

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The city of Rainier Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on May 22, 2023, to consider a variety of proposed amendments to Rainier Municipal Code (RMC) Chapter 2.15 Planning Commission; Title 17 Subdivisions, and Title 18 Zoning. The proposed amendment to Chapter 2.15 would authorize the planning commission to set a schedule for its regular meetings at its last meeting of the year for the subsequent year. The hearing will start at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers at Rainier City Hall, 106 W B Street, Rainier, OR, 97048.

The proposed amendments to Title 17 include authorizing the planning commission to make the final decision on preliminary subdivision plats, with an appeal to the city council; shifting the administrative responsibilities of managing development applications from the public works supervisor to the city planner and city recorder; granting authority to the city planner to act on preliminary partition plats; streamlining the review and decision process on property line amendments by granting authority to the city planner to take action on such applications. Additionally, preliminary plat and final plat would replace subdivision plan and subdivision plat for both subdivisions and partitions.

Proposed amendments to Title 18 include adding definitions for Residential Care Facility and Residential Home (group homes for people with special needs;) making such facilities permitted uses in all residential zoning districts; taking action on request for similar use requests at the staff level with public notice; and amending the notice period on applicable proposed actions to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation from 45 days to 35 days, consistent with state law.

The proposed amendments will be reviewed as required against the applicable provisions of the Rainier Comprehensive Plan and applicable statewide planning goals and/or administrative rules as adopted by the Land Conservation and Development Commission. Draft Ordinance 1091 effecting the proposed amendments is available at City Hall; contact Sarah Blodgett during regular business hours.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments and/or attend the hearing and present testimony. Only those who make an appearance of record shall be entitled to appeal. The staff report to the planning commission will be available for review by the close of business May 15.