



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 4/01/10
Agenda Item #: R-10
Est. Start Time: 10:45 am
Date Submitted: 3/17/10

Agenda Title: **Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide for the Coordinated Regulation and Management of Invasive Plants.**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: April 1, 2010 Amount of Time Needed: 5 minutes
Department: Community Services Division: Land Use & Transportation
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Presenter(s): Adam Barber

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement to provide for the coordinated regulation and management of invasive plants.

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 State of Oregon (State), City of Portland (City) and Multnomah County have long recognized invasive plants as a problem. The proliferation of invasive plants can have environmental and economic impacts, including reducing tree health and longevity, creating fuel sources for wildfires, and out competing and displacing native plants that provide food and cover for native wildlife.

In September 2008, the City funded a multi-bureau project referred to as the Invasive Plant Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project that included review of the City code and other regulatory and policy documents. On February 10, 2010 the City approved zoning regulation (Title 13) amendments to help coordinate and improve the City's approach to controlling invasive plants on property associated with a development review. This was accomplished primarily by clarifying when removal of invasive plants is required. The City's property maintenance regulations (Title 29) were also amended to require eradication of plants found on the Nuisance Plants List from all properties when discovered at any time. The approved amendments therefore address the scenario

of invasive plant discovery in both the development and non-development situations. Finally, the Portland Plant List was updated through this process to assist with implementation.

In 2002, the City and County entered into an (IGA) intergovernmental agreement that transferred responsibilities from the County to the City for implementing and administering comprehensive plan and zoning regulations, including Title 33 of the City Code, for all property within the County that is also within the City's Urban Services Boundary. These areas are often referred to as the "urban pockets". The amendments to City development code Title 33 will be governed by the terms of that land use planning IGA, which is currently effective. The City's Title 29 property maintenance amendments can not be covered under the scope of the existing land use IGA because these regulations are not triggered by development review.

The City and County desire to enter into a separate IGA to make the nuisance plant eradication portions of Title 29 applicable within the urban pockets. Application of both the existing and proposed IGAs will result in a more coordinated and effective approach to removal and eradication of nuisance plants.

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

NA

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

The proposed IGA has been reviewed by City and County Council. A copy of the IGA was included in the City Council packet approved February 10, 2010. The IGA allows for uniform application of City Code Chapters 29.10 - 29.20 within the City and the urban pockets.

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

On February 10, 2010, the City approved the attached IGA.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**



Date: