



## CITY OF COOS BAY

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### **Development Code Re-Write**

The City of Coos Bay has recently received a Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) grant to re-write its Community Development Code. The current code was primarily written in the mid-1980's and has had many changes and inclusions made to it since that time. As such, it is currently outdated and not in compliance with new state law or with other sections of the City's Municipal Code.

The purpose of the City's Community Development Code is to regulate land development in Coos Bay. The code needs to be in compliance with Oregon State land use law and enact the goals and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The main goals of the code rewrite are to:

1. Re-organize the code to be more "user-friendly" and understandable,
2. Decrease the amount of zoning districts within the City while not changing the allowed uses within each district,
3. Implement a pre-application conference procedure to assist applicants in applying for and understanding land use process for approval, and
4. Provide for more conformity within the code itself as well as other applicable documents within the City and State land use law.

City staff has recently begun a 13-month process to complete the code re-write. The first 6-8 months of this process will be spent working with the Planning Commission to review proposed changes and taking public testimony. The Planning Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at City Hall and welcomes public comments regarding this process. After the Planning Commission has completed its work, it will hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council. The Council will then hold a series of work sessions and a public hearing before a final adoption of the proposal. This work needs to be completed by May 2015 to be in compliance with the grant stipulations.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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