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(1) For purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply:

- (a) "Designation" is a decision by a local government declaring that a historic resource is "significant" and including the resource on the list of significant historic resources.
- (b) "Historic areas" are lands with buildings, structures, objects, sites, or districts that have local, regional, statewide, or national historic significance.
- (c) "Historic resources" are those buildings, structures, objects, sites, or districts that have a relationship to events or conditions of the human past.
- (d) "Historic resources of statewide significance" are buildings, structures, objects, sites, or districts listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and within approved national register historic districts pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (PL 89-665; 16 U.S.C. 470).
- (e) "Protect" means to require local government review of applications for demolition, removal, or major exterior alteration of a historic resource.

(2) Local governments are not required to amend acknowledged plans or land use regulations in order to provide new or amended inventories or programs regarding historic resources, except as specified in this rule. The requirements of the standard Goal 5 process (see OAR 660-023-0030 through 660-023-0050) in conjunction with the requirements of this rule apply when local governments choose to amend acknowledged historic preservation plans and regulations. However, the sequence of steps in the standard process is not recommended, as per section (3) of this rule. The provisions in section (3) of this rule are advisory only. Sections (4) through (9) of this rule are mandatory for all local governments, except where the rule provides recommended or optional criteria.

(3) Local comprehensive plans should foster and encourage the preservation, management, and enhancement of structures, resources, and objects of historic significance within the jurisdiction in a manner conforming with, but not limited by, the provisions of ORS 358.605. In developing local historic preservation programs, local governments should follow the recommendations in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation. Where possible, local governments should develop a local historic context statement and adopt a historic preservation plan and a historic preservation ordinance before commencement of local historic inventories.

(4) Local governments shall provide broad public notice prior to the collection of information about historic resources. Local governments shall notify landowners about opportunities to participate in the inventory process. Local governments may delegate the determination of significant historic sites to a local planning commission or historic resources commission. The determination of significance should be based on the National Register Criteria for Evaluation or the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Evaluation.

(5) Local governments shall adopt or amend the list of significant historic resource sites (i.e., "designate" such sites) as a land use regulation. Local governments shall allow owners of inventoried historic resources to refuse historic resource designation at any time prior to adoption

of the designation and shall not include a site on a list of significant historic resources if the owner of the property objects to its designation.

(6) The local government shall allow a property owner to remove from the property a historic property designation that was imposed on the property by the local government.

(7) Local governments are not required to apply the ESEE process in order to determine a program to protect historic resources. Rather, local governments are encouraged to adopt historic preservation regulations regarding the demolition, removal, or major exterior alteration of all designated historic resources. Historic protection ordinances should be consistent with standards and guidelines recommended in the Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation published by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

(8) Local governments shall protect all historic resources of statewide significance through local historic protection regulations, regardless of whether these resources are "designated" in the local plan.

(9) A local government shall not issue a permit for demolition or modification of a historic resource described under subsection (6) of this rule for at least 120 days from the date a property owner requests removal of historic resource designation from the property.

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