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RICAP 8 Workplan

Regulatory Improvement Code Amendment Package No.8 (RICAP 8) Workplan

Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission Hearing

Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 at 3:00 pm

1900 SW 4th Avenue, Second Floor, Room 2500A

***Please call 503-823-7700 one week before the hearing
for the scheduled time of this agenda item.**

Planning and Sustainability Commission Hearing on Regulatory Improvement Code Amendment Package No.8 Workplan

Why am I receiving this notice?

You are receiving this notice because you have expressed interest in being notified of certain Bureau of Planning and Sustainability projects, regulatory improvement projects, or you are a member of a neighborhood or business association.

What is this project about?

At regular intervals, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability proposes a group of technical or minor regulatory issues to examine for possible amendments. These groups of items are grouped into one project called "Regulatory Improvement Code Amendment Packages" (RICAP for short), and each has a number. The current package is RICAP 8.

The proposed RICAP 8 workplan consists of 37 items: 27 items related to Title 33: Zoning Code regulations; and ten addressing Title 11: Trees. These items fall into two groups:

- 1) *Minor Policy Items* that may affect existing policy, for example by expanding or restricting allowed uses, changing the review type or procedure for land use applications, or revising development standards. RICAP 8 has 12 minor policy items that will address land divisions, lot conformations, radio frequency regulations, property line adjustments, and small signs in Historic Districts.
- 2) *Technical Corrections, Clarifications, and Consistency Items* where the particular requirement is unclear, or the regulations are in conflict with other sections of the code. There are 25 miscellaneous technical corrections in RICAP 8, including all of the issues related to the new tree code.

The Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) will hear the Bureau's proposed workplan for RICAP 8 on **April 28th**. **No code amendments or specific changes are being proposed at this time.** Rather, the PSC is being asked to approve the list of items to be further evaluated for potential code improvement recommendations. Once the workplan is approved and staff has developed specific code amendments, you will be notified of additional hearings before the PSC and City Council.

How can I review this proposal?

Get a copy of the report. The *RICAP 8 Workplan* will be available the week of April 13. You can pick up a copy at our office at 1900 SW 4th Avenue, 7th Floor. The Bureau receptionist will mail you a copy if you call 503-823-7700. The document will also be available on the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability website at www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/RICAP.

How can I comment on this proposal?

Testify at the Planning and Sustainability Commission hearing. The hearing, on **April 28th at 3:00 pm**, will be on the second floor at 1900 SW Fourth Avenue (SW 4th Avenue and Hall Street). Please call 503-823-7700 a week before the hearing for the scheduled time of this agenda item.

Write to the Planning and Sustainability Commission. Mail written testimony to the Planning and Sustainability Commission at 1900 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite 7100, Portland, Oregon 97201, FAX comments to 503-823-7800, or email comments to PSC@PortlandOregon.gov. Written testimony must be received by the time of the hearing and must include your name and address.

What happens next?

The Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) will consider public comments on this workplan proposal. They may opt to add, remove, or otherwise modify the list of regulatory items to be considered for subsequent code amendment proposals. Staff will then work with the community to develop solutions to the issues identified, including amendments to the Portland Zoning Code. The PSC is anticipated to consider the regulatory amendments in spring 2016.

For more information, contact Morgan Tracy, City Planner II, at the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability 503-823-6879 or morgan.tracy@PortlandOregon.gov or visit the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability's website: www.portlandonline.com/bps/RICAP