RELATIONSHIP OF STATE & LOCAL LAND USE PROGRAMS

Legislature

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS)
Formal, written law passed by the Legislature that typically commands, prohibits, or declares something.

Executive Branch

(DLCD / LCDC) (ORS 197)

- LCDC adopts and amends the statewide planning goals to establish a land use framework for state and local governments.
- LCDC approves the initially adopted local government comprehensive plans and periodic updates.
- DLCD reviews comprehensive plan amendments and implementing ordinances and provides comments or advice as necessary.
- DLCD provides grants and technical assistance.

19 Statewide Land Use Planning Goals

- Cities and counties are required to adopt comprehensive plans that comply with the applicable goals.
- Goals are adopted and amended as administrative rules.

Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR)

LCDC adopts administrative rules that implement or refine the requirements of state statute and statewide planning goals.

Local Governments

(ORS 197, 215, & 227)

- Adopt comprehensive plans in compliance with statewide planning goals and DLCD administrative rules.
- Make land use decisions in conformance with comprehensive plans acknowledged by LCDC.
- Amend comprehensive plans and implementing ordinances to meet changing needs and to comply with new statutory and regulatory requirements.

Comprehensive Plans

- Each city and county in Oregon is required to have an acknowledged comprehensive plan that complies with the statewide planning goals.
- The local plan guides the community's land use, conservation of natural resources, economic development, and public facilities.
- Comprehensive plans generally have data and analysis, mapping, objectives and policies, and implementing measures.
- The objectives and policies are adopted by ordinance and have the force of law.

Zoning or Development Code

Zoning and land division ordinances are the two most common types of implementing measures, and they describe in detail what can and can't be build in different land use zones.

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