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## **Jackson County Commissioners Approve City of Medford Urban Growth Boundary Amendment**

The City of Medford is pleased to announce the approval of its Medford Urban Growth Boundary Amendment (UGB). In a three-zero vote, Jackson County Commissioners Rick Dyer, Colleen Roberts and Bob Strosser approved the proposed amendment application on Wednesday afternoon.

The approved UGB amendment will add 1,658 acres of development land and 1,877 acres of wildland parks to the city's current UGB which has been unchanged since 1990. The project for the UGB amendment has been 17 years in the making. The City currently owns and operates Chrissy and Prescott Parks but are located on county land. With this approval, the park land can be brought into the City.

"It's an exciting milestone for the City of Medford. Staff have spent countless hours working on this amendment and hundreds of stakeholders as well as community members were part of this planning process. We truly believe this UGB amendment will benefit the community as a whole," said City of Medford Planning Director, Matt Brinkley.

The goal of expanding the UGB is to provide a 20 year supply of land for housing, commercial, industrial and open park land uses. The plans that the Council has adopted for these new lands is to provide opportunities for an array of housing types, encourage economic growth, and recreational amenities.

Next steps in the process to finalize the UGB amendment will include the Jackson County Board of Commissioners holding two readings on the ordinance on July 19 and August 2. The Medford City Council will take action to adopt the amended findings and the UGB application will be heard by the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission for final approval as early as November of 2017.

Please contact Planning Director, Matt Brinkley at 541-774-2381 for more information.

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