



# Proposed Updates to the Freeway Overlay District in Baker City, Oregon

Incorporated into the Baker City Sign Code, the Freeway Overlay District includes areas surrounding Interstate 84 where property and/or business owners are given greater flexibility when siting signs with the intent of targeting freeway traffic. A recent increase in sign permit requests highlighted ways the existing Code was out of sync with the needs of freeway-oriented businesses, and the Planning Department initiated revisions to the standards and boundaries of the Freeway Overlay District. The proposed revisions listed below were developed during Planning Commission work sessions held on August 8<sup>th</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup> of 2017, and substantial changes include:

- Modifying standards for outdoor advertising signs
- Permitting free-standing signs within the Freeway Overlay District
- Modifying existing boundaries of the Freeway Overlay District to include other commercially zoned areas along the I-84, and to remove areas zoned for residential use

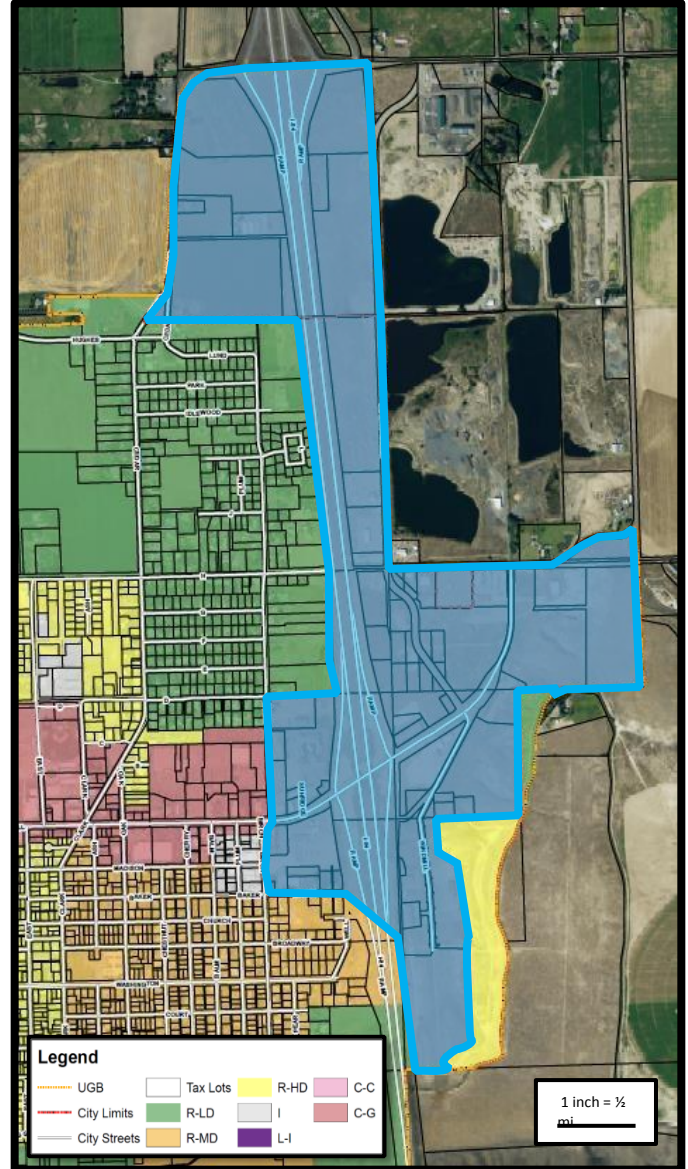
Making changes to land use regulations is a Legislative (Type IV) procedure, which is considered initially by the Planning Commission with final decisions made by City Council. Since changes to the land use regulations may affect the permissible uses of property, notice of the public hearings must be mailed to every property owner within the current and proposed Freeway Overlay Districts.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- ❖ Ask questions at the Open House
- ❖ Comment online or in person
- ❖ Read details of changes at the Planning Department office or on the website

## NEXT STEPS

- ❖ Solicit input from the Public
- ❖ Public Open House on **October 11**
- ❖ Planning Commission Hearing on **October 18**
- ❖ Recommendation from Planning Commission
- ❖ City Council Hearings **October 24 & November 14**



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