



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 010418

Agenda Item #: R.1

Est. Start Time: 9:40 am

Date Submitted: 12/26/17

**Agenda Title:** First Reading and Public Hearing of an Ordinance Amending Multnomah County Code Chapter 21 – Health to add §21.450 to §21.458 – Air Quality Regulation

**Requested**

**Meeting Date:** January 4, 2018 **Time Needed:** 45 minutes

**Department:** Non-Departmental **Division:** Districts 1 and 3

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**Presenters:** Jae Douglas, Environmental Health Services Director;  
Matt Hoffman, Senior Program Specialist, Environmental Health Services;  
Bernadette D. Nunley, Assistant County Attorney

## General Information

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

Approving an Ordinance Amending Multnomah County Code Chapter 21 – Health to add §21.450 to §21.458 – Air Quality Regulation and Declaring an Emergency.

**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 devices and recreational burning on certain days between October 1 to March 1 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 persons subject to the ordinance would receive two warnings before being subject to civil penalties or restrictions.

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

N/A.

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

Yes. See above.

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

**Given that this is a first reading, the public and other government entities are welcome to testify on the proposed ordinance.** The Environmental Health Division will discuss other outreach work conducted on this issue to date, as well as further outreach to come.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

/s/ Jessica Vega Pederson

**Date:**

12/26/17