

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 23-05-23-08

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING LANE
MANUAL CHAPTER 4 TO REVISE THE
DEFENSIBLE SPACE IRRIGATION
SYSTEM FINANCIAL INCENTIVE
(LM 4.040.305)

WHEREAS, certain changes to Lane Manual Chapter 4 are required to revised the Defensible Space Irrigation System Financial Incentive;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

Lane Manual Chapter 4 is amended by removing, substituting and adding the following sections:

REMOVE THIS SECTION

4.040.305

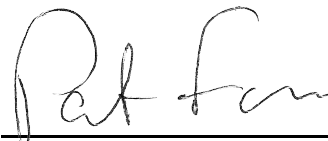
INSERT THIS SECTION

4.040.305

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Order or the referenced Lane Manual provisions are for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, such portion is deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding does not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

Said sections are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The purpose of this addition is to update Financial Incentives.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of May 2023.



Pat Farr, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

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4.040.305 – Financial Incentives.

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- A. Building Permit Fee Waivers. Building permit fees may be waived for property owners and supplanted with Title III funds for those qualifying improvements listed under LM 4.040.305B that are made to lawfully established dwellings and that meet applicable standards found in the 2009 International Urban-Wildland Interface Code. These waivers shall cover one hundred percent (100%) of building permit fees, when permits are required for said improvements, up to a maximum amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). However, no more than twenty percent (20%) of the total annual Title III incentive funding available each fiscal year shall be applied towards fee waivers. Fees for planning actions, septic permits, and other approvals separate from the building permit are not covered by this waiver. The County may require a deposit for these permits not to exceed the lesser of either twenty-five percent (25%) of the permit fee, or one thousand dollars (\$1,000). The purpose of such deposits is to ensure that applicants bring projects to a satisfactory conclusion while their eligible funds are being held in abeyance from other projects. If a project is not completed in a timely manner this deposit will be retained only to the extent necessary to compensate Lane County for costs incurred in review of the project. Deposits will be refunded in full upon the completion of all work required on the project, if done within one (1) year of eligibility being determined and approved.
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2. Noncombustible Exterior Siding.	80% of construction cost up to \$4,000 maximum, if a defensible space exists or is developed, consistent with LM 4.040.305C.1.
3. Fire Resistant Glazing for Windows, Skylights and Other Exterior Glass Applications.	80% of construction cost up to \$1,500 maximum, if a defensible space exists or is developed, consistent with LM 4.040.305C.1.
4. Exterior Doors.	80% of construction cost up to \$300 maximum, if a defensible space exists or is developed, consistent with LM 4.040.305C.1.
5. Spark Arrestor Installation.	\$100
6. Vent Protection.	\$100

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- C. Landscaping Improvements. Financial incentives to complete the following types of landscaping improvements are available as follows:

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3. Fire Resistant Plants & Hardscaping.	\$300, maximum, in conjunction with LM 4.040.305C.1.
4. Defensible Space Irrigation System.	25 80% of installation and system costs up to \$500, in conjunction with LM 4.040.305C.1.
5. Water-Catchment Storage Tanks Supplying Water to a Defensible Space Irrigation System (maximum individual tank size not to exceed 5,000 gallons).	80% of installation and equipment costs up to \$2,500 when performed in conjunction with LM 4.040.305C.1 and LM 4.040.305C.4.

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