

Senate Bill 311

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Adds criteria for determining when application to county for discretionary permits and zone changes is deemed complete for purposes of time limit for action by county.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to application for action by local government; amending ORS 215.427.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 215.427 is amended to read:

5 215.427. (1) Except as provided in subsections (3) and [(4)] (5) of this section, for land within an
6 urban growth boundary and applications for mineral aggregate extraction, the governing body of a
7 county or its designee shall take final action on an application for a permit, limited land use deci-
8 sion or zone change, including resolution of all appeals under ORS 215.422, within 120 days after the
9 application is deemed complete. The governing body of a county or its designee shall take final
10 action on all other applications for a permit, limited land use decision or zone change, including
11 resolution of all appeals under ORS 215.422, within 150 days after the application is deemed com-
12 plete, except as provided in subsections (3) and [(4)] (5) of this section.

13 (2) If an application for a permit, limited land use decision or zone change is incomplete, the
14 governing body or its designee shall notify the applicant **in writing** of exactly what information is
15 missing within 30 days of receipt of the application and allow the applicant to submit the missing
16 information. The application shall be deemed complete for the purpose of subsection (1) of this sec-
17 tion [*upon receipt by the governing body or its designee of the missing information. If the applicant*
18 *refuses to submit the missing information, the application shall be deemed complete for the purpose of*
19 *subsection (1) of this section on the 31st day after the governing body first received the application.*]
20 **upon receipt by the governing body or its designee of:**

21 (a) **All of the missing information;**

22 (b) **Some of the missing information and written notice from the applicant that no other**
23 **information will be provided; or**

24 (c) **Written notice from the applicant that none of the missing information will be pro-**
25 **vided.**

26 (3)(a) If the application was complete when first submitted or the applicant submits [*the re-*
27 *quested*] additional information, **as described in subsection (2) of this section**, within 180 days of
28 the date the application was first submitted and the county has a comprehensive plan and land use
29 regulations acknowledged under ORS 197.251, approval or denial of the application shall be based
30 upon the standards and criteria that were applicable at the time the application was first submitted.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (b) If the application is for industrial or traded sector development of a site identified under
 2 section 12, chapter 800, Oregon Laws 2003, and proposes an amendment to the comprehensive plan,
 3 approval or denial of the application must be based upon the standards and criteria that were ap-
 4 plicable at the time the application was first submitted, provided the application complies with
 5 paragraph (a) of this subsection.

6 **(4) On the 181st day after first being submitted, the application is void if the applicant**
 7 **has been notified of the missing information as required under subsection (2) of this section**
 8 **and has not submitted:**

9 **(a) All of the missing information;**

10 **(b) Some of the missing information and written notice that no other information will**
 11 **be provided; or**

12 **(c) Written notice that none of the missing information will be provided.**

13 [(4)] **(5)** The period set in subsection (1) of this section may be extended for a [reasonable]
 14 **specified** period of time at the **written** request of the applicant. **The total of all extensions may**
 15 **not exceed 215 days.**

16 [(5)] **(6)** The period set in subsection (1) of this section applies:

17 (a) Only to decisions wholly within the authority and control of the governing body of the
 18 county; and

19 (b) Unless the parties have agreed to mediation as described in ORS 197.319 (2)(b).

20 [(6)] **(7)** Notwithstanding subsection [(5)] **(6)** of this section, the period set in subsection (1) of
 21 this section does not apply to an amendment to an acknowledged comprehensive plan or land use
 22 regulation or adoption of a new land use regulation that was forwarded to the Director of the De-
 23 partment of Land Conservation and Development under ORS 197.610 (1).

24 [(7)] **(8)** Except when an applicant requests an extension under subsection [(4)] **(5)** of this sec-
 25 tion, if the governing body of the county or its designee does not take final action on an application
 26 for a permit, limited land use decision or zone change within 120 days or 150 days, as applicable,
 27 after the application is deemed complete, the county shall refund to the applicant either the unex-
 28 pended portion of any application fees or deposits previously paid or 50 percent of the total amount
 29 of such fees or deposits, whichever is greater. The applicant is not liable for additional governmental
 30 fees incurred subsequent to the payment of such fees or deposits. However, the applicant is re-
 31 sponsible for the costs of providing sufficient additional information to address relevant issues
 32 identified in the consideration of the application.

33 [(8)] **(9)** A county may not compel an applicant to waive the period set in subsection (1) of this
 34 section or to waive the provisions of subsection [(7)] **(8)** of this section or ORS 215.429 as a condition
 35 for taking any action on an application for a permit, limited land use decision or zone change except
 36 when such applications are filed concurrently and considered jointly with a plan amendment.

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