



**CITY OF LA PINE – JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
SENIOR PLANNER**

Title: Senior Planner

Pay: \$83,326.46 - \$93,774.72, plus Benefits

Status: Full-time; 40 hours per weeks

Opens: January 7, 2025

Closes: January 30, 2025, first review – position open until filled

Background

The City of La Pine is Oregon’s newest city, incorporated in late-2006. The City is located in Deschutes County, Oregon, south of Bend and Sunriver. La Pine is a rural community nestled along the Little Deschutes River, surrounded by the Deschutes National Forest, Newberry National Volcanic Monument, and countless cascade lakes. The La Pine area abounds with recreational opportunities including world class hunting and fishing, in addition to nearby camping, golf, hiking, and mountaineering in the shadow of the Cascades. The community has been named one of “14 Great Ski Towns You’ve Never Heard Of” by realtor.com, with close access to both Mt. Bachelor and Willamette Pass ski resorts. With a population of approximately 3,126 inside the City and over 20,000 residents nearby, La Pine has significant residential, commercial, and industrial growth activity, and was the second fastest growing Oregon city (8.2% population increase) in 2022. The City provides sewer, water, public works, finance, planning, economic development, code enforcement, and urban renewal services.

Position Description and Qualifications (general)

The Senior Planner serves as a key member of the City of La Pine’s Community Development Department, providing advanced professional planning expertise in both current and long-range planning initiatives. This role is responsible for managing all levels of land use applications, ensuring compliance with the City’s comprehensive plan, development code, and other regulations. The Senior Planner will assist as a liaison between city departments, regional partners, state agencies, and the public, fostering collaboration to support the City’s growth and development goals.

This position involves significant public engagement, including assistance with presenting technical and policy information to the planning commission, city council, urban renewal board, and community stakeholders. The Senior Planner also leads efforts to streamline application processes and enhance customer service.

The ideal candidate will demonstrate strong analytical skills, a collaborative mindset, and the ability to balance competing priorities in a fast-paced environment. This position requires a commitment to transparency, sustainability, and fostering positive relationships with residents, property owners, developers, and public officials.

The position requirements and qualifications include the following:

MINIMUM REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor’s degree in Urban or Regional Planning, Public Administration, Geography, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Transportation Planning, or a related field.
- Four years of progressively responsible municipal planning experience, or any combination of experience, education, and training that demonstrates the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities required of the

position. Private sector planning experience on behalf of a public-sector client will be considered. Master's degree in planning and/or related field may be substituted for two years of experience.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- American Institute of Certified Planners certification is preferred but not required.

A complete position job description is available online at:

<https://www.lapineoregon.gov/administration/page/associate-or-senior-planner-announcement>

To Apply

To apply, an applicant must complete and submit the City's employment application along with the applicant's resume to the City no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 30, 2025; provided, however, the City may accept applications and resumes after that date if in the City's best interest. This position will remain open until filled. The City's application for employment and veteran's preference form is available online at

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Application and resume must be submitted in one of the following ways:

E-mail: aivans@lapineoregon.gov
Mail: PO Box 2460, La Pine, Oregon 97739
In Person Delivery: 16345 Sixth Street, La Pine, Oregon 97739

Please contact Principal Planner, Brent Bybee, if you have any questions regarding the position at 541-536-1432 or email at bbybee@lapineoregon.gov. Email is preferred.

Equal Opportunity Employer

The City of La Pine is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City considers applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital or veteran status, disability, sexual orientation, and/or any other legally protected status. The City is a drug-free workplace. Individuals who require accommodation relating to the application process should request the accommodation in advance so that necessary arrangements can be made.