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Douglas County Commissioners to Vote on Land Use Change

ROSEBURG, Ore – Douglas County Commissioners are planning to vote February 7, 2018, on the [2017 Comprehensive Plan & Land Use and Development Ordinance Amendments](#) for Douglas County. This **is not** re-zoning by the county.

Douglas County is proposing a new classification of land use called, “non-resource,” which falls within the parameters of the statewide planning rules. Non-resource lands are identified as: low or no resource value, with siting criteria, permitted dwelling on 20-acre parcel size. These lands often buffer more intensely developed areas from high-quality, resource lands. (See attachment for other classifications). If passed, it would establish a program that would give *property owners* an opportunity to re-zone their land.

Douglas County Planning Department Director Keith Cubic is working with the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCDD) to make sure Douglas County’s plan is within the parameters of the statewide planning rules. Cubic said, “The process we followed to identify these lands was extensive and, if passed, will give land owners options, not ultimatums.”

The current process to designate non-resource lands is an arduous and expensive legal process. Douglas County has worked for years on this new concept, in order to give opportunities to private land owners.

Currently, Deschutes and Jefferson counties are in support of the plan proposed in Douglas County.

If you’re wondering if the proposed change could affect your property, please contact Ricky Hoffman at rjhoffma@co.douglas.or.us.

About [Douglas County](#)

Douglas County Government employs approximately 800 full- and part-time employees in a wide variety of jobs. The Board of Commissioners, consisting of three full-time members, is the county’s governing body. They provide a direct link between the citizens of Douglas County and their county government. The Board of Commissioners is responsible for: approving ordinances (county laws); adopting the county budget; setting standards for the use of county property; appointing non-elected officials to boards, commissions, and committees; and oversees all operations of the county.

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