Yamhill County department of planning and development

YAMHILL COUNTY SUBSTANTIAL CONSTRUCTION

Yamhill County has used "substantial construction" as the basis for allowing various land use approvals to continue to completion. That terminology is frequently attached to conditional use approval, e.g., "This approval will be void unless substantial construction has taken place within one year." Similar wording is used for various other types of approval involving construction. On this basis, the County policy related to completion of residential construction has been: if all land use, site suitability and septic system approvals have been obtained, and a subsurface or alternative system installed, a residence can be completed regardless of ordinance changes made subsequent to the septic system installation. It is anticipated that this policy will continue indefinitely, unless State Rules, laws or other directives specifically prohibit implementation of that policy.

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