



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 6/5/14
Agenda Item #: R.3
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am
Date Submitted: 5/28/14

Agenda Title: PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of a RESOLUTION Establishing Fees and Charges for Chapter 27, Community Services, of the Multnomah County Code and Repealing Resolution No. 2014-034.

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: June 5, 2014 **Time Needed:** 5 minutes

Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** County Attorney

Deborah Sievert Morris

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Presenter

Name(s) & Title(s): Deborah Sievert Morris, Senior Business Operations Manager,
City of Portland, Bureau of Development Services

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Public Hearing and adopt resolution to increase environmental soils fees in the area serviced by the City of Portland under intergovernmental agreement and repealing Resolution No. 2014-034, effective July 1, 2014.

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.

a. **The County Changes:** The County Transportation Program needed to do some revisions to a few of the fee subsections authorized under MCC 27.052 in Exhibit A to the Resolution.

b. **The City Changes:** 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. One of the programs that has been delegated to the City is the subsurface sewage (environmental soils) program, in which the City permits and inspects cesspools, septic tanks, and other localized sewage disposal systems. The City serves all of Multnomah County for this program and is compensated via revenues that the bureau collects from program permit fees.

Since the end of the Mid-County sewer hookup program in 1998, environmental soils permit revenues have dropped substantially. Fee increases were implemented in FY 1999-2000 to bring the fees up to the State of Oregon fee schedule, and in FY 2001-02 staffing was reduced to match the workload. Fees were increased by 57% in FY 2004-05 and more modestly in subsequent years. By the end of FY 2010-11, the program had a cumulative deficit of approximately \$1.4 million. The Bureau of Development Services (BDS), in order to eliminate the deficit and improve the program's cost recovery, raised the fees by 70% in FY 2011-12.

In 2012, BDS worked with Planning Director Karen Schilling to develop a plan to eliminate the ongoing deficit for Environmental Soils program. The plan calls for 10% fee increases through FY 2016-17 with the deficit being eliminated in FY 2019-20.

At the end of FY 2013-14, the program is projected to have a cumulative deficit of approximately \$1.0 million. The City of Portland is therefore proposing to continue the plan proposed in 2012 and to increase environmental soils fees by 10% beginning July 1, 2014 in order to address the program deficit and maintain full cost recovery as required by the IGA.

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

The City requested fee changes cover actual costs of services as required by the County City IGA.

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

Complies with ORS 294.160.

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.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department**

Director: Jenny Madkour /s/ **Date:** 5/28/14

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