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(1) Purpose. The Natural Resource Zone (NR-RCP) is intended to protect areas having unique or irreplaceable natural resource which are vital elements for a safe, healthful and pleasant environment for human life. The Natural Resource Zone may be applied to public and private lands where the Rural Comprehensive Plan requires natural resource site protection. The Zone is not intended to be applied to other types of resource land, such as agricultural land and forest land. To minimize the potential hazards of pollution, resource conversion and land development resulting from increases in human population, urbanization, income, leisure time and individual mobility, emphasis will be placed on limiting and regulating human activity in those areas where:

- (a) The acceptable water quality of streams, lakes, estuaries of the ocean may be endangered;
- (b) Watersheds and their streams or lakes are used for domestic water supplies;
- (c) Vegetative cover is essential to maintain soil stability and prevent erosion;
- (d) Natural conditions are vital for either unique vegetative ecosystems, aquatic or wildlife habitat; and
- (e) Scenic quality or vistas or open space is unique and/or irreplaceable.

(2) Permitted Buildings and Uses. In the NR Zone, the following types of buildings and uses are permitted as hereinafter specifically provided for by this subsection, subject to the general provisions and exceptions set forth:

- (a) The following recreational facilities and uses owned by a governmental agency or a nonprofit community organization limited to day use.
 - (i) Exhibitions of the natural conditions of shorelands, dunelands, forested areas, streams and lakes, marshlands, or similar areas of unique and irreplaceable value, and the vegetation and wildlife supported by such lands and waters, provided that in no event shall such activity destroy, or endanger the relationships between the natural conditions being exhibited.
 - (ii) Picnicking areas, day parks and playgrounds.
 - (iii) Accessory facilities for outdoor recreation activity such as fishing, clam digging and hunting (provided such activity is conducted only in those areas allowed pursuant to Federal, State and Local fish and game regulations) and hiking and horseback riding.
- (b) Fish and wildlife habitat management and the propagation of fish and wildlife.
- (c) The following transportation facilities and uses, provided no filling or dredging is required:
 - (i) Operations, maintenance, and repair as defined in LC 15.010 of existing transportation facilities, services, and improvements, including road, bicycle, pedestrian, port, airport and rail facilities, and major regional pipelines and terminals.
 - (ii) Preservation as defined in LC 15.010, and rehabilitation activities and projects as defined in LC 15.010 for existing transportation facilities, services, and improvements, including road, bicycle, pedestrian, port, airport and rail facilities, and major regional pipelines and terminals.

(3) Special Uses - Director Approval. The following uses are subject to prior submittal and approval of an application pursuant to Type II procedures of LC Chapter 14:

(a) Single-family dwelling(s) or mobile home(s) for residential purpose for watchman, caretaker or operator in conjunction with use permitted in the district.

(4) Special Uses - Hearings Official Approval. The following uses are subject to prior submittal and approval of an application pursuant to Type III procedures of LC Chapter 14:

- (a) Piers and boat houses.
- (b) Single family dwelling or mobile home and accessory structures.
- (c) Farm uses as defined by ORS 215.203(2), and any accessory uses.
- (d) Forest uses and any accessory uses.

(5) Conditional Use Criteria. Uses conditionally permitted under LC 16.213(4) above are subject to compliance with the following criteria:

(a) (i) Evidence is provided supporting reasons why the proposed use should be sited in a natural resource area.

(ii) That the proposed site is on land generally unsuitable for natural resource uses.

(b) That the proposed use will not significantly impact natural resource uses on adjacent and nearby natural resource lands, and will not significantly impact natural resources on the site of the proposed uses;

(c) That the proposed use will not significantly increase the costs of natural resource management on adjacent and nearby natural resource lands.

(d) That the site is limited in size to that area suitable and appropriate only for the needs of the proposed use;

(e) That, where necessary, measures are taken to minimize potential negative impacts on adjacent and nearby NR zoned lands, and these measures may be established as conditions of approval; and

(f) That the proposed use is consistent with the policies contained in the Rural Comprehensive Plan and the purpose of the NR zone.

(6) Property Development Standards. All uses or activities permitted or conditionally permitted above, shall be subject to the following development standards:

(a) Property Line Setbacks. No structure other than a fence or sign shall be located closer than:

(i) 20 feet from the right-of-way of a State road, County road or a local access public road specified in LC Chapter 15; and

(ii) 10 feet from all other property lines except as provided below.

(b) Riparian Setback Area. Except for property located between the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan Boundary and the Eugene and Springfield Urban Growth Boundaries, where setbacks are provided for in LC 16.253(6), the riparian setback area shall be the area between a line 100 feet above and parallel to the ordinary high water of a Class I stream designated for riparian vegetation protection in the Rural Comprehensive Plan. No structure other than a fence shall be located closer than 100 feet from a wetland or from the ordinary high water of a Class I stream designated for riparian vegetation protection by the Rural Comprehensive Plan. A modification to the riparian setback standard for a structure may be allowed provided the requirements of LC 16.253(3) or LC 16.253(6), as applicable, are met.

(c) Maintenance, Removal and Replacement of Indigenous Vegetation within the Riparian Setback Area. Maintenance, removal and replacement of indigenous vegetation within wetlands or within the riparian setback area designated for riparian vegetation protection by the rural comprehensive plan must comply with the provisions of LC 16.253(2) or LC 16.253(6), as applicable. *(Revised by Ordinance No. 7-87; Effective 6.17.87; 10-92, 11.12.92; 10-04, 6.4.04; 5-04, 7.1.04; 6-10, 9.17.10; 20-05, 6.16.20)*

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