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MEMO

TO: Planning Commission

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RE: Rural Residential 10-acre Zone

Based on meetings and materials of previous meetings, Planning Commission and staff engaged in robust discussions about issues and opportunities for a RR-10 zone in Morrow County. In an effort to help answer some unresolved questions about how and where the RR 10 Zone would be applied, staff is sharing a number of documents for your consideration. I would like to speak briefly about items I - IV at the October 27th meeting and then answer questions and have a discussion with commission members before the commission talks further about revised code language (Item V) and next steps (Item VI).

- I. Statewide Planning Goal 10 – Housing. The focus of Goal 10 is creating opportunities for housing in urban areas. See attached or here:
<https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/OP/Pages/Goal-10.aspx>
- II. Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR 660-004-0000) Interpretation of Goal 2 Exception Process apply to an application to rezone resource lands for any other use. The standards are rigorous. See attached or here:
<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=3054>
- III. Local (Morrow County Zoning Ordinance) Section 8.040 Article 8 Amendments. These county standards apply to any zone change and require an evaluation of how the zone change will affect “public services and facilities ...including but not limited to, water availability relevant to both quantity and quality, waste and storm water management, other public services and streets and roads.” MCZO 8.040B attached and here:
https://www.co.morrow.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning/page/8931/zoning_art_8_10-01-13.pdf
- IV. 2019 Morrow County Housing Strategies Report and role of cities to provide housing. See attached memo for Morrow County.
- V. Discussion about draft Zone – word changes. See attached drafts.
- VI. Next Steps – Legislative process overview.