



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 1/11/2016)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 1/9/18  
Agenda Item #: B.2  
Est. Start Time: 11:00 am  
Date Submitted: 1/4/18

**Agenda Title:** Board Briefing on Food Carts and Food Cart Pods in Multnomah County.

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.*

<b>Requested Meeting Date:</b>	1/9/2018	<b>Time Needed:</b>	60 min
<b>Department:</b>	Health	<b>Division:</b>	Public Health
<b>Contact(s):</b>	Jae Douglas and Jef Martin		
<b>Phone:</b>	988.7847	<b>Ext.:</b>	<b>I/O Address:</b>
<b>Presenter Name(s) &amp; Title(s):</b>	Jae Douglas - Environmental Health Director; and, Jeff Martin - Environmental Health Inspections Supervisor		

## General Information

1. What are you requesting from the Board?

**Opportunity to brief them on the public health impacts of food carts and food cart pods.**

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.

**Multnomah county is home to over 900 food carts and over 80 food cart pods. These business provide important economic development and food access benefits to the community. They also create negative public health impacts when the places they congregate don't include basic infrastructure services such as power, potable water and waste disposal.**

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

**Garbage and gray/black water runoff, fats/oils and grease deposition all act as attractants to vectors, which are managed by the health department. Other jurisdictions in the county are impacted by infrastucture impacts from garbage, runoff, fire hazards, etc.**

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

**County and city authorities are not broad enough to require landowners who establish and maintain food cart pods to provide basic infrastructure to their mobile cart owner tenants. The county's authority is limited to the mobile carts themselves.**

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

**Representatives from the cities of Portland and Gresham will be in attendance to speak to the concerns and their role/jurisdictional authority to address the problems they observe.**

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**Required Signature**

<b>Elected Official or Department/ Agency Director:</b>	Jae Douglas	<b>Date:</b>	1/4/18
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