

City of Grants Pass



MEETING NOTICE

What: Grants Pass City Council Meeting
Resolution to Reconsider Scope of Work for Urban Reserve
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2013
Time: 6:00 pm
Where: Grants Pass City Council Chambers
101 NW 'A' Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526

May 1, 2013

RE: Grants Pass Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Work Scope of Work for Urban Reserve

Dear Grants Pass UGB Interested Parties:

In January, the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis (OEA) issued a new draft Long-Term Population Forecast for Oregon and its Counties, the first they issued since 2004. They issued their final forecast in March.

On Wednesday, March 20, 2013 the Grants Pass City Council considered a resolution and decided to continue the UGB planning work using a new population forecast for Grants Pass based on OEA's new forecast for Josephine County. They also decided on a scope of work to undertake using the new forecast. The scope of work included planning for the 20-year UGB and also identifying an Urban Reserve boundary for an additional 10-year period. In short, an Urban Reserve is the area the UGB grows into in the future, but retains rural zoning until there is a need to include some or all of those lands within the UGB through future public hearings. With the new forecast, the area needed for 30 years for the UGB plus the Urban Reserve would be somewhat smaller than the areas previously recommended for inclusion in the UGB.

At a joint workshop with the Josephine County Board of Commissioners on April 22, Councilors expressed interest in reconsidering the scope of work associated with the Urban Reserve. State law allows for, but does not require, infrastructure planning for an Urban Reserve area. In their initial decision on March 20, the scope of work approved by the City Council for the Urban Reserve would only designate a boundary.

On May 15, the City Council will consider revising the scope to also include infrastructure planning for the Urban Reserve, and the conceptual land use planning necessary to develop the infrastructure plans. They will take public testimony on this issue. They will not be considering or taking testimony on proposed boundary locations at this meeting.

Background materials will be available on the City website. The agenda and packet materials for the May 15 City Council meeting will be posted on the City website the Friday before the meeting. Additional background materials can also be found at: www.GrantsPassOregon.gov > *Your Government* > *Parks & Community Development* > *Planning Division* > *Urban Growth Boundary Evaluation* > *Latest News*

The decision on May 15 will not amend the Comprehensive Plan, but it will initiate the work to begin the process. Therefore, the decision on May 15 will not be a land-use decision. The decision regarding the scope must be jointly agreed upon by the Grants Pass City Council and Josephine County Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners will meet and deliberate on this issue separately.

Any amendments to the Comprehensive Plan will only be adopted by ordinance following a public hearing process, with separate public notice provided. Some of the upcoming items are not property-specific, so hearing notices for those items will not be mailed to individual property owners unless they occur at the same time as property-specific decisions; however, notice for items that are not property-specific will continue to be provided to persons who have requested notification as interested parties for the UGB work.

If special physical or language accommodations are needed for this Public Session, please notify Karen Frerk (450-6000) at least 48 hours prior to session.

Please contact the Grants Pass Parks & Community Development Department at (541) 450-6060 if you have questions.