



The Community Development Department prepares short-term and long-term recommendations for land use in compliance with City and State policies, and implements adopted development goals and visions for the community. Community Department Staff supports the Planning Commission and the Design Review Board; provides land use and planning assistance to residents and property owners, and coordinates with other departments on

related issues.

Hot Topics



Tree Removal

If you have plans to remove a tree from your property or adjacent City right-of-way, you may need to apply for a permit before it can be taken down.

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Short Term Rentals

Any owner of property in an RVL, RL, R1, R2, R3, MP or RAM zone can apply for a 14-day short-term rental permit, provided that they do not already hold a short-term rental permit. Short-Term Rentals are not permitted in accessory dwelling units.

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Proposed Wetland Overlay Ordinance Revision

Proposed Wetland Overlay Zone Revision (CBMC 17.43)

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Affordable Housing

On March 14, 2014, the City of Cannon Beach City Council sent a Cannon Beach Housing needs survey to businesses operating in Cannon Beach. The goal of the survey was to produce a report for the newly created Cannon Beach Affordable Housing Task Force. The mission of this Task Force is to analyze...

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The [Permit Portal](#), available on the State of Oregon's E-Permitting System, allows citizens to search properties for current and historic building and planning permit activity.

The [Community Development Department's 2023 Annual Review](#) provides an update on the major projects in Cannon Beach, statistics on building and planning activities over the past year and a summary of the priorities for the coming year.

CREST (Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce) has prepared brochures to help to explain important planning concerns in our coastal area.

CREST Planning Brochures

Federal Laws 525.58 KB

Oregon Coastal Planning Goal 667.29 KB

Erosion Control 8.06 MB

Wetland & Riparian Areas 519.95 KB

Wetland Permitting 418.63 KB

Department Annual Review

Community Development Department 2023 Annual Review 879.98 KB

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