

Planning Director, City of Hood River, Oregon
Salary Range \$82,543- \$107,569 DOQ plus excellent benefits
City of Hood River, Oregon

The City of Hood River is looking for a Planning Director to provide comprehensive administration for the Planning Department as well as the preparation and administration of Hood River's land use plans and zoning ordinances. This is a working manager position that will be exercising supervision of all the department's activities, policies, procedures and employees as well as completing projects. This position demands high accountability for careful and complete analysis prior to decision-making.

About Hood River:

Hood River (population 7,800) is the County Seat of Hood River County. Located just 60 mile east of Portland, Oregon Hood River is known internationally as a hub for outdoor recreation, in particular windsurfing, kiteboarding and mountain biking. It is also 30 minutes from major ski and snowboarding opportunities on Mt. Hood at over 11,000 feet Oregon's tallest mountain. Hood River has excellent schools, a charming and dynamic downtown with a growing art and cultural scene.

City Organization:

The City of Hood River has an expenditure budget of over \$35 million. There are 64 FTE's organized in the operating departments of Administration, Police, Fire, Planning and Public Works. The Hood River Redevelopment Agency has an expenditure budget of \$4 million. It also has remaining debt capacity of over \$16 million in its three separate project districts. The Planning Director is not responsible for the administration of the Urban Renewal Agency. The Planning Department consists of three full time and one part time staff. The Planning Director reports to the City Manager.

Significant Planning Issues Include:

Affordable Housing – Planning has a role in the three part strategy of making more efficient use of land, managing short-term rentals and developing affordable housing in cooperation with the local housing authority.

Concept Planning for the City's Westside – This process is nearing completion after a year of work.

Growth – The City and its urban growth area are facing development and growth pressure leading to citizen quality of life concerns and staff work load concerns.

Selection Process:

- Open until filled, initial interviews will be August 7th &/or 8th, 2017. Selected candidates will be requested to respond to supplemental questions, oral interview and reference checks. Please see <http://ci.hood-river.or.us/> for job description.
- Please submit a cover letter and comprehensive resume including education and experience with current contact information. Electronic submissions to City Recorder Jennifer Gray (address below) are encouraged.

Contact:

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Jennifer Gray, City Recorder (541) 387-5212 at jennifer@cityofhoodriver.com