



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 09/23/13)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 1/16/14  
Agenda Item #: R.3  
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am  
Date Submitted: 1/8/14

**Agenda Title:** PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Revising Fees and Charges for Chapter 29, Building Regulations, of the Multnomah County Code and Repealing Resolution No. 2013-078.

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** January 16, 2014 **Time Needed:** 5 minutes  
**Department:** Non-Departmental **Division:** Chair's Office  
**Contact(s):** Matthew O. Ryan, Assistant County Attorney  
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### Presenter

**Name(s) &**

**Title(s):** Matthew O. Ryan, Assistant County Attorney

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adopt resolution to revise building, structures and systems investigation fee rates in the area served by the City of Portland under intergovernmental agreement for MCC Chapter 29, Building Regulations and repealing Resolution No. 2013-078, effective January 1, 2014.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The City of Portland provides plan review, permit issuance, and inspection services in certain areas of unincorporated Multnomah County under an IGA which stipulates that fees charged for those services must cover the full cost of their provision.

The Oregon Legislature through the adoption of HB 2978, which was effective January 1, 2014, made changes to the building, structure and system codes investigation fees. Investigation fees may be imposed against a person that is required to get a permit if the work is commenced before the permit required for the work is obtained.

The new law requires that all investigation fees shall be either an average or actual additional cost of ensuring that a building, structure or system is in conformance with the code. Under the old fee rate the investigation fee was equal to an actual permit fee. The City has implemented a new hourly rate for these investigation fees in compliance with HB 2978. The new rate is \$95 per hour. The County needs to revise our fee resolution to be consistent with the new City rates. The County fee

resolution will provide that the new rate is effective as of January 1, 2014.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

The fee changes cover actual costs of services as required by the IGA.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

See discussion in No 2 above.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

See discussion in No 2 above.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Jenny Madkour /s/

**Date:**

1/9/14

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