

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. PC 2013-2900

Recommend to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of an ordinance amending the Off-Street Parking and Loading provisions for MCC Chapters 11, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 38 to provide flexibility to non-residential driveway standards.

The Planning Commission Finds:

- a. The Planning Commission is authorized by Multnomah County Code Chapters 37.0710, 38.0710 and by ORS 215.110 to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the adoption of Ordinances to amend County's Comprehensive Plan and land use regulations.
- b. 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.
- c. Parking or loading areas not directly abutting a public or private street have been required to be accessed by a 20-foot wide paved driveway since 1979 (Ordinance 205).
- d. The proposed amendments provide flexibility for Multnomah County to consider a proposal for an alternative driveway width and/or alternative driveway surfacing materials, including gravel in certain circumstances. The proposed amendments require Multnomah County to closely coordinate review of any such request with the fire service provider, as directed by Comprehensive Framework Plan Policy 38B, and also coordinate review with the County Engineer.
- e. No regulations are being proposed that further restrict the use of property and no mailed notices to individual property owners are required ("Ballot Measure 56 notice"). Notice of the Planning Commission hearing was published in the Oregonian newspaper and on the Land Use Planning Program internet pages. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 3, 2014 where all interested persons were given an opportunity to appear and be heard.

The Planning Commission resolves:

The proposed Ordinance amending MCC Chapter 11, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 38 is hereby recommended for adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of February, 2014.

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