

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING)
AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 14 OF THE)
URBAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT)
FUNCTIONAL PLAN TO IMPROVE THE)
REGIONAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT)
PROCESS)

ORDINANCE NO. 17-1408
Introduced by Martha J. Bennett, Chief
Operating Officer, with the concurrence of
Tom Hughes, Council President

WHEREAS, Oregon state law requires Metro to periodically determine the capacity of the urban growth boundary (UGB) to accommodate population growth in the region over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council made its most recent determination of the UGB's growth capacity in 2015 by adopting Ordinance No. 15-1361; and

WHEREAS, as part of Ordinance No. 15-1361, the Metro Council ordained that Metro would work with its regional partners to explore possible improvements to the region's residential growth management process; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2016 Metro convened an Urban Growth Readiness Task Force consisting of public and private sector representatives to develop recommendations for such improvements; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2017 the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 17-4764, which accepted the following three key concepts adopted by the Task Force for improving the growth management process: (1) clarify expectations for cities proposing modest residential UGB expansions into concept-planned urban reserves; (2) seek greater flexibility for addressing regional housing needs, in part through changes to state law allowing for mid-cycle UGB expansions up to 1000 acres; and (3) seek greater flexibility when choosing among concept-planned urban reserves for UGB expansions; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force also recommended that Metro adopt changes in its decision-making processes to implement the three key concepts by taking an outcomes-based approach to growth management focused on specific UGB expansion proposals made by cities; and

WHEREAS, based on the Task Force directives, Metro and its regional partners successfully advocated for changes to state law via House Bill 2095, which allows Metro to make mid-cycle residential UGB expansions by amending its most recent Urban Growth Report analysis based on specific residential growth proposals brought forward by cities; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council directed staff to work with the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) on proposed amendments to the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan (UGMFP) that would implement the Task Force directives and House Bill 2095; and

WHEREAS, over the course of 10 meetings since July 6, 2016, Metro staff and MTAC prepared and refined proposed amendments to Title 14 of the UGMFP; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2017 MTAC voted unanimously to approve the proposed amendments and to forward them to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, MPAC reviewed and discussed the proposed amendments on September 27, 2017, and at its meeting on October 11, 2017 voted unanimously to recommend that the Metro Council approve the proposed amendments with minor revisions; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council finds that MPAC's recommended amendments to Title 14 of the UGMFP will effectively implement House Bill 2095 and the directive of the Urban Growth Readiness Task Force to create a more flexible and outcomes-based approach for future UGB expansions in the Metro region; now therefore,

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Chapter 3.07 of the Metro Code is hereby amended as shown on Exhibit A, attached and incorporated into this ordinance.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this _____ day of November 2017.

Tom Hughes, Council President

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Nellie Papsdorf, Recording Secretary

Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney