

Planning Commission Hearing on: Design Review Temporary Suspension Project

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What is this project about?

This Design Review Temporary Suspension Project proposes to temporarily suspend most instances of mandatory design review. The suspension would apply for approximately two years and would allow the use of clear and objective standards as an alternative to discretionary design review to help stimulate economic development in the city.

How can I review this proposal?

The *Design Review Temporary Suspension Proposed Draft* will be available the week of August 17th on the project website at: <https://www.portland.gov/bps/planning/design-review>. If you have additional questions, contact Hillary Adam, Senior Planner, at hillary.adam@portlandoregon.gov.

How can I participate?

Watch the public hearing. Link to the live stream and recordings at portland.gov/bps/planning/planning-commission.

Testify orally at the Planning Commission hearing. The hearing will be held on September 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The deadline to register to testify for the hearing is Monday, September 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in a hybrid format with options to participate either in person at 1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 2500, or virtually using a computer, mobile device, or telephone. You must sign up in advance to testify. To testify before the Commission in person or virtually:

- Use the QR code to the right to sign up on your mobile device; or
- Visit the project website at <https://www.portland.gov/bps/planning/design-review>.



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the hearing. Individuals have three minutes to testify, unless stated otherwise at the hearing. The email address you provide to register will be used for emailed notice of later hearings on the matter.

Submit written testimony. We encourage electronic written testimony via the Map App, but written testimony can also be submitted via U.S. Mail or email. Written testimony must be received by the time of the hearing and must include your name. If you wish to receive notice of later hearings on the matter, you must also include your mailing address.

Testimony via U.S. Mail:

Portland Planning Commission
Design Review Temporary
Suspension Project Testimony
1810 SW 5th Ave, Suite 710
Portland, OR 97201

Testimony via the Map App:

portlandmaps.com/bps/mapapp
Click on "Design Review
Temporary Suspension Project",
then click the "Testify" button.

What happens next?

The Planning Commission will consider public testimony on this proposal. The Commission will then forward a recommendation to City Council for consideration and additional public review and testimony.

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Portland Planning Commission Hearing
1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 2500, Portland, OR 97201
September 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

This is a hybrid meeting that can be attended in person or virtually. Check the Planning Commission schedule one week before the hearing to confirm the time of this agenda item:

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