

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Ordinance No. 153

An ordinance establishing a 90-day moratorium on the issuance of building permits for new residences in a portion of Multnomah County known as West Portland Park, and declaring an emergency.

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Policy

A. The Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County finds that recent intensive residential development of an area of the County generally known as West Portland Park has not been accompanied by the provision of roads adequate to safely and efficiently accommodate increased vehicular traffic. More particularly, the Board finds that in the area described in Section 2 of this ordinance, private residential construction has outpaced street construction, resulting in the overutilization of a single-improved street, S. W. Vesta, and the creation of a serious public safety and welfare problem. The Board finds that currently there is no overall plan for the provision of streets in the area and that housing construction is likely to increase in this urban setting, thus creating an increased traffic problem.

B. It is the policy of the Board to prevent the worsening of the problem stated in paragraph A, pending implementation of a long range street construction solution. The Board is informed that within 90 days a plan for the future laying out of an efficient circulation pattern for and the provision of adequate streets in the above-mentioned area will be prepared.

C. The Board further determines that the area described in Section 2 of this ordinance is currently undergoing annexation to The

City of Portland. It is the Board's policy to encourage an orderly transition from County to City jurisdiction, particularly with regard to land use, and to take action which fosters such orderly transition. The Board is informed that an annexation schedule concerning the described area will be established within 90 days.

D. Based on paragraphs A, B and C above, the Board finds that the public interest will best be served by temporarily halting the issuance of permits for the construction of new residences in the area described in Section 2 of this ordinance. This moratorium will enable the affected persons, agencies and jurisdictions to arrive at specific plans for (1) the laying out of an efficient circulation pattern and the provision of adequate streets in the area, and (2) an orderly annexation into the jurisdiction of the city.

Section 2. Area Affected

The provisions of Section 3 of this ordinance shall apply to lands within the following boundaries: SW Stevenson Street on the south; SW Pomona Street on the north; SW 49th Avenue on the west and SW 35th Avenue on the east. Said boundaries are more particularly described as blocks: 31 through 37; 44 through 57; 64 through 77 and 84 through 97, of West Portland Park, excluding Block 86, Lots 5-8, 25-36; Block 87, Lots 5-8, 23-28, 31-36; Block 94, Lots 1-9, 16-23; Block 95, Lots 1-9, 14-38; Block 96, Lots 25-36.

Section 3. Permit Moratorium

Commencing on the effective date of this ordinance and terminating at the close of business on the 90th day thereafter, or the next succeeding business day if the 90th day is a holiday, no permit shall be issued and no new permit application accepted, for new residential development on land within the boundaries described in Section 2 of this ordinance. Permits for alteration or remodeling of existing

structures shall not be affected by this moratorium and may be applied for and issued accordingly.

Section 4. Emergency Clause

This ordinance being necessary to provide a temporary solution to an immediate traffic safety and public welfare problem, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 13th day of December, 1977, being the date of its first reading before the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County, Oregon.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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