



**CITY OF MOLALLA  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
AGENDA**

Civic Center | 315 Kennel Avenue Molalla, OR 97038  
Wednesday, May 27, 2026 | 5:00 PM

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- 2. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - a. [Urban Growth Boundaries & Legislative Authority](#)
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### Staff Report

#### Agenda Category: DISCUSSION ITEMS

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**Agenda Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

**Submitted by: Mac Corthell, Assistant City Manager**

**Approved by: Dan Huff, City Manager**

**SUBJECT:**

Urban Growth Boundaries & Legislative Authority

**RECOMMENDATION/RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

For discussion only.

**BACKGROUND:**

Legislative acts set broad public policy for the entire community and are thus subject to public influence. Changes to an urban growth boundary (UGB) are legislative in nature. So, unlike most land use decisions which are quasi-judicial in nature, a UGB expansion is subject to public influence.

City Councils generally make decisions in one of three capacities:

1. Administrative – Resolutions (e.g. Personnel Manual).
2. Quasi-Judicial – Orders (e.g. Land Use Decision).
3. Legislative – Ordinances (e.g. City Code).

When making a quasi-judicial decision, the public body must determine the applicable rules and apply the facts presented free of bias. Only comments regarding a rule that is applicable to the decision may be considered, and only in the appropriate forum.

When making a legislative decision, the public body can consider all commentary and may apply any weight they choose to it, so long as it does not violate Oregon Government Ethics rules.