



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 09/23/13)

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 5/21/15
Agenda Item #: R.1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 4.30.15

Agenda Title: Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending MCC Chapters 11, 33, 34, 35 and 36 Relating to Forest Practice Buildings in Commercial Forest Use Zones.

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: May 21, 2015 **Time Needed:** 5 minutes

Department: Community Services **Division:** Land Use Planning

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Presenter

Name(s) &

Title(s): Lindsey Nesbitt, Senior Planner

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Conduct a public hearing and approve the proposed amendments to Multnomah County Zoning Code Chapters 11, 33, 34, 35 and 36. These amendments have been recommended to the Board for approval by Multnomah County's Planning Commission.

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 code amendments will allow exempt permanent structures associated with forest practices from requiring land use and building permits. The amendments will make Multnomah County's code consistent with recent amendments to the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS). Previously, ORS Section 215 only allowed exempt agricultural buildings on established farms. House Bill (HB) 2441 was passed in May 2013 which amended ORS Section 215 to also apply the exception to buildings on forest land associated with valid/documented forest practices.

Agricultural buildings constructed outside of a special overlay zone on properties with a verified farming practice are currently permitted outright without requiring land use or building permits. However, permanent forest practice buildings which provide similar functions as agricultural buildings in the CFU zones are not allowed uses listed in current county code. The code amendment will allow the same approach for forest practice buildings supporting valid forest practices in the CFU zones.

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

None

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

House Bill 2441 was passed in May 2013, which amended ORS Section 215 to also apply the exception to buildings on forest land associated with valid documented forest practices. The code amendments will make Multnomah County code consistent with Oregon Revised Statutes relating to forest practice buildings.

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

Multnomah County's Planning Commission considered the proposed revisions at a work session in April of 2014, followed by a public hearing November 3, 2014. Notice of each Planning Commission meeting was placed in the Oregonian newspaper and notice of the meeting and the staff report explaining the proposal was posted on the County's Land Use Planning webpage. Each meeting was open to the public to attend and provide input.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Date:

Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/ - we no longer use actual signatures. Please insert date approved.