



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 09/23/13)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 8/21/14  
Agenda Item #: R.1  
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
Date Submitted: 8/6/14

**Agenda Title:** Public Hearing and First Reading of an ORDINANCE Amending MCC Chapters 11, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 38 relating to Off-Street Parking and Loading Standards.

*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:** August 21, 2014 **Time Needed:** 10 minutes  
**Department:** Community Services **Division:** Land Use Planning  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Adam Barber, Senior Planner

## General Information

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

Conduct a public hearing and approve the proposed amendments to Multnomah County Zoning Code Chapters 11, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 38 to provide additional flexibility to the Off-Street Parking and Loading standards.

### 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.

Off-street parking and loading provisions have been implemented by Multnomah County since the adoption of the earliest permanent zoning provisions in 1955. The purpose of these regulations is to assure safe and convenient vehicular access to non-residential uses. Parking or loading areas have been required to be accessed by a 20-foot wide paved driveway since 1979 (Ordinance 205).

The proposed amendments provide flexibility for the county to consider a proposal for an alternative driveway width and/or alternative driveway surfacing materials, including gravel in certain circumstances.

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

None.

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

The proposed amendments require the county to closely coordinate review of any such request for flexibility with the fire service provider and the county engineer. Review will focus on assessing whether the fire service provider can use the proposed driveway to access a property and also assuring the proposal will not cause off-site impacts for neighbors, particularly with respect to impacts such as dust and storm water runoff.

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

Multnomah County's Planning Commission considered the proposed revisions at a October 7, 2013 work session followed by a public hearing held February 3, 2014. Notice of each Planning Commission meeting was placed in the Oregonian newspaper and notice of the meeting and the staff report explaining the proposal was posted on the county's Land Use Planning webpage. Each meeting was open to the public to attend and provide input.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department**

**Director:** Kim Peoples /s/ **Date:** July 31, 2014

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