



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(revised 12/31/09)

## Board Clerk Use Only

**Meeting Date:** 6/7/12  
**Agenda Item #:** R.1  
**Est. Start Time:** 9:30 am  
**Date Submitted:** 5/23/12

**Agenda Title:** **PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Establishing Fees and Charges for Chapter 29, Building Regulations, of the Multnomah County Code and Repealing Resolution No. 2011-065.**

*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.*

<b>Requested Meeting Date:</b>	<u>June 7, 2012</u>	<b>Amount of Time Needed:</b>	<u>5 minutes</u>
<b>Department:</b>	<u>Non-Departmental</u>	<b>Division:</b>	<u>Chair's Office</u>
<b>Contact(s):</b>	<u>Denise Kleim, Senior Business Operations Manager, City of Portland, Bureau of Development Services</u>		
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<b>Presenter(s):</b>	<u>Denise Kleim, Senior Business Operations Manager, City of Portland, Bureau of Development Services</u>		

## General Information

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

Public Hearing and adopt resolution to increase building permit, electrical permit, mechanical permit, plumbing permit, Field Issuance Remodel Program fees, hourly and miscellaneous inspection fees and zoning permit inspection fees in the area served by the City of Portland under intergovernmental agreement for MCC Chapter 29, Building Regulations and repealing Resolution No. 2011-065, effective July 1, 2012.

### 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. The City of Portland is proposing an increase in most fees of 5% beginning July 1, 2012 in order to reach full cost recovery as required by the IGA.

The fee increases will also improve service levels in many bureau programs that have been insufficient due to deep staff cuts made during the recession. As construction has begun to recover the bureau's work has increased further. Revenues from the proposed fee increases will help pay for up to 17 additional staff positions in FY 2012-13 to raise service levels across the bureau and respond to increasing workloads.

While BDS recognizes the impact that fee increases have on its customers, particularly during the current economic recovery, moderate fee increases will be necessary in order to improve service levels and respond to future workload increases.

Not increasing fees would have significant impact on both the bureau and our customers and stakeholders:

- Service levels would remain at unacceptably low levels, hindering development at a time when it's desperately needed.
- Bureau reserves would remain at relatively low levels, leaving BDS vulnerable if another recession were to occur.
- Cost recovery efforts would slip.

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

- Seeking efficiencies in bureau programs and services.
- Closely monitoring finances.
- Requesting additional support from the City's General Fund for BDS's public service functions (Land Use Services, Neighborhood Inspections, Compliance Services, and Noise Control).
- Pursuing cost recovery for services through moderate 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 and MCC Chapter 29.

**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.

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## Required Signature

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Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:

Marissa Madrigal /s/

Date: 5/23/12