

REQUIRED DEVELOPER MEETINGS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

5 THINGS TO KNOW

The City of Bend is committed to keeping construction up and running throughout the duration of the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic. Bend Development Code (BDC) requires these meetings for developers who apply for certain types of land use permits. In an effort to continue operations, the City is accepting innovative solutions to satisfy this code requirement.

WE RECEIVED A LAND USE NOTIFICATION INFORMING US OF A VIRTUAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING, IS THIS FORMAT ALLOWED?

Yes. The City of Bend is working with the community to find creative and flexible solutions to continue providing services, maintain economic activity, and provide channels for communication and participation. Developers are allowed to host virtual meetings so long as they can meet the requirements of BDC 4.1.215.

WHAT IF I CANNOT GET ONLINE?

The City requires that the meetings be accessible via landline telephone. Developers who are conducting virtual meetings have used platforms which allow the public to participate by mobile device, desktop computer, or – if neither are available – by landline telephone.

WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT VISUALS, SUCH AS MAPS, FOR THE PROJECT?

In a virtual setting, all visuals such as maps and site plans are shown on the screen as the developer presents. Reduced-size copies of these documents are included in the mailed paper notifications. Developers can also offer oversized copies upon request.

HOW DO WE PROVIDE COMMENT ON THE PROJECT?

Neighbors can comment in writing or orally during the meeting. The mailed paper notification also includes an invitation to submit written comments.

WHAT DO WE DO IF WE CANNOT NAVIGATE EPLANS SOFTWARE?

Land use files are stored in a software system known as ePlans. If members of the public need assistance using the ePlans features, they should contact the City of Bend Planning Division staff who can provide assistance at planning@bendoregon.gov or (541) 388-5580 ext. 3.



Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

To obtain this information in an alternate format such as Braille, large print, electronic formats, etc. please contact Makayla Oliver, Community Relations Manager at moliver@bendoregon.gov or (541) 323-8571; Relay Users Dial 7-1-1.