



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 6/23/11
Agenda Item #: R.2
Est. Start Time: 9:35 am
Date Submitted: 5/25/11

Agenda Title: **PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Establishing Fees and Charges for Chapter 27, Community Services, of the Multnomah County Code and Repealing Resolution No. 2010-067**

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:	<u>June 23, 2011</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>5 minutes</u>
Department:	<u>Non-Departmental</u>	Division:	<u>Chair's Office</u>
Contact(s):	<u>Denise Kleim, Senior Business Operations Manager, City of Portland, Bureau of Development Services</u>		
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Presenter(s):	<u>Denise Kleim</u>		

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Public Hearing and adopt resolution to increase environmental soils fees in the area serviced by the City of Portland under intergovernmental agreement and repealing Resolution No. 2010-067, effective July 1, 2011.

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. One of the programs that has been delegated to the City of Portland is the subsurface sewage (environmental soils) program, in which the City permits and inspects cesspools, septic tanks, and other localized sewage disposal systems. The City serves all of Multnomah County for this program and is compensated via revenues that the bureau collects from program permit fees.

Since the end of the Mid-County sewer hookup program in 1998, environmental soils permit revenues have dropped substantially. Fee increases were implemented in FY 1999-2000 to bring the

fees up to the State of Oregon fee schedule, and in FY 2001-02 staffing was reduced to match the workload. Fees were increased by 57% in FY 2004-05 and more modestly in subsequent years. However, the program is projected to have a cumulative deficit of approximately \$1.4 million by the end of FY 2010-11.

The City of Portland is therefore proposing an overall increase in environmental soils fees of 70% beginning July 1, 2011 in order to address the program deficit and maintain full cost recovery as required by the IGA.

BDS is continuing a comprehensive approach focused on addressing service levels, funding, and staffing issues. Key elements of this effort include:

- Continue to seek efficiencies in bureau programs and services, including implementation of an online application and issuance system for trade permits.
- Continue to closely monitor finances.
- Pursue cost recovery for services through fee increases.

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.

Complies with ORS 294.160.

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

The County is holding the public hearing as required under ORS 294.160.

Required Signature

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:



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