

BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANNON BEACH

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING CITY OF ) ORDINANCE NO. 20-04  
CANNON BEACH FOREDUNE MANAGEMENT )  
PLAN, 2020, (EXHIBIT B) AS AN APPENDIX TO THE )  
CANNON BEACH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN )

WHEREAS, the Cannon Beach Comprehensive Plan directs the City to regulate the grading of foredunes in the littoral cell; and

WHEREAS, the Cannon Beach Comprehensive Plan is based on four objectives: first, to ensure the dunes sustain an adequate sand volume in order to withstand the erosional effects of (an) extreme storm(s) and to minimize any potential for wave overtopping and inundation (flooding) of backshore; second, to strengthen weak points in the dune system (e.g. adjacent to trails), by repairing areas subject to localized blowouts from wind or waves in order to maintain the dune buffer from erosion and potentially being breached during a storm; third, to maintain valuable habitat for a wide range of plants and animals, such as shellfish, including razor clams, and in some cases rare species; fourth, to maintain the integrity and natural beauty of the dunes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cannon Beach contracted with the State of Oregon's Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and Dr. Jonathan C. Allan to produce a report on the Beach and Shoreline Dynamics in the Cannon Beach Littoral Cell: Implications for Dune Management, Special Paper 49, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cannon Beach, under direction of the Planning Commission developed an updated Foredune Management Plan based on the new science report from Dr. Allan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted work sessions on 5/22/17, 10/26/17, 7/26/18, 8/23/18, and 9/27/18. The Commission opened a public hearing on 1/25/18, and continued it to 2/22, 3/22, 4/ 26, and 5/24/18. The Commission closed the public testimony part of the hearing on 5/24 and recommended changes, with the caveat:

The Cannon Beach Planning Commission submits to the City Council the accompanying Foredune Management Plan amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan and Municipal Code, but does so with reservations. As the Council is aware, the City's current Comprehensive Plan allows for foredune management in order to maintain views but does not require the City to allow such dune grading. During an extensive public process focused on these matters, it became clear to the Planning Commission that there is no consensus, either among Cannon Beach residents or on the Commission, to allow such dune grading. Many Cannon Beach residents opposed dune grading for

views. In fact, some residents favored placing the issue on a ballot. Accordingly, the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council carefully consider whether to allow dune grading for views at all, and that you adopt the accompanying Foredune Management Plan only to the extent that the Council decides to allow such grading activities; and

WHEREAS, the Cannon Beach City Council, held duly noticed public hearings on September 12, 14, 17 & October 7, 2019, as well as, February 4, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANNON BEACH AMENDS THE CANNON BEACH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADOPTING EXHIBIT B:

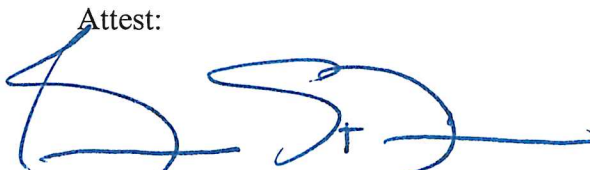
**SECTION 1.**

EXHIBIT B: City of Cannon Beach Foredune Management Plan, 2020


ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Cannon Beach this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020, by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilors Benefield, McCarthy, Ogilvie and Risley  
NAYS: Mayor Steidel  
EXCUSED: None

  
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Sam Steidel, Mayor

Attest:  
  
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Bruce St. Denis, City Manager

Approved as to Form:

  
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Ashley Driscoll, City Attorney