

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

In the Matter of Adoption of	)	STATUTORY AUTHORITY,
Permanent Administrative Rules	)	STATEMENT OF NEED,
Relating to Guidelines for	)	PRINCIPAL DOCUMENTS
Development Review	)	RELIED UPON AND FISCAL
	)	IMPACT STATEMENT

SUMMARY OF RULES

The Columbia River Gorge Commission proposes to adopt rules establishing criteria for major development actions and residential development at its regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 1, 1987 at Corbett Christian Center, 34330 NE Kershon Road, Corbett, Ore., at 9:30 a.m. These rules contain criteria for commercial, industrial, residential and recreational uses. They also contain criteria applicable to all development to protect scenic, cultural, natural and recreational resources.

STATEMENT OF NEED

The Commission needs rules that set criteria for its review of major development actions and residential development. The standards in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, P.L. 99-663, are general in nature and not adequate to guide decisions in particular cases. The rules the Commission proposes to adopt will provide all participants in Commission activities with greater understanding of the basis for Commission decisions.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Section 10(c) of the Scenic Area Act charges the Commission to review all major development actions and residential development for consistency with the act during the "Interim" between the effective date of the act and approval by the Commission of a county's implementing ordinances. Section 4(4) of Article I of the Columbia River Gorge Compact, 1987 Washington Laws, Chapter 499, and 1987 Oregon Laws, Chapter 14, authorize the Commission to adopt rules necessary to conduct its business. These provisions give the Commission authority to adopt the proposed rules.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON

These rules are based upon the standards for development review in Section 6(d) of the Scenic Area Act and the purposes of the act as set forth in Section 3. The rules are also nearly identical to the Interim Guidelines adopted by the Forest Service as directed by Section 10(a) of the Scenic Area Act. The act and Interim Guidelines are available for inspection at the Commission offices.

These rules should have no fiscal impact upon units of government or the public. The Commission is required by Section 10(c) of the Scenic Area Act to review major development actions and residential development. Fulfilling this requirement will have a fiscal impact, as noted in the Notice of Intent to Adopt development review rules. These rules will facilitate that review. The rules are more specific than the standards in Section 6(d) of the Scenic Area Act. Hence, they will increase understanding of the basis of Commission reviews, reduce delays and diminish the costs to all participants of development reviews.

Dated October 30, 1987

On behalf of the Columbia River Gorge Commission

  
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