

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-172

A RESOLUTION on behalf of the City of Medford recommending Jackson County adoption of the Greater Bear Creek Valley Regional Problem Solving Plan and reaffirming the urban reserve as originally proposed by the City in its Resolution of June 2010 as amended herein.

WHEREAS, pursuant to former ORS 197.654 (1) (2007), Jackson County and the cities of Medford, Ashland, Central Point, Eagle Point, Phoenix, and Talent entered into a collaborative regional problem-solving (RPS) process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Medford (City), as a participant in RPS, having signed a Participants' Agreement identifying a regional land use problem, establishing goals addressing the problem, creating mechanisms for achieving such goals, and a system for monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of those goals; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Bear Creek Valley Regional Problem Solving Plan (the "RPS Plan") contemplated by the Participants' Agreement has been proposed under the provisions of former ORS 197.654(1) and former 197.656(2), which remain applicable to this RPS process; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County is the local government charged with adopting the final RPS Plan; and

WHEREAS, the RPS process must include: (a) an opportunity for involvement by other stakeholders with an interest in the problem; and (b) efforts among the collaborators to agree on goals, objectives and measures of success; and

WHEREAS, the City has been requested to make recommendation(s) to Jackson County concerning the contents and adoption of the final RPS Plan, including associated maps and Findings; and

WHEREAS, the City made a recommendation in the form of Resolution 2010-130, dated 6/17/2010, which was transmitted to the County and became part of the record of the Jackson County Planning Commission's hearings on the matter; and

WHEREAS, in the course of deliberations the County Planning Commission recommended changes to the boundary of the proposed urban reserve for the City of Medford and those changes constitute a material deviation from the City's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of resolution 2010-130 by the City of Medford was the culmination of decades of work where the City Council and City staff attended numerous meetings, held numerous public hearings and conducted voluminous studies; and interacted with individual property owners, neighboring jurisdictions including but not limited to Phoenix and Central Point, representatives from the County planning department and other County agencies, the State of Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission and the Department of Land Conservation and Development, utilities, school districts and other special districts,

reaching agreement through considered debate and due deliberation, devoting great resources of collective talent to solving our mutual problems, always with our minds on our singular goal; and

WHEREAS, the City believes though Jackson County Planning Commissioners dedicated enormous effort in creating their recommendation, they may not have given full due to the comprehensive effort that preceded their work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDFORD, OREGON, as follows:

Section 1. The City **cannot agree** with a net increase in its urban reserve proposal of nearly 400 acres above the amount supported by RPS demand analyses; and

Section 2. The City **cannot agree** with the change to the area designated as MD-1, adding more than 480 acres, because the City considered the same area early in the RPS process and rejected it because it is too remote to extend services efficiently and in a fiscally responsible manner, there is little opportunity to extend streets that integrate with the existing system—thereby necessitating increased dependence on state highways—and it adds a great deal of land that the City is not projected to need; and

Section 3. The City **cannot agree** with the change to MD-5 excluding the 20-acre property owned by Haya because it is part of a single lot, the northern part of which is in MD-5, and its inclusion is intended to be corrective of a mapping oversight years ago, and such inclusion was at the request of the property owner; and

Section 4. The City **cannot agree** with the removal of MD-6 but instead, because of the uncertainty of RLRC review and that potential to disrupt ultimate approval, and because of the awkward boundary shape of MD-6 as adopted in June 2010, the Council amends the position it took in Resolution No. 2010-130 and returns MD-6 to the shape and area as originally proposed; and

Section 5. The City **cannot agree** with the change to MD-7 excluding approximately 140 acres from the middle portion because the City's vision for it as an activity node with commercial uses, parkland, and high-density housing in a location with good existing transportation infrastructure was a compelling argument for both the Department of Land Conservation and Development and the Department of Agriculture when, in July 2008, both departments withdrew their objections to its inclusion; and

Section 6. The City **cannot agree** with the change to MD-9 excluding 10 acres (map/lot nos. 37-2W-23/4700 and 37-2W-26AB/100) because both lots are zoned Rural Residential and, contrary to County Planning Commission findings, the lots have access to both Maple Park Drive and Finley Lane; and

Section 7. The City **cannot agree** with the inclusion of 20 acres to MD-9 (map/lot nos. 37-2W-23BD/2100/2200/2300 and 37-2W-23/1502) on the south side of Highway 238 (Rossanley Drive) because the parcels cannot be integrated with the existing street system owing

to manufactured home parks on its south side and the Howard Memorial Sports Park on the east side, and

Section 8 The City **cannot agree** with the inclusion of land straddling West Main Street and including Pioneer subdivision because such a protrusion frustrates the efficient extension of services, the additional land exceeds the projected 50-year need of the City, it adds many already serviced and developed rural residential lots that will count against the City in our efforts to meet density targets, it exposes more boundary to the need for agricultural buffering, and none of the added land was reviewed by the Resource Lands Review Committee, which is a necessary condition under ORS 197 656(6),

