



IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASCO

IN THE MATTER OF THE WASCO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION'S REQUEST TO APPROVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO UPDATE THE WASCO COUNTY NATIONAL SCENIC AREA LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE # 24-001

NOW ON THIS DAY, the above-entitled matter having come on regularly for consideration, said day being one duly set in term for the transaction of public business and a majority of the Board of Commissioners being present; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia River Gorge Commission transmitted approved updates to the National Scenic Area Management Plan to Wasco County for adoption into the Wasco County National Scenic Area Land Use and Development Ordinance (NSA LUDO) on March 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development Department and Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Region X issued a State of Oregon Model Flood Hazard Management Ordinance for adoption into the NSA LUDO on October 23, 2020;

WHEREAS, the revisions included many mandatory changes;

WHEREAS, revisions to the NSA LUDO were to make the language consistent with the adopted National Scenic Area Management Plan and FEMA floodplain hazard rules; and

WHEREAS, ORS 196.107 exempts Wasco County from the requirement to give notice for all amendments to regulations within the National Scenic Area; in the spirit of agency cooperation, the Wasco County Planning Department voluntarily sent notification to DLCD on April 9, 2024;

WHEREAS, Planning Department staff posted project information on the County website and hosted a virtual public open house on April 17, 2024 to inform the property owners about the amendments and invite public comment;

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2024, at the hour of 3:00 PM via electronic methods duly posted, the Wasco County Planning Commission held the first legally notified public hearing to review the proposed amendments, findings of fact, and receive public testimony on the revisions and with a vote of 4 to 0 recommended approval to the Wasco County Board of Commissioners;

WHEREAS, that on July 3, 2024 at the hour of 9:30 AM the Wasco County Board of Commissioners met to conduct the first of two legally notified public hearings on the above matter. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed

recommendations by the Wasco County Planning Commission, staff's presentation, and received testimony from the public. The Board of County Commissioners tentatively approved the amendments; and

WHEREAS, that on July 17, 2024 at the hour of 9:30 AM the Wasco County Board of Commissioners met to conduct the second of two legally notified public hearings on the above matter. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed recommendations by the Wasco County Planning Commission, staff's presentation, and received testimony from the public. The Board of County Commissioners, by a vote of _ to _ , approved the amendments and conducted the second reading, recommending submittal to the Columbia River Gorge Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Section 1. Based on the Planning Commission recommendation dated May 22, 2024 and the evidence and testimony in the record, the legislative amendments to the Wasco County National Scenic Area Land Use and Development Ordinance Attached as Exhibit A are hereby approved;

Section 2. Pursuant to the National Scenic Area Act, the County Administrator shall submit the completed update to the National Scenic Area Land Use and Development to the Columbia River Gorge Commission for approval;

Section 3. Pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute 197.615, the County Administrator shall submit the adopted land use regulation change to the Department of Land Conservation and Development for acknowledgment; and

Section 4. The adopted amendments to the Wasco County National Scenic Area Land Use and Development Ordinance become effective on the date they are acknowledged.


DATED this 17th day of July 2024.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kristen Campbell, County Counsel

ATTEST:




Kelly Walker, Executive Assistant

WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:



Steven D. Kramer, Board Chair



Scott C. Hege, Vice Chair



Philip L. Brady, County Commissioner