

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN The Columbia County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 31st, 2023, at or after 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex, 230 Strand Street, Room 310, St. Helens, Oregon 97051.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider amendments to the Columbia County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance in order to develop a limited protection program for wetland and riparian corridors. This involves amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Articles VIII Fish and Wildlife Habitat, IX Natural Areas, and X Water Resources. This proposal also involves amendments to the Columbia County Zoning Ordinance Sections 1170 Riparian Corridors, Wetlands, Water Quality, and Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection Overlay Zone, and 1180 Wetland Area Overlay. The local file numbers for these amendments are TA 22-02 & PA 22-02.

This hearing is to afford interested parties an opportunity to be heard on the above-referenced matter. Interested parties may appear and be heard. Any comments you wish to provide will be appreciated; however, Oregon law requires that testimony and evidence must be directed toward the decision criteria. You may present testimony at the public hearing or provide written comments to the Board of County Commissioners to jacyn.normine@columbiacountyor.gov prior to 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2023. The Columbia County Board of Commissioners is the final local decision-maker for all County Plan and Ordinance amendments.

Applicable decision criteria are contained in CCZO 1606; CCZO 1607; CCZO 1611; the Oregon Statewide Planning Goals; the Comprehensive Plan Parts I and XVI; OAR 660-023; and any other statute or ordinance determined to apply. The specific criteria applicable to this request is listed and evaluated in the staff report. This hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. For more information contact Hayden.Richardson@columbiacountyor.gov; or phone 503-397-1501.

A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant (including copies of the proposed changes), and the staff report will be available from the Columbia County Planning Department, 445 Port Ave. St. Helens, OR 97051, and at <https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/Hearings>, at least 7 days prior to this hearing. Written comments on the issue can be submitted via email to Jacyn.normine@columbiacountyor.gov or you can send comments via U.S. Mail to Columbia County, Board of Commissioners c/o Jacyn Normine, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, OR 97051.

You may participate in this hearing in person or virtually. To attend virtually go to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/357054141> or call United States (Toll Free): 1 866 899 4679. The meeting access code is: 357-054-141. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to continue the hearing to another date and time. If the hearing is continued, no further public notice will be provided.

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