



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: Feb. 2017)

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 12/7/17
Agenda Item #: R.1
Est. Start Time: 9:40 am approx
Date Submitted: 11/30/17

Agenda Title: Briefing on draft wood smoke ordinance - public testimony will be taken

Requested Meeting Date: December 7, 2017
Time Needed: 90 minutes
Department: Non-D
Division: District 3 and District 1
Contact(s): Chris Fick, Commissioner Vega Pederson; Katie Shriver, Commissioner Meieran
Phone: 443-564-3402
Ext.:
Email: chris.fick@multco.us
katie.shriver@multco.us
Presenters: First Panel:
Jae Douglas, Environmental Health Services Director;
Matt Hoffman, Senior Program Specialist, Environmental Health Services
Second Panel:
Rachel Sakata, Air Quality Planner, Oregon DEQ
Kathleen Johnson, Washington County Department of Health and Human Services
Tim Davis, Wood Stove Exchange Program, Washington County Office of Community Development

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

To hear a briefing on the negative health effects of wood smoke and discuss a draft ordinance to regulate the usage of wood smoke during certain conditions. We are also asking the board to hear testimony on the proposed ordinance from members of the public.

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

The proposed ordinance would regulate the usage of wood-burning stoves on certain days between October 1st to March 1st when air quality reaches unsafe levels. The ordinance would exempt low income households and those whose sole source of heat is wood stoves. It would also exempt burning during emergency conditions, when other sources of heat are not functioning. The program would be complaint-driven and households would get two warnings before being subject to a fine.

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

N/A.

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

See above.

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

The County has held two similar hearings to date - in Fairview and Linnton - to obtain public feedback and input. This is the third such opportunity for the public to weigh in on the draft ordinance. The Ordinance will come before the Board in early 2018.

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Jessica Vega Pederson

Date: 11/30/17

Required Signature
