



September 9, 2019

City of Coos Bay Planning Commission
500 Central Avenue
Coos Bay, OR 97420

Re: Amendments to Land Use regulations, Coos Bay Municipal Code Title 17

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is submitted jointly by Housing Land Advocates (HLA) and the Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO). Both HLA and FHCO are non-profit organizations that advocate for land use policies and practices that ensure an adequate and appropriate supply of affordable housing for all Oregonians. FHCO's interests relate to a jurisdiction's obligation to affirmatively further fair housing. Please include these comments in the record for the above-referenced proposed amendment.

As you know, all amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning map must comply with the Statewide Planning Goals. ORS 197.175(2)(a). When a decision is made affecting the residential land supply, the City must refer to its Housing Needs Analysis (HNA) and Buildable Land Inventory (BLI) in order to show that an adequate number of needed housing units (both housing type and affordability level) will be supported by the residential land supply after enactment of the proposed change.

The staff report for the proposed amendments to the Coos Bay Municipal Code (CBMC) Title 17 (development code) does not include findings for Statewide Goal 10, describing the effects of these changes on the housing supply within the City. Even simple changes, such as excluding recreational vehicles from the term "Dwelling" can have major housing implications, such as the exclusion of tiny houses from certain areas. Further, requiring that Accessory Dwelling Units conform to lot coverage standards may reduce the development potential of this housing option, despite the removal of parking standards. Therefore Goal 10 findings are necessary, and must demonstrate that the changes do not leave the City with less than adequate residential land



supplies in the types, locations, and affordability ranges affected. *See Mulford v. Town of Lakeview*, 36 Or LUBA 715, 731 (1999) (rezoning residential land for industrial uses); *Gresham v. Fairview*, 3 Or LUBA 219 (same); see also, *Home Builders Assn. of Lane Cty. v. City of Eugene*, 41 Or LUBA 370, 422 (2002) (subjecting Goal 10 inventories to tree and waterway protection zones of indefinite quantities and locations). Further, since Title 17 controls prospective development within the City, the report should reference how these changes will affect needed housing as dictated by the City's HNA. Only with a complete analysis showing any gain/loss in needed housing as dictated by the HNA and compared to the BLI, can housing advocates and planners understand whether the City is achieving its goals through these CBMC amendments.

HLA and FHCO urge the Commission to defer approval of the proposed amendments until Goal 10 findings can be made, and the proposal evaluated under the HNA and BLI. Thank you for your consideration. Please provide written notice of your decision to, FHCO, c/o Louise Dix, at 1221 SW Yamhill Street, #305, Portland, OR 97205 and HLA, c/o Jennifer Bragar, at 121 SW Morrison Street, Suite 1850, Portland, OR 97204. Please feel free to email Louise Dix at ldix@fhco.org or reach her by phone at (541) 951-0667.

Thank you for your consideration.

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