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NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Columbia City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1840 Second Street in Columbia City, Oregon. The purpose of the hearing is to take written and oral testimony on proposed amendments to the City's Land Use and Development Code. These amendments are part of the City's efforts to make regulations more useable for residents, developers and City staff by correcting errors, eliminating text ambiguities and redundancies, and clarifying code text. Amendments are throughout the existing code, including changes to standards related to accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and manufactured homes consistent with state law. They also include the removal of standards that are not clear and objective from chapter 7.120 Site Development Review and changes recommended by the DLCD Oregon State NFIP review to chapter 7.75 Flood Hazard Overlay. Note that the City is not implementing changes to this chapter based on the FEMA Pre-Implementation Compliance Measures for Endangered Species Act (ESA) at this time.

Following the hearing the Planning Commission may make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council will hear the matter on Thursday, January 16, 2025 and a second reading will occur on Thursday, February 20, 2025. Both of these meetings will start at 6:00 p.m.

Interested persons are invited to attend any of the public hearings or choose to submit written testimony prior to the hearings. Failure to raise an issue at the hearings or by letter or failure to be specific enough to give Commissioners or City Council the opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal on that issue. Only comments on applicable approval criteria are considered relevant evidence. Any written comments must be submitted to City Hall no later than 2:00 p.m. on December 17 for the evening Planning Commission hearing or no later than 2:00 p.m. on January 16 for the evening City Council hearing. Direct written comments to Office Supervisor, Helen Johnson, at PO Box 189, 1840 Second Street, Columbia City, OR 97018, or hjohnson@columbia-city.org.

The proposed amendments, including staff report, staff findings and staff recommendation will be available for review at the City Hall seven (7) days prior to each public hearing. Copies can also be purchased at cost.

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