

Land Use and Municipal Law

Experienced to take the right action at the right time.

Land use and municipal law requires a highly specialized understanding of not only state laws and regulations but also the idiosyncrasies of local government systems. Having successfully represented public and private clients in the most rural to the urban locales in Oregon and Washington, our attorneys have been able to build relationships at all levels of government. We have built a reputation of not only knowing the law, but also treating the process and those who participate with respect.

“It has been a pleasure to work with Bill and Carrie; they are responsive, considerate and work well with city staff on a multitude of complex and politically difficult projects. The services provided are greatly appreciated.” – Tony Konkol, City Manager of the City of Oregon City

The Northwest is our home, and land use is what we love to do.

Our land use and municipal attorneys are passionate about their work and the clients that they represent. We understand that involvement in land use proceedings is both physically and emotionally exhausting. We stay up nights so that you don't have to. Our approach is incremental; we assess risk, costs and exposure, giving you all of the options at each step of the process.

“I have never practiced with attorneys who are more passionate about the work that they do on behalf of their clients” – Christine Brown, partner and long-time colleague at Garvey Schubert Barer

“I have never seen anyone so easily explain complex land use terms.” – Laura LaRoque, Associate Planner, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments

Helping Local Governments Lead

Whether it is questions relating to local government contracting, election matters, or thorny land use reviews, our attorneys are happy to serve on contract, as special counsel, for local governments. As general counsel for a number of cities, both small and large, we understand that many decisions are highly-political, fiscally controlled and are subject to public processes. Yet, those decisions can require expertise and a time commitment that may not be available within the general municipal counsel's office. We are available to fill this gap.

From Conception to Development

Our attorneys have expertise in the full-range of efforts necessary to obtain or oppose a development approval. This expertise includes:

- **Long-Range Planning Efforts**
- **Boundary Changes, Annexation and Land Divisions**
- **Plan Amendments, Zone Changes and Conditional Use Approvals**
- **Historic Preservation and Site Design**
- **Sustainability and Agency-Required Environmental Reviews**