



Meeting: Land Use & Transportation Committee  
Date: August 19, 2024 – MONDAY  
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Place: Virtual Zoom Meeting (Webinar ID: 946 5803 9953),  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94658039953>

## Meeting Agenda

### 7:00 **Meeting Start**

Welcome and introductions. Read the [meeting rules of conduct](#).

### 7:10 **Odor Code Update Project**

**Lead:** JP McNeil, City Planner II Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

**Background:** The Odor Code Update Project was initiated in March 2024 after the closure of a Portland restaurant due to odor complaints, prompting Commissioner Rubio to direct the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability (BPS) to update to the city's odor regulations and create workable, more equitable rules. The current odor code, outlined in Chapter 33.262 of the Zoning Code, is subjective and has raised concerns about fairness and equity.

**Status:** BPS staff have drafted proposed changes in coordination with Portland Permitting & Development Land Use Services and PP&D Property Compliance Division to create more objective and equitable standards for off-site odor impacts, providing flexibility for retail businesses to operate. A Proposed Draft is now available with a public hearing scheduled for August 27 at the Planning Commission. During this hearing, the commission will receive testimony and make recommendations to the City Council regarding potential amendments to the City Code.

**Purpose:** The Odor Code Update Project aims to develop a fairer, more practical, and equitable approach to regulating odor impacts in Portland via amendments to Titles 29 and 33.

### 7:25 **Rose Quarter Sign Code Project**

**Lead:** Phil Nameny, City Planner II, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

**Background:** The Rose Quarter Sign Code Project proposes amendments to Title 32 of the City Code to allow greater sign allowances and flexibility within the newly designated Rose Quarter Entertainment subdistrict. This initiative follows an updated agreement between Portland's [Spectator Venues](#) office and Rip City Management to accommodate evolving entertainment area needs and updated sign technology. The project addresses challenges in sign regulations related to the visibility and size of signs in Rose Quarter Entertainment subdistrict.

**Status:** The proposed changes include creating a map to define the Rose Quarter Entertainment subdistrict and exempting this area from certain sign regulations in the Central Commercial (CX) zone. New regulations will set an overall maximum sign allocation and provide more flexible standards for changing image signs, especially near roadways. These amendments also

incorporate considerations for sign lighting and operation to mitigate potential light pollution. Design review will continue to be required for signs over 32 square feet.

**Purpose:** Rose Quarter Sign Code Project seeks to modernize sign regulations to better align with the needs of the Rose Quarter Entertainment subdistrict.

7:40 **Housing Adjustments Compliance Project**

**Lead:** Phil Nameny, City Planner II, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

**Background:** The Housing Adjustments Compliance Project amends Portland's Zoning Code, Title 33, to align with [Senate Bill 1537](#), which mandates local jurisdictions to allow adjustments to a variety of development and design standards for housing projects. Portland's current Zoning Code already permits many such adjustments, but certain standards are currently non-adjustable. This project addresses these gaps to comply with the state requirements.

**Status:** The proposed amendments will temporarily lift prohibitions on specific standards, such as minimum lot sizes and maximum height thresholds, to allow adjustments until January 2, 2032. These changes are designed to enable Portland Permitting & Development (PP&D) to continue using its current review process, avoiding the need to apply the state's criteria directly. The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) will seek an exemption from the state to maintain Portland's existing, more flexible adjustment processes. The deadline to comply with SB 1537 is January 1, 2025.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this project is to amend the Zoning Code to comply with SB 1537, ensuring Portland can continue using its established adjustment processes for housing development standards.

8:00 **Open Discussion**

8:25 **Next Meeting Agenda Items**

Provide agenda items for upcoming committee meeting.

8:30 **Meeting Adjourned**

**Documents:**

- [July LUTC Meeting Notes \(SE Uplift\)](#)
- [LUTC Committee Charter \(SE Uplift\)](#)
- [LUTC Meeting Rules of Conduct \(SE Uplift\)](#)