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**To:** Laura Terway & Christina Robertson-Gardiner, City of Oregon City  
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**Subject:** Beaver Creek Road Concept Plan Implementing Zoning Code

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**Overview:** Oregon City aims to further implementation of the Beaver Creek Road Concept Plan (BRCP) through comprehensive plan designation and zone mapping, and development code amendments, to complement the public vision, infrastructure, and economic development measures that have already been completed or planned east of Beaver Creek Road generally between Thayer Road and Old Acres Lane. Development of the 453-acre BRCP area is intended to create around 1,000 housing units and up to 5,000 family-wage jobs as part of a complete and sustainable community.

The overall strategy for implementing code is to use existing zones, rather than create a Beaver Creek Road area-specific overlay. The practice has been used to implement the City's other two concept plans. Several of the implementing zones proposed here were developed for concept plan areas, including the Neighborhood Commercial and the Residential Medium Density R-5 zone. Proposed zoning districts for each concept plan subdistrict include:

<i>Concept Plan Subdistrict</i>	<i>Zone</i>
North Employment Campus	Campus Institutional (CI)
Mixed Employment Village	Mixed-Use Corridor (MUC-2)
Main Street	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
West Mixed-Use Neighborhood	High-Density Residential (R-2)
East Mixed-Use Neighborhood	Medium-Density Residential (R-5)
Environmentally Sensitive Restoration Area	Natural Resources Overlay District (NROD) Geological Hazard Overlay District (GHOD)

This memo provides a short introduction to the draft code amendments to implement the Concept Plan provisions. All of the base zone standards apply, in addition to the proposed code standards specific to each subdistrict described

below. Note that the proposed amendments incorporate the most recent code language from the Equitable Housing and other development code amendments currently under review by the City Commission.

**OCMC 16.08, Land Divisions – Process and Standards**

- Proposed code amendments include additional public park requirements or fee-in-lieu option to ensure land for the South Central Open Space Network is reserved and dedicated to the city at the time of residential subdivisions. This is expected to largely apply to development in the R-5 district.

**OCMC 17.10, R-5 Medium Density Residential District (East Mixed-Use Neighborhood subdistrict)**

- No changes are proposed to the mix of uses or dimensional standards in the zone beyond those proposed in the Equitable Housing code amendments.
- Standards for the Low-Impact Conservation Area implement the plan goals for the area upslope of Thimble Creek, on the eastern edge of the Beavercreek Road district. The proposed standards limit development to two units per acre, require open space preservation and restoration, and require view corridors to preserve views.
- A 40-foot perimeter buffer is proposed along the southern edge of the district including landscaping, setbacks and fencing, to manage the transition to lower-density residential development outside City limits along Old Acres Lane to the south.

**OCMC 17.12, R-2 High Density Residential District (West Mixed-Use Neighborhood subdistrict)**

- Allows additional uses consistent with the Concept Plan include live/work dwellings and limited commercial/mixed-use spaces.
- Provides up to a 20% density bonus for development incorporating sustainability features.
- Additional changes in 17.62 add requirement for additional public park dedication or fee-in-lieu, consistent with requirement for new subdivisions.

**OCMC 17.24, MC Neighborhood Commercial District (Main Street subdistrict)**

- Limits uses to a 10,000 SF building footprint to encourage pedestrian-scale, main street businesses. Limits residential uses to 50% of the project floor area, and prohibits ground-floor residential uses within 150 feet of Glen Oak Road (which will be the “main street.”) Adds a new use category for artisan and specialty goods production to allow limited manufacturing type uses.

- Increase dimensional standards to match scale proposed in the Concept Plan, including a five-story height limit and 0.5 FAR minimum.
- Improves building presence and interaction along the street by requiring parking to be located behind building facades.

**OCMC 17.29, MUC Mixed-Use Corridor District (Mixed Employment Village subdistrict)**

- Light industrial uses are permitted to implement the employment aspect of the vision for this subdistrict. Retail and service uses, including food service, are limited to 20% of a site to maintain the focus on employment uses generating family-wage jobs. Residential uses are limited to upper stories only.
- One parcel with an in-progress residential development is permitted outright, to avoid creating a nonconforming use.
- An additional dimensional standard implements a minimum 0.35 FAR for new development to ensure efficient use of land.

**OCMC 17.31, CI Campus Institutional District (North Employment Campus subdistrict)**

- Retail and professional service uses are limited consistent with Metro Title 4 requirements to preserve land for industrial uses. Offices are permitted consistent with uses outlined in the Concept Plan, whereas distribution and warehouse uses are prohibited because they create relatively few jobs per acre inconsistent with the plan goals.
- Several parcels with existing single-family residential development are permitted outright, to avoid creating nonconforming uses. (These parcels are outside of Title 4 lands, so there is no conflict with employment requirements.)
- Additional standards require landscaping, berms and fences within the required 25-foot transition area between industrial and residential uses.
- Outdoor storage is limited to a maximum of 25% of the developable area to avoid inefficient use of land that does not support employment plan goals.
- A minimum 30-foot open space and trail corridor is required along the powerline corridor. Additional parks, trails, urban agriculture and community garden uses are permitted consistent with the plan goals for uses within the powerline easement.
- Sustainable development features are required for all development to implement the plan's sustainability goals.

**OCMC 17.44, US – Geologic Hazards and OCMC 17.49 – Natural Resources  
Overlay District**

- No changes are proposed to the geologic hazard or NROD standards for this district; resource areas within the concept plan area will be protected consistent with existing standards.

**OCMC 17.62, Site Plan and Design Review**

- Proposed code amendments include additional public park requirements or fee-in-lieu option to ensure land for the South Central Open Space Network is reserved and dedicated to the city at the time of residential subdivisions. This is intended to apply to any residential development in the R-2 or the mixed-use districts that does not get developed through subdivision.