What is this project about?

This code change project would restrict development and expansion of Bulk Fossil Fuel Terminals. These code changes would implement new policy direction on fossil fuel distribution and storage facilities in City Resolution 37168.

- Bulk Fossil Fuel Terminals would be characterized by (a) marine, railroad, or pipeline transport access and (b) either storage capacity exceeding 2 million gallons or transload facilities (such as rail-to-ship loading).
- Fossil fuels include petroleum products (such as crude oil and gasoline), coal, natural gas, and propane, and methanol, which is produced from natural gas.
- No new Bulk Fossil Fuel Terminals would be allowed.
- The existing Bulk Fossil Fuel Terminals in Industrial and General Employment zones would become “limited uses” that can continue to operate. Expansion of fossil fuel storage at these existing terminals would be limited to improvements that (a) include “seismic upgrades” which replace existing tanks, (b) add no more than 10 percent of the capacity of replaced tanks, and (c) result in no more than 10 percent cumulative expansion of the total terminal capacity on the effective date of these code changes.

The code changes will not apply to gas stations; distributors and wholesalers that receive and deliver fossil fuels exclusively by truck; industrial, commercial, institutional, and agricultural uses that store fossil fuels for use as an input; uses that involve the transfer or storage of solid or liquid wastes are classified as Waste-Related uses. Fossil fuel storage facilities at airports, marine terminals, rail yards, and fleet vehicle fuel facilities are specifically exempted.
How can I review this proposal?

Get a copy of the report. The Fossil Fuel Terminal Zoning Amendments Recommended Draft will be available the week of October 24, 2016. 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/71118.

How can I comment on this proposal?

Testify at the City Council hearing. The hearing, on November 10, 2016 at 2:00 P.M., will be in Council Chambers at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Avenue.

Write to City Council. Email written testimony to the Council Clerk at fossilfuelzoning@portlandoregon.gov or send to 1221 SW Fourth Avenue, Room 130, Portland, Oregon 97204. Written testimony must be received by the time of the hearing and must include your name and address.

For more information

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