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INTRODUCTION

The City of Newport's Comprehensive Plan is designed to guide the development of land within the city limits and to coordinate with Lincoln County the development of those lands outside the city limits but within the urban growth boundary (UGB). The plan also establishes the goals, policies, and means by which Newport will grow within the next 20 years. In addition, the plan establishes the policies for other affected agency involvement in the development of public and private property.

A comprehensive plan is not a site plan, however. Rather, the plan guides the private citizen and developer in the use of their land by establishing goals, policies, and implementing measures. It is not the intent of the plan to arbitrarily replace the judgment and tastes of a private individual but to help that person comply with the community's goals. Sometimes that will involve the redesign of a development or the subordination of personal feelings or profit for the common good. Active citizen participation in the process of developing the plan and the mutual accommodation of other interests are necessary ingredients to successful plan implementation.

Background:

The State of Oregon mandates that all cities and counties prepare a comprehensive plan for their jurisdiction. Each plan must address the legislatively adopted Statewide Planning Goals, applicable state and federal laws, and pertinent Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR). Once the plan is complete at the local level, the state reviews it for compliance with the goals. When the plan is found to be in compliance, the plan is acknowledged by the state.

The state acknowledged Newport's Comprehensive Plan on June 1, 1984. Administration of the plan and the ordinances and programs that implement it are ongoing. As explained in the administrative section of this document, a thorough review is expected at five to seven year intervals to keep current; however, minor revisions have been and will continue to be made more frequently.

Plan Format:

This plan is divided into various sections that address the Statewide Planning Goals. More than one goal may be included in an element, or any given goal may be discussed in more than one element, so there is no absolute relationship between the elements and the goals. All the relevant goals are addressed somewhere in the plan, however.

Before the City of Newport can develop a program for growth, an inventory must be taken that tabulates the data for each element of the plan. Basically, the inventory is a snapshot of the City of Newport at a particular time. Newport is dynamic, and any data once gathered may become quickly obsolete. It is, therefore, the intent of this plan to keep the data separate from the adopted plan. All the supporting data that is not included in this plan, however, is incorporated into this plan by reference.

Once the data is accumulated and analyzed, conclusions can be drawn. These conclusions will assist in the formulation of general goals and more specific policies. Finally, ways of implementing these goals and policies may be derived to further the stated goal. All of the conclusions, goals, policies, and implementation strategies are contained in the plan. The plan also references specific implementing ordinances, programs, or other plans.

The final section contains procedures for administering the plan. When, for example, a change in the inventory dictates a change in a conclusion, goal, or policy, a methodology must be in place to accomplish that end. Any such action will be considered a plan amendment and shall be processed accordingly.

The plan goals and policies are sometimes made more specific by listing implementation measures. Implementation measures have the same regulatory force as policies.