



CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMISSION

DESCRIPTION

History

This Commission was formed on April 19, 1994, by Ordinance No. 2091 and amended by Ordinance No. 2316 on March 2, 2002, to review development proposals to ensure compliance with the Community Development Code or other City Standards.

Mission and Duties

It is the mission of the Commission to exercise the powers and duties as set forth in state law, the City Comprehensive Plan, the City Community Development Code (LOC Chapter 50), and other applicable City Codes.

Examples of responsibilities that might be included in service are:

1. Assure prompt review of development proposals, and the application of City standards.
2. Provide for public review and comment on development proposals which may have significant impact on the community.
3. Guide public and private policy and action to assure provision of adequate water, sewerage, transportation, drainage, parks, open space, and other public facilities and services for each development.
4. Administer procedures and standards assuring that the design of site improvements and buildings are consistent with applicable standards and minimize adverse impacts on surrounding land uses, and yet allow for and encourage flexibility in the design and layout of site improvements and buildings, and innovation in design and construction.
5. Provide for review and approval of the relationship between land uses and traffic circulation in order to minimize congestion, with particular emphasis on not exceeding the planned capacity of residential streets to carry projected traffic; to provide for safe pedestrian and bicycle circulation; to provide for the proper location of street rights-of-way, easement and building lines; to assure provision of adequate internal vehicle circulation; parking, loading, and pedestrian walkways.
6. Minimize pollution and damage to waterways and Oswego Lake; to assure the adequacy drainage facilities and to protect the natural character and functions of waterways.

7. Administer standards to regulate the impacts of development upon soils, trees and vegetation, distinctive areas, and other natural features.
8. Assure reasonable safety from flood, landslide, erosion, or other natural hazards.
9. Protect the City's aesthetic beauty and character.
10. Promote the conservation of energy through site and building design and orientation.
11. Protect historic buildings and sites.

Qualifications

The Commission has seven (7) members appointed by the City Council for three (3) year terms. At least four (4) members shall reside within the City limits of the City of Lake Oswego. The membership of the Commission is to be as follows:

- Three (3) members shall be from the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, or artistic design.
- One (1) member shall be from the field of civil engineering.
- One (1) member shall be engaged in the business of financing the purchase and development of real property. No more than two (2) members of the Commission may engage principally in the buying, selling or developing of real estate for profit as individuals, or be members of any partnership, or officers or employees of any corporation, that engages principally in the buying, selling or developing of real estate for profit.

No more than two (2) members shall be engaged in the same kind of occupation, business, trade or profession.

Each member must file annual Statement of Economic Interest with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

When making appointments, the Council shall consider the geographic diversity of the membership of boards, committees and commissions.

Meeting Dates

The Commission meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. and other days as needed.

Contact Person

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