

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **IN CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 17-1405 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESPONDING TO THE REMAND FROM THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS AND THE LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF URBAN AND RURAL RESERVES IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

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## **PROPOSED ACTION**

Adoption of Ordinance No. 17-1405 for the purpose of incorporating the recent actions of Multnomah County and Clackamas County into a single joint set of findings and conclusions explaining why areas in each county were chosen as urban and rural reserves under the applicable factors.

## **BACKGROUND**

This will be the Metro Council's third and final ordinance regarding the remand of urban and rural reserves in the Metro region. Multnomah County and Clackamas County have each recently adopted the necessary ordinances and findings in support of reserves in their counties, and Metro must now adopt and incorporate all of the findings and conclusions into a single document for submittal to LCDC for review and acknowledgment under state law.

On February 4, 2016 the Metro Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-1368, which included findings explaining why the Stafford area was correctly designated as urban reserves and responding to issues raised on appeal by the cities of West Linn and Tualatin regarding future provision of transportation and other services. On April 13, 2017 the Metro Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-1397, which addressed two state rule requirements that apply to the designation of urban and rural reserves across the entire region, in light of Metro's adoption of the 2014 Urban Growth Report and the reduction of urban reserve acreage in Washington County via HB 4078.

On May 23, 2017 the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 06-2017, which includes supplemental findings and conclusions explaining why the Stafford area was designated as urban reserves under the applicable factors.

On June 1, 2017 the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 1246, which includes supplemental findings and conclusions explaining why Area 9D was designated as rural reserve under the applicable factors.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 17-1405. State rules governing reserves require Metro and each county that designates reserves to adopt a "single joint set of findings of fact, statements of reasons and conclusions explaining why areas were chosen as urban or rural reserves" under the applicable factors. This ordinance satisfies that state law requirement and incorporates all findings into a single document for submittal to LCDC for review and acknowledgment.