

LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

DIVISION 24

URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES

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NOTE: No amendments to this division other than rules listed below

1 **660-024-0030**

2 **Population Forecasts**

3 (1) Counties must adopt and maintain a coordinated 20-year population forecast for the
4 county and for each urban area within the county consistent with statutory requirements
5 for such forecasts under ORS 195.025 and 195.036. Cities must adopt a 20-year
6 population forecast for the urban area consistent with the coordinated county forecast,
7 except that a metropolitan service district must adopt and maintain a 20-year population
8 forecast for the area within its jurisdiction. In adopting the coordinated forecast, local
9 governments must follow applicable procedures and requirements in ORS 197.610 to
10 197.650 and must provide notice to all other local governments in the county. The
11 adopted forecast must be included in the comprehensive plan or in a document referenced
12 by the plan.

13 (2) The forecast must be developed using commonly accepted practices and standards for
14 population forecasting used by professional practitioners in the field of demography or
15 economics, and must be based on current, reliable and objective sources and verifiable
16 factual information, such as the most recent long-range forecast for the county published
17 by the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis (OEA). The forecast must take into account
18 documented long-term demographic trends as well as recent events that have a reasonable
19 likelihood of changing historical trends. The population forecast is an estimate which,
20 although based on the best available information and methodology, should not be held to
21 an unreasonably high level of precision.

22 (3) As a safe harbor, if a coordinated population forecast was adopted by a county within
23 the previous 10 years but does not provide a 20-year forecast for an urban area at the time
24 a city initiates an evaluation or amendment of the UGB, a city and county may adopt an
25 updated forecast for the urban area consistent with this section. The updated forecast is
26 deemed to comply with applicable goals and laws regarding population forecasts for
27 purposes of the current UGB evaluation or amendment provided the forecast:

28 (a) Is adopted by the city and county in accordance with the notice, procedures and
29 requirements described in section (1) of this rule; and

30 (b) Extends the current urban area forecast to a 20-year period commencing on the date
31 determined under OAR 660-024-0040(2) by using the same growth trend for the urban
32 area assumed in the county's current adopted forecast.

1 (4) As a safe harbor, a city and county may adopt a 20-year forecast for an urban area
2 consistent with this section. The forecast is deemed to comply with applicable goals and
3 laws regarding population forecasts for purposes of the current UGB evaluation or
4 amendment provided the forecast:

5 (a) Is adopted by the city and county in accordance with the notice, procedures and
6 requirements described in section (1) of this rule;

7 (b) Is based on OEA's population forecast for the county for a 20-year period
8 commencing on the date determined under OAR 660-024-0040(2); and

9 (c) Is developed by assuming that the urban area's share of the forecasted county
10 population determined in subsection (b) of this rule will be the same as the urban area's
11 current share of county population based on the most recent certified population estimates
12 from Portland State University and the most recent data for the urban area published by
13 the U.S. Census Bureau.

14 **(5) A city may propose a revised 20-year forecast for its urban area by following the**
15 **requirements described in ORS 195.034.**

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17 Stat. Auth.: ORS 197.040, Other Auth. Statewide Planning Goal 14; **ORS 195.034**
18 Stats. Implemented: ORS 195.015, 195.036, 197.295 - 197.314, 197.610 - 197.650,
19 197.764; **ORS 195.034**
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