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TO: Deschutes County Planning Commission
FROM: Matthew Martin, Associate Planner
DATE: June 29, 2015
SUBJECT: Public Hearing on County Land Use File No. 247-15-000256-TA - text amendments to make "housekeeping" changes to the Deschutes County code.

I. SUMMARY

The Planning Division is bringing a package of text amendments to the Planning Commission for a public hearing on July 9, 2015. These amendments are necessary to correct errors and provide clarification to existing provisions of the county code. The Planning Division is seeking a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve, deny, or revise the proposed amendments.

II. BACKGROUND

The Planning Division has compiled "housekeeping" text amendments based on our experiences with the current code language. The amendments are an effort to correct noted errors and provide clarification to existing land use regulations and policies. These housekeeping amendments do not alter the permitted uses or use standards of the code. In addition, no state statutes, rules, or land use goals apply to these changes.

The Planning Commission held a work session on June 25, 2015, to introduce the item and prepare for the upcoming public hearing. The staff report and text amendments were provided in the June 25 meeting packet.

III. SCHEDULE

The public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for July 9, 2015. Staff recommends the Planning Commission consider one of the following actions at next Thursday's hearing:

Open the public hearing, take oral and written testimony, and then:

- *Close the hearing, commence deliberations, and consider a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC); or*
- *Continue the hearing to August 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Deschutes Services Center in Bend; or*
- *Close the record for oral testimony, continue the written record until July 30 at 5:00 p.m., and then conduct deliberations on August 13.*

Following the Planning Commission recommendation, a public hearing is required before the BOCC for final decision. The hearing before the BOCC will be held on a date yet to be determined.