

NOTICE OF HEARING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MALHEUR COUNTY CODE TITLE 6, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 3; CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE A; CHAPTER 4; CHAPTER 6; CHAPTER 12; AND TITLE 7, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1; CHAPTER 7 OF THE MALHEUR COUNTY CODE (MCC); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Malheur County Court** will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m., to be continued to Wednesday, June 24, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** in room 106 of the Malheur County Courthouse, 251 B Street West, Vale to hear public comments on the above-entitled ordinance (Ordinance No. 239). Interested persons may also participate in the hearing electronically via GoToMeeting; login by computer/tablet/smartphone: <https://meet.goto.com/MCPZ/malheur-county-court> Access Code: **299-510-653**.

The Malheur County Planning Department has initiated this legislative amendment of the Malheur County Code (MCC) in order to codify State statute and administrative rule changes applicable to resource lands. Specifically, Chapters 1, 3, 4, 6, and 12 of Title 6 and Chapters 1 and 7 of Title 7 are proposed to be amended. The intent of this amendment package is to codify several years of State law changes made regarding farmland (i.e. land with the Exclusive Farm Use - EFU, Exclusive Range Use – ERU, and Exclusive Farm-Forest Use – EFFU zones) and not to change how farmland is already regulated.

Oral comments may be given during the public hearing. Written comments will be received up to and including the date and time of the hearing and may be emailed to kim.ross@malheurco.org . A copy of the ordinance may be obtained by accessing www.malheurco.org. Questions should be directed to the Planning Department, 251 B Street West #12, Vale, Oregon 97918 or kelsie.haueter@malheurco.org.

Testimony, arguments and evidence must be directed toward the criteria set out in the ordinance, or other substantive criteria in Malheur County's Comprehensive Plan or land use regulations that the person believes apply. Failure to raise an issue at the hearing, in person, or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeals based on that issue.

The Staff Report will be available at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing on the County website or in the Planning Department office. Please contact the Planning Director (541-473-5185) for additional information.