Section 9 Therefore, the City Council of Medford for the above reasons and the reasons contained therein, reaffirms its recommendation in Resolution 2010-130 that Jackson County adopt Medford's urban reserve as proposed therein, and as amended by Section 4 herein, and as shown on the map attached as Exhibit A

PASSED by the Council and signed by me in authentication of its passage this 15  
day of Sept., 2011

ATTEST Glenda Wilson  
City Recorder

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ACTING Mayor

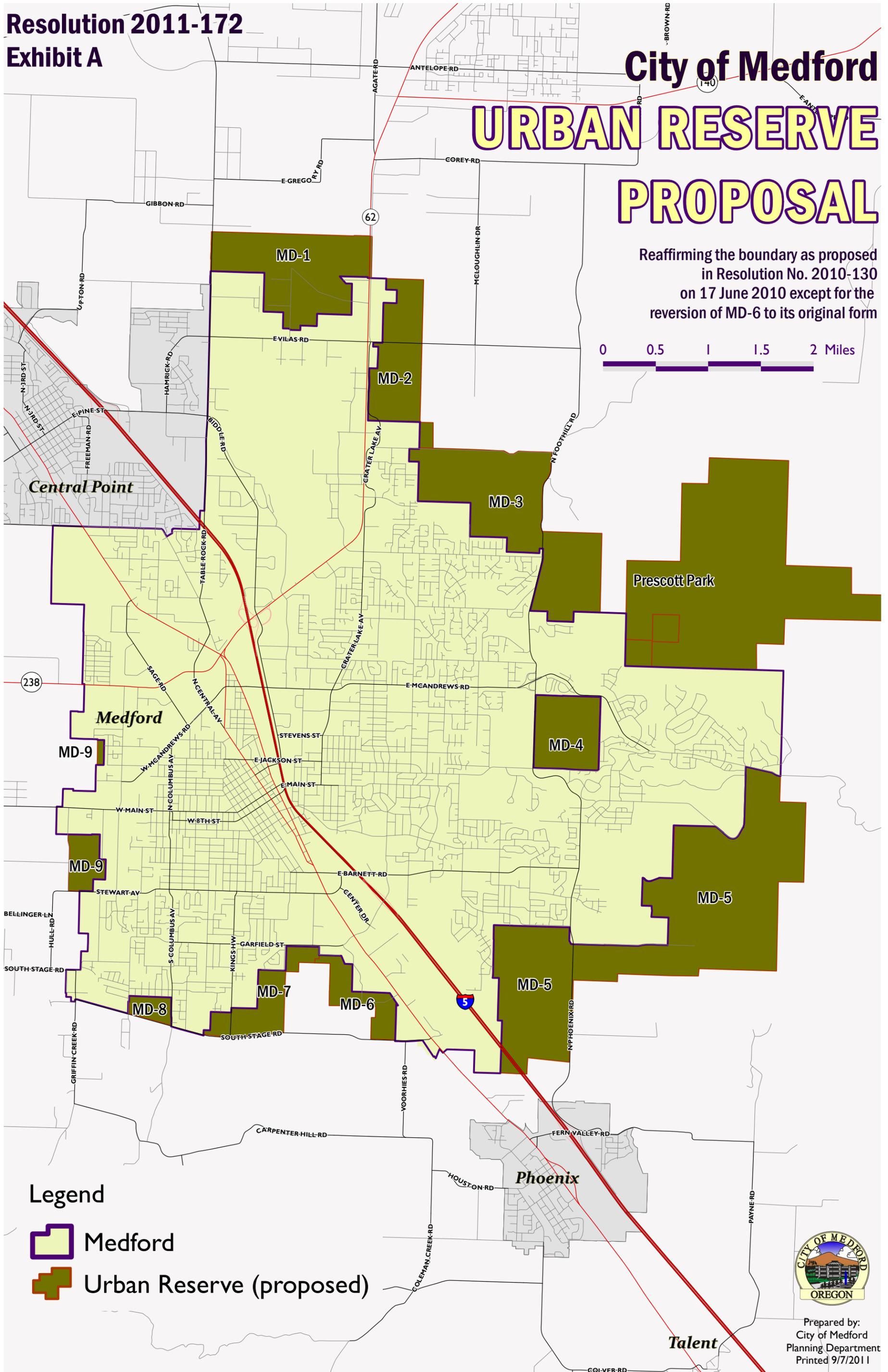
**Resolution 2011-172  
Exhibit A**

**City of Medford**

# URBAN RESERVE PROPOSAL

Reaffirming the boundary as proposed  
in Resolution No. 2010-130  
on 17 June 2010 except for the  
reversion of MD-6 to its original form

0 0.5 1 1.5 2 Miles



**Legend**

-  Medford
-  Urban Reserve (proposed)



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