updates, subscribe to the "2020 Land Use Ordinances" and "Land Use Ordinances Update" electronic newsletters on the County's e-subscriptions page - <http://washtech.co.washington.or.us/subscriptions>. These are listed under Land Use & Transportation.
- Landowners within 500 feet (1,000 feet in rural areas) will receive notice of **most** administrative and **all** quasi-judicial reviews of plan amendments and development applications that affect individual properties. No fee or action is required to receive notices.



**Cut Along This Line**

To receive printed descriptions of all proposed land use ordinances by mail during 2020, send this form and a check for \$31.00 payable to LUT/Washington County to:

Dept. of Land Use & Transportation  
PDS Long Range Planning  
155 N. First Ave., Suite 350, MS14  
Hillsboro, OR 97124

**DO NOT SEND CASH.  
DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM OR YOUR CHECK  
WITH YOUR PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT.**

I would like to receive printed descriptions of all 2020 land use ordinances by mail. Enclosed is my check for \$31.00.

I would like to receive by mail the **FREE** Community Participation Organization (CPO) newsletter that keeps me informed about what's planned in my community (more information on the reverse side).

Print Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Washington County Property Address

(if different from mailing address)

Email Address

(email is the most efficient way to send you your CPO Newsletter)