

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING METRO)	ORDINANCE NO. 25-1535
CODE CHAPTERS 3.07 AND 3.09 TO MAKE)	
HOUSEKEEPING UPDATES, MODERNIZE)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
PUBLIC NOTICE METHODS, INCORPORATE)	Marissa Madrigal with the Concurrence of
PLAIN LANGUAGE BEST PRACTICES, AND)	Council President Lynn Peterson
IMPLEMENT NEW STATUTORY METRO)	
DISTRICT ANNEXATION REQUIREMENTS)	

WHEREAS, Metro Code chapter 3.07, *Urban Growth Management Functional Plan (UGMFP)*, has requirements and recommendations for partner cities and counties, as well as for Metro itself, that advance land use policies of the Regional Framework Plan; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code chapter 3.09, *Local Government Boundary Changes*, has requirements for changes to various types of boundaries in the region, including annexations to the “Metro boundary,” which is the jurisdictional boundary for Metro as a metropolitan service district under state law; and

WHEREAS, a review of these two chapters identified minor typographic errors, outdated citations, inconsistencies, and opportunities for clarification and better organization that have accumulated since the last package of “housekeeping” amendments to chapter 3.07 was adopted in 2015, and since chapter 3.09 was last amended in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Metro Council Resolution No. 22-5293 directs that, whenever a Metro Code chapter is amended for any purpose, the chapter also be amended as necessary to incorporate inclusive and plain language best practices that emphasize accessibility and readability, appropriately address all audiences, and remove biases; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission recently adopted amendments to Oregon Administrative Rules chapter 660, division 23 requiring Metro to provide notice of hearings on proposed amendments to Metro’s urban growth boundary (UGB) directly to Tribes, and those procedural requirements warrant codification in UGMFP Title 14, *Urban Growth Boundary*; and

WHEREAS, other UGMFP titles, including Title 7, *Housing Choice*, Title 11, *Planning for New Urban Areas*, and Title 13, *Nature in Neighborhoods*, include provisions that were either time-limited and already no longer in force, or that have been made redundant by recent changes in state law, and should therefore be repealed; and

WHEREAS, amendments to chapter 3.09 can further clarify that Metro Code does not prohibit hookups to utility lines that already exist outside the UGB, or extension of lines that already exist outside the UGB to serve rural properties, while deferring to state restrictions on and allowances for extension of utility services to and through areas outside of the UGB; and

WHEREAS, chapter 1, section 3 of the Metro Charter states that changes to the Metro boundary are not effective unless approved by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Oregon House Bill 2356 of the 2025 legislative session amended Oregon Revised Statutes chapter 268 to provide that, when a city within the Metro UGB annexes a territory on or after January 1, 2026, and that territory is within the Metro UGB, the territory is annexed to the Metro district without further proceedings; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of proposed UGB amendments and Metro boundary annexations can be improved by requiring notice of such actions be posted on Metro's website, while costs, including those borne by applicants for annexation to the Metro boundary, can be reduced by repealing certain requirements for printing and posting of plastic notice signs and publication of notices in a newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to the Metro Code shown in Exhibit A are consistent with applicable state and Metro requirements, for the reasons detailed in the findings included in Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Technical Advisory Committee voted on October 15, 2025, to recommend to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) that the amendments in Exhibit A be recommended for adoption by the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, MPAC voted on November 19, 2025, to recommend that the amendments in Exhibit A be adopted by the Metro Council; now, therefore,

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Metro Code chapter 3.07, *Urban Growth Management Functional Plan*, and chapter 3.09, *Local Government Boundary Changes*, are hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A, attached to and incorporated into this ordinance.
2. As provided by ORS chapter 268, when a city within the Metro UGB annexes a territory on or after January 1, 2026, and that territory is within the Metro UGB, the territory is annexed to the Metro boundary without further proceedings.
3. The Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in Exhibit B, attached to and incorporated into this ordinance, demonstrate compliance with applicable state and Metro requirements.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ____ day of December 2025.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Georgia Langer, Recording Secretary

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney