



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: May 14, 2025

Department: Public Works

Title: Initiating amendments to clarify existing code provisions related to battery energy storage systems in the the Marion County Urban and Rural Zone Codes Chapters 16 and 17.

Management Update/Work Session Date: Management Update: 2/11/25, Work Session: 4/15/25 Audio/Visual aids []

Time Required: 0 min Contact: Brandon Reich Phone: 566-4175

Requested Action: Initiate amendments to clarify existing code provisions related to battery energy storage systems in the the Marion County Urban and Rural Zone Codes Chapters 16 and 17.

Issue, Description & Background: On April 15, 2025, the Marion County Board of Commissioners held a work session to discuss battery energy storage systems These systems are not expressly contemplated in county zoning code, state statute or state administrative rule. The board expressed a desire to clarify the applicability of the existing code to this use.

Financial Impacts: None

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: None

List of attachments: Resolution

Presenter: Brandon Reich

Department Head Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON**

In the matter of initiating consideration of amendments to)
clarify the applicability of existing code provisions related to)
battery energy storage systems in the Marion County Urban)
and Rural Zone Codes Chapters 16 and 17.)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled meeting of May 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Oregon Revised Statute 215.050 authorizes the governing body to revise the zoning ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Sections 16.38.010 and 17.110.840 of the Marion County Code authorize the Board of Commissioners to initiate legislative amendments to the text of the zoning code; and

WHEREAS, a Battery Energy Storage System is a use that is not explicitly contemplated in the county zoning code; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Board of Commissioners has determined that consideration of zoning code amendments related to this use are in the general public interest; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Marion County Board of Commissioners hereby initiates consideration of amendments to Chapters 16 and 17 of the Marion County Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby directs the Marion County Planning Director to schedule a public hearing to receive testimony on the proposed amendments before the Board of Commissioners and provide notice of the hearing.

DATED this _____ day of May 2025.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner