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Public Services and Facilities (2024)



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Chapter 8 Public Facilities and Services

Purpose and Intent

Public Facilities are improvements, which provide services through various government entities or through franchise agreements with private utilities. The purpose of this chapter is to identify existing public and private facilities and services and identify present and future needs based on projected growth.

Key public facilities are typically described as transportation, water, wastewater, storm drainage, planning & zoning, parks & recreation, solid waste collection, energy, communication, schools, emergency services, health services and community governmental services. While the City and other local providers offer a wide range of services, these key elements are essential to accommodating growth and maintaining public health and safety. Likewise, the City is required to prepare and maintain planning tools that make sure adequate levels of key services are available and not stressed beyond their carrying capacities.

The City of Prineville manages key facilities such as governance, police, transportation, water, wastewater, stormwater and some elements of recreation, which are under their jurisdiction. Services such as; health, parks & recreation, fire protection, solid waste collection, building permitting, schools, energy, other utilities and communication services are provided by other entities and in some cases through franchise agreements with the City.

This chapter does not list specific current or needed public improvements. That information is found in various facility plans, commonly referred to as “master plans” from each serving entity. The City maintains and adopts Public Facility Plans for Transportation, Water, Wastewater and Stormwater. The City also adopts facility plans by local partnering agencies for Parks & Recreation, Airport and others as may be applicable. Transportation (Chapter 6) and Parks (Chapter 4) are separate individual Chapters in this Comprehensive Plan. The most current versions of the aforementioned plans are supporting documents to the Comprehensive Plan and are hereby referenced and made part of this chapter.

Goals and Policies

Statewide planning Goal 11, OAR 660-015 (Public Facilities and Services); requires that cities plan and develop a timely, orderly and efficient arrangement of public facilities and services to serve as a framework for urban and rural development.

Goal #1: Provide public facilities, services and private utility systems at levels necessary and practical for existing and future uses.

Policies

1. Plans and development impacting public facility and service shall consider; desired service levels, system and area protections, infrastructure needs and impacts to the following areas within the UGB.
 - Police Protection
 - Fire Protection
 - Emergency Medical Service
 - Transportation
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Natural Open Space
 - Natural Hazards
 - Public Buildings
 - Water System
 - Wastewater System
 - Stormwater System
 - Solid Waste Management
 - Schools
 - Airport
 - Railroad
 - Other Public/Private Utilities
2. Plans providing for public facilities and services should be coordinated with plans; for the designation of urban boundaries, zoning, urbanizable land, rural uses and for the transition of rural land to urban uses. The following factors shall be considered when determining public facility locations:
 - Availability and cost of usable land
 - Geographic restrictions
 - Carrying capacity of planning area
 - Operational efficiency
 - Related project improvements
 - Long term cost burden
 - Disruption of residential areas
 - Comprehensive Plan goals and policies
3. Public facilities and services in urban and urbanizable areas should be provided at levels necessary and suitable for urban uses without reducing service levels of existing residents.
4. A public facility or service should not be provided to outlying urbanizable areas within the UGB, unless there are provision for the coordinated annexation and development of all other urban facilities, services and rights-of-way appropriate to that area.
5. Collaborate with private utility companies to ensure equitable access to services throughout the City. Various agencies and entities other than the City of Prineville may be allowed to use City rights-of way. This may require the imposition of franchise agreements and special protocols and fees. In no case, shall these entities create a situation whereby the City must subsidize activity or repair damage caused by other service providers.
6. All utility lines and facilities should be located on or adjacent to existing public or private rights-of-way to avoid easements and dividing lots. Whenever feasible, all utility lines and components shall be placed underground.
7. New Development shall not exceed the carrying capacity of public facilities and services. New development shall provide appropriate infrastructure and public services or mitigate for such impact as a condition of development. Anticipated growth within the community

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may require expansion of facilities faster than the local government can provide. In these cases, it is essential that growth pay its own way in order to avoid unnecessary impacts upon existing residents and quality of life. This means that new development may need to supply an array of services to developments ahead of the City schedule and at their own cost, subject to City approval and authorization before development.

8. The City and other agencies and partners should utilize sustainability practices and other techniques for sustaining limited resources and facilities including such things as; recycling programs, preservation of natural areas, water conservation, wastewater reuse, air quality monitoring, energy production and energy consumption.

Goal #2: Maintain and regularly update public facility plans and capital improvement programs and budgeting.

Policies

1. City Facility Plans for transportation, wastewater, water and stormwater shall be adopted and periodically updated throughout the planning period.
2. The City shall periodically update short- and long-term Capital Improvement Plans (CIPs) for public facilities throughout the planning period, including property acquisition needs.
3. The City shall adopt and periodically update funding methodologies and coordinate investments to pay for and leverage planned capital improvements.
4. The City shall explore innovative ways of providing public facilities and services as well as funding alternatives to ensure the equitable and adequate development and implementation of public facilities and services.