

**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, March 13, 2024, 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 an amendment to the Columbia County Comprehensive Plan map for the City of Vernonia to amend its acknowledged Urban Growth Boundary. This proposal involves swapping out approximately 37 acres of Rural Residential and Primary Forest zoned property that is currently located within the city's Urban Growth Boundary for approximately 49 acres of Rural Residential zoned property. This proposal will affect approximately 22 tax lots which are identified in the file information.

This hearing is to afford interested parties an opportunity to appear and be heard on the matter described above. 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 March 12, 2024. The Columbia County Board of Commissioners is the final local decision-maker for all County Plan amendments.

Applicable decision criteria are contained in ORS 197.175, ORS 197.610, ORS 197.797 and ORS 203.035; Columbia County Zoning Ordinance Sections 1606 and 1607. 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 planning@columbiacountyor.gov; or phone 503-397-1501.

A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant, and the staff report will be available for 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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