

County Criteria for Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Oregon Administrative Rules

Oregon Administrative Rule 660-011-0065 limits the extension of water service to rural lands when such extension would:

- (a) *Allow an increase in a base density in a residential zone due to the availability of service from a water system;*
- (b) *Allow a higher density for residential development served by a water system than would be authorized without such service; or*
- (c) *Allow an increase in the allowable density of residential development due to the presence, establishment, or extension of a water system.*

Marion County Comprehensive Plan

General Policies

- 2. *It is the intent of Marion County to maintain the rural character of the areas outside of urban growth boundaries by only allowing those uses that do not increase the potential for urban services.*
- 3. *Only those facilities and services that are necessary to accommodate planned rural land uses should be provided unless it can be shown that the proposed service will not encourage development inconsistent with maintaining the rural density and character of the area.*
- 4. *The sizing of public or private service facilities shall be based on maintaining the rural character of the area. Systems that cannot be cost effective without exceeding the rural densities specified in this Plan shall not be approved. The County shall coordinate with private utilities to ensure that rural development can be serviced efficiently.*

Rural Industrial Policy

- 2. *Rural industries should be compatible with existing development and farm or forest uses in the vicinity, should not involve a large number of employees, should not require heavy truck traffic through residential areas or on unimproved roads, and should not have the potential to exceed the environmental capacity of the site or require urban services.*

Special District Policy

- 7. *The creation or expansion of any water district as well as the extension of water services to lands outside an existing service district's boundaries, unincorporated communities' boundaries, urban growth boundaries or city limits shall be discouraged unless the area to be served has demonstrated persistent health hazard problems confirmed by the County Health Department and the State Department of Environmental Quality and needs for which no other practical and reasonable alternative is available. Cost may be a factor in determining whether an alternative is practical and reasonable, however, cost shall not be the only factor or even the primary factor. Any extension shall require the approval of the Marion County Board of Commissioners.*

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