

**DECISION OF THE  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

In the matter of recommending adoption of an )  
Ordinance amending MCC Chapter 29, Building )  
Regulations, to add fire flow standards and fire )  
apparatus means of approach standards for private )  
streets and driveways serving single family homes )

**RESOLUTION  
PC-02-06 A**

**WHEREAS,** The Planning Commission is authorized by Multnomah County Code sub-sections 33.0140, 34.0140, 35.0140, 36.0140, 38.0550 and by ORS 215.110, to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the adoption of Ordinances to implement the Multnomah County Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** Comprehensive Framework Plan Policy 38: Facilities states that it is the County's policy to coordinate and encourage involvement of applicable agencies in the land use process to ensure that there is adequate water pressure and flow for fire fighting purposes;

**WHEREAS,** The fire flow standards contained in the optional Division II – Fire Flow in Appendix Chapter 9 of the 1997 Uniform Fire Code are deemed to be an appropriate means of implementing Plan Policy 38 for water pressure and flow for fire fighting purposes;

**WHEREAS,** In consideration of the reduced level of water services in the rural areas, it is appropriate to adopt lower fire flow standards in those areas as allowed by Section 910 of Division II – Fire Flow, Appendix Chapter 9 and establish appropriate credits that may be used toward meeting that rural fire-flow standard;

**WHEREAS,** Part of ensuring that fire flow is available for fire fighting purposes in the rural areas is either assurance that fire apparatus can reach new single family homes or that some alternative means of fire fighting is used such as the installation of a home water sprinklering system;

**WHEREAS,** It is also in the best interests of the public that where a fire protection district has adopted more stringent standards, the more stringent standard shall prevail; and

**WHEREAS,** The Planning Commission considered these amendments at a public hearing on February 3, 2003 and September 8, 2003 where all interested persons were given an opportunity to appear and be heard,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the proposed Ordinance amending the Building Code is hereby recommended for adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

Approved this 8th day of September, 2003

  
John Ingle, Chair  
Multnomah County Planning Commission