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Aeron Teverbaugh, Policy Analyst
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Oregon Department of Consumer & Business Services
Building Codes Division
P.O. Box 14470
Salem, Oregon 97309-0404

Re: Proposed Fee

Dear Ms. Teverbaugh,

Multnomah County proposes to begin charging a new fee related to the inspection, plan review, and permit issuance services it provides under the State of Oregon Structural Specialty Code. The County proposes to charge Site Review Fees on Commercial Building Permits requiring site development review.

Generally, site development review is required for sites located in flood hazard areas and liquefaction hazard areas, sites with steep slopes, and projects with non-prescriptive geotechnical design. The proposed fee is 15% of the permit fee with a minimum fee of \$116.00.

The proposed effective date of this new fee is April 1, 2010.

The anticipated date, time and location of our Board hearing scheduled pursuant to ORS 294.160 is 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2010, in the Multnomah Building, First Floor Commissioners Boardroom 100 at 501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland, Oregon.

The proposed fee is necessary as the geotechnical, steep slope, liquefaction hazard and flood hazard reviews on commercial buildings permits have been done in the past without charging any fees. In addition, the new fee will provide a means to offset the inflationary increase in program costs, and to continue the current levels of inspection, plan review, and permit issuance services.

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This notice is provided pursuant to the notification requirements of OAR 918-020-0220 and ORS 455.210.

Should you have any questions about the proposed fee changes, please contact Denise Kleim, Sr. Business Operations Manager, at 503-823-7338 or denise.kleim@ci.portland.or.us.

Sincerely,


Matthew O. Ryan, Assistant County Attorney

Enclosures

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

PROPOSED
Site Development Fee Schedule

Effective Date: April 1, 2010

Updated: December 15, 2009

APPLIES TO COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

Commercial Site Review Fee

Applies to commercial building and site development permits requiring site development review. Includes sites located in or adjacent to flood hazard areas and liquefaction hazard areas, sites with steep slopes, and projects with non-prescriptive geotechnical design. Services include plan review for site conditions, flood, liquefaction and steep slope hazards, and geotechnical review.

For Commercial Building and
Site Development Permits:

15% of the permit fee
Minimum fee is \$116