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18.84.010 Purpose

The purposes of the Landscape Management Combining Zone are to maintain scenic and natural resources of the designated areas and to maintain and enhance scenic vistas and natural landscapes as seen from designated roads, rivers, or streams.

HISTORY

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18.84.020 Application Of Provisions

The provisions of DCC 18.84 shall apply to all areas within one-fourth mile of roads identified as landscape management corridors in the Comprehensive Plan and the County Zoning Map. The provisions of DCC 18.84 shall also apply to all areas within the boundaries of a State scenic waterway or Federal wild and scenic river corridor and all areas within 660 feet of rivers and streams otherwise identified as landscape management corridors in the comprehensive plan and the County Zoning Map. The distance specified above shall be measured horizontally from the center line of designated landscape management roadways or from the nearest ordinary high water mark of a designated landscape management river or stream. The limitations in DCC 18.84.20 shall not unduly restrict accepted agricultural practices.

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18.84.030 Uses Permitted Outright

Uses permitted in the underlying zone with which the LM Zone is combined shall be permitted in the LM Zone, subject to the provisions in DCC 18.84.

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Uses permitted conditionally in the underlying zone with which the LM Zone is combined shall be permitted as conditional uses in the LM Zone, subject to the provisions in DCC 18.84.

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- A. Any new structure or substantial exterior alteration of a structure requiring a building permit or an agricultural structure within an LM Zone shall obtain site plan approval in accordance with DCC 18.84 prior to construction. As used in DCC 18.84 substantial exterior alteration consists of an alteration which exceeds 25 percent in the size or 25 percent of the assessed value of the structure.
- B. Structures which are not visible from the designated roadway, river or stream and which are assured of remaining not visible because of vegetation, topography or existing development are exempt from the provisions of DCC 18.84.080 (Design Review Standards) and DCC 18.84.090 (Setbacks). An applicant for site plan review in the LM Zone shall conform with the provisions of DCC 18.84, or may submit evidence that the proposed structure will not be visible from the designated road, river or stream. Structures not visible from the designated road, river or stream must meet setback standards of the underlying zone.

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In an LM Zone, the minimum lot size shall be as established in the underlying zone with which the LM Zone is combined.

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An application for site plan approval for development in the LM Zone shall be submitted to the Planning Division. The site plan application shall include the following:

A. A plot plan, drawn to scale, showing:

1. Location and dimensions of existing and proposed structures.
2. Setbacks from lot lines (and river and rimrock, if present).
3. Existing and proposed access.
4. Existing and proposed exterior lighting.

B. A drawing of the proposed structure elevations showing:

1. Exterior appearance.
2. Height dimensions.
3. Siding and roofing material and color.
4. Location and size of windows, including skylights.

C. A landscape plan drawn to scale, showing:

1. Location, size and species of existing trees six inches in diameter or greater, or existing shrub vegetation higher than four feet, between the proposed development and the designated landscape management road, river or stream. Where a significant amount of vegetation exists, a landscape plan may be accepted which generalizes and explains how the existing trees and shrubs provide screening.
2. Proposed location and species of introduced vegetation which will screen the proposed development from the designated landscape management road, river or stream.

D. A minimum of two colored photographs taken from documented locations, oriented between the protected resource (river, stream or road) and the proposed development, showing the extent of existing vegetation or other screening.

HISTORY

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Amended by Ord. [2001-016](#) §2 on 3/28/2001

Amended by Ord. [2003-034](#) §1 on 10/29/2003

18.84.080 Design Review Standards

The following standards will be used to evaluate the proposed site plan:

- A. Except as necessary for construction of access roads, building pads, septic drainfields, public utility easements, parking areas, etc., the existing tree and shrub cover screening the development from the designated road, river, or stream shall be retained. This provision does not prohibit maintenance of existing lawns, removal of dead, diseased or hazardous vegetation; the commercial harvest of forest products in accordance with the Oregon Forest Practices Act, or agricultural use of the land.
- B. It is recommended that new structures and additions to existing structures be finished in muted earth tones that blend with and reduce contrast with the surrounding vegetation and landscape

of the building site.

