

Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities Rules Summary for Gresham

As presented to the City Council on June 7

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) is making rules for land use and transportation planning to enact the governor's order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Partial adoption was completed in May 2022 with further refinements expected in July 2022. The desired result of the rules is to create dense walkable places centered around transit. This reduces the need for people to rely on private vehicles for every trip, which reduces greenhouse gases. See links at the end of this document for draft rules.

Climate Friendly Areas

Climate Friendly Areas (CFAs) are a new code designation that is required. CFAs are the heart of the rule's intent, creating walkable urban areas that contain, or are planned to contain, a greater mix and supply of housing, jobs, businesses, and services. These areas are served, or planned to be served, by high quality pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure.

The rules state CFAs will be Metro 2040 Regional and Town Centers. For Gresham, this is Downtown and Civic, Rockwood and Pleasant Valley Town Center. Existing code in these centers appears to have significant similarities to the new rules, as Gresham's centers are planned to be walkable mixed-use areas of activity.

Transportation Planning and Equitable Engagement

New transportation planning rules include equitable analysis and require enhanced networks for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit. The City's upcoming Transportation System Plan update in the next two years will need to follow these new rules. The City will need to conduct new analyses and new prioritization as we plan for our transportation systems.

The state rules require equitable engagement processes when conducting planning efforts. This includes engaging with diverse communities, people with disabilities and other underserved populations. The City is familiar with equitable engagement from recent planning efforts, such as middle housing and the Active Transportation Plan.

Changes to Parking

Changes to parking code will apply to new developments, reducing parking requirements but allowing the market to provide parking. The rules apply to certain types of development and development near transit. The rules give options to improve parking management, including on-street parking, to retain some control over required parking. Rules enacted in the Building Code requires electrical vehicle charging capacity in some future parking lots.

Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities Timelines

Electrical Vehicle Charging (Building Code)	May 2022
Transportation System Plan Rules	July 2022
Rule Changes for Parking*	June 2023
Designate Climate Friendly Areas*	December 2025

*Option to submit a City work plan December 2022
The workplan would provide alternative dates for the City to implement rules.

Next Steps

Expected return to Planning Commission with more details	July 25, 2022
Expected return to City Council with more details	August 23, 2022

Draft Rules from DLCD

- Website: <https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/LAR/Pages/CFEC.aspx>
- [A summary of the draft rules](#) as of May 5, 2022
- [Draft amendments to OAR 660-008 \(Division 8\)](#) Housing as of May 5, 2022
- [Draft amendments to OAR 660-012 \(Division 12\)](#) Transportation as of May 5, 2022
- [small rules corrections memo](#) published May 12, 2022
- [Draft amendments to OAR 660-044 \(Division 44\)](#) Metropolitan Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets as of May 5, 2022