- C. No large areas, including roofs, shall be finished with white, bright or reflective materials. Roofing, including metal roofing, shall be non-reflective and of a color which blends with the surrounding vegetation and landscape. DCC 18.84.080(C) shall not apply to attached additions to structures lawfully in existence on April 8, 1992, unless substantial improvement to the roof of the existing structure occurs.
- D. Subject to applicable rimrock setback requirements or rimrock setback exception standards in DCC 18. 84.090(E), all structures shall be sited to take advantage of existing vegetation, trees and topographic features in order to reduce visual impact as seen from the designated road, river or stream. When more than one nonagricultural structure is to exist and no vegetation, trees or topographic features exist which can reduce visual impact of the subject structure, such structure shall be clustered in a manner which reduces their visual impact as seen from the designated road, river, or stream.
- E. Structures shall not exceed 30 feet in height measured from the natural grade on the side(s) facing the road, river or stream. Within the LM Zone along a state scenic waterway or federal wild and scenic river, the height of a structure shall include chimneys, antennas, flag poles or other projections from the roof of the structure. DCC 18.84.080(E) shall not apply to agricultural structures located at least 50 feet from a rimrock.
- F. New residential or commercial driveway access to designated landscape management roads shall be consolidated wherever possible.
- G. New exterior lighting, including security lighting, shall be sited and shielded so that it is directed downward and is not directly visible from the designated road, river or stream.
- H. The Planning Director or Hearings Body may require the establishment of introduced landscape material to screen the development, assure compatibility with existing vegetation, reduce glare, direct automobile and pedestrian circulation or enhance the overall appearance of the development while not interfering with the views of oncoming traffic at access points, or views of mountains, forests and other open and scenic areas as seen from the designated landscape management road, river or stream. Use of native species shall be encouraged. (Formerly section 18.84.080 (C))
- I. No signs or other forms of outdoor advertising that are visible from a designated landscape management river or stream shall be permitted. Property protection signs (No Trespassing, No Hunting, etc.,) are permitted.
- J. A conservation easement as defined in DCC 18.04.030 "Conservation Easement" and specified in DCC 18.116.220 shall be required as a condition of approval for all landscape management site plans involving property adjacent to the Deschutes River, Crooked River, Fall River, Little Deschutes River, Spring River, Whychus Creek and Tumalo Creek. Conservation easements required as a condition of landscape management site plans shall not require public access.

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18.84.085 Imposition Of Conditions

The standards of DCC 18.84 may be met by the imposition of conditions drawn to ensure that the standards will be met.

HISTORY

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Amended by Ord. [95-075](#) §3 on 11/29/1995

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18.84.090 Setbacks

- A. Except as provided in DCC 18.84.090, minimum setbacks shall be those established in the underlying zone with which the LM Zone is combined.
- B. Road Setbacks. All new structures or additions to existing structures on lots fronting a designated landscape management road shall be set back at least 100 feet from the edge of the designated road right-of-way unless the Planning Director or Hearings Body finds that:
1. A location closer to the designated road would more effectively screen the building from the road; or protect a distant vista; or
 2. The depth of the lot makes a 100-foot setback not feasible; or
 3. Buildings on both lots abutting the subject lot have front yard setbacks of less than 100 feet and the adjacent buildings are within 100 feet of the lot line of the subject property, and the depth of the front yard is not less than the average depth of the front yards of the abutting lots.

If the above findings are made, the Planning Director or Hearings Body may approve a less restrictive front yard setback which will be appropriate to carry out the purpose of the zone.

- C. River and Stream Setbacks. All new structures or additions to existing structures shall be set back 100 feet from the ordinary high water mark of designated streams and rivers or obtain a setback exception in accordance with DCC 18.120.030. For the purpose of DCC 18.84.090, decks are considered part of a structure and must conform with the setback requirement.

The placement of on-site sewage disposal systems shall be subject to joint review by the Planning Director or Hearings Body and the Deschutes County Environmental Health Division. The placement of such systems shall minimize the impact on the vegetation along the river and shall allow a dwelling to be constructed on the site as far from the stream or lake as possible. Sand filter systems may be required as replacement systems when this will allow a dwelling to be located further from the stream or to meet the 100-foot setback requirement

- D. Rimrock Setback. New structures (including decks or additions to existing structures) shall be set back 50 feet from the rimrock in an LM Zone. An exception to this setback may be granted pursuant to the provisions of DCC 18.84.090(E).
- E. Rimrock Setback Exceptions. An exception to the 50-foot rimrock setback may be granted by the Planning Director or Hearings Body, subject to the following standards and criteria.
1. An exception shall be granted when the Planning Director or Hearings Body finds that:
 - a. A lesser setback will make the structure less visible or completely screened from the river or stream; or
 - b. The subject lot or parcel was a lot of record prior to the adoption of this ordinance; or

- c. Dwellings (including decks) on both lots or parcels abutting the subject lot within 50 feet of the rimrock and the adjacent buildings are within 100 feet of the lot line of the subject property; or
 - d. Adherence to the 50-foot setback would prevent the structure from being sited on the lot.
2. A dwelling qualifying for a rimrock setback exception under the criteria set forth in the above shall be located as follows:
- a. The structure shall be designed and sited to minimize the visual impact when viewed from the ordinary high water mark on the far side of the river. This shall be determined by viewing the property from the ordinary high water mark immediately across from the center of the river frontage on which the structure is proposed with like evaluations being made 300 feet upstream and downstream on either side of that point over the entire length of river frontage on which the structure is proposed.
 - b. Existing trees and shrubs which reduce the visibility of the proposed structure shall be retained.
 - c. The height of the structure shall not exceed the setback from the edge of the rimrock, except as described in the exception section (f), below.
 - d. No structure (including decks) shall be located closer than 20 feet from the edge of the rimrock unless the Planning Director or Hearings Body finds that the lesser setback will make the structure less visible or the structure is completely screened from the river or stream except as described in the exception section (f), below.
 - e. Where multiple nonagricultural structures are proposed on a lot or parcel, the structures shall be grouped or clustered so as to maintain a general appearance of open landscape for the affected area. This shall require a maintenance of at least 65 percent open space along rimrocks within subject lots or parcels.
 - f. Exception: For vacant lots or parcels less than one-half acre, existing prior to the adoption of Ordinance 92.034, with undulating rimrock, and where there are lawfully established residences within 100 feet of the lot line on the subject property on both of the abutting lots with rimrock setbacks less than the depth required in section (d) above, the residential structure setback shall meet the following criteria:
 - (1) The setback shall be the average distance between the abutting houses as measured from the subject lot's front yard line to the furthest point of each abutting home facing the river or stream.
 - (2) The height of the structure shall not exceed the height of the tallest abutting residence and in no case shall exceed 24 feet high, except for chimneys.
 - (3) The highest ridgeline shall slope up and away from, and run parallel with, the river or stream.
 - (4) Dormers are prohibited on the riverside or streamside of the residence and allowed on the street-side of the residence with the height not exceeding the height of the ridgeline.
 - (5) The setback for decks on the rimrock side of the dwelling shall be the average of the decks on the abutting lots or parcels as measured from the

front yard line of the subject property and in no case shall extend and protrude over the rimrock.

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Amended by Ord. [2007-020](#) §5 on 2/6/2008

18.84.095 Scenic Waterways

Approval of all structures in a State Scenic Waterway shall be conditioned upon receipt of approval of the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation.

HISTORY

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18.84.100 Septic Permits (Repealed)

HISTORY

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