Street Renaming Frequently Asked Questions

They Portland City Council has approved the renaming of 39th Ave to Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. The name change is effective August 7, 2009, 30 days from the approval of the ordinance. If you have a business or residence on 39th Avenue here is some important information you should know.

1. The Post Office recommends that you DO NOT file a change of address with the US Postal Service. A change of address is needed only if you are moving from one location to a new location. The Post Office will update their mailing system to recognize both 39th Ave and Cesar E. Chavez Blvd and variations of the new name such as Cesar Chavez Blvd, Chavez Blvd, etc.

2. The City estimates the installation of the new street name signs will begin in late 2009 to early 2010. The signs will be designed and manufactured over the next few months. These signs will meet the City's new street sign standard which went into affect earlier this year.

3. Businesses are NOT required to submit a business license address change as a result of the renaming. The City of Portland will automatically update business license address information.

4. Individuals with Oregon drivers licenses have 5 years from the date of installation of the signs to change their address with the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles. The DMV recommends that individuals with a license that will need to be renewed in this 5 year time period make the address change at the time of their license

renewal. This is a link to the Oregon DMV website: https://www.oregondmv.com/online/index.htm

5. The City Auditor will be mailing all abutting property owners and occupants along the street within 30 days. The City will also be notifiying emergency service coordinators, affected City, County, State and Federal Agencies and the US Postal Service. In addition the City will notify utility providers like NW Natural Gas, PGE, PP&L, Waste Haulers, etc.

6. Multnomah County Voter Registration recommends that registered voters update their change of address within the next 5 years. If addresses are not updated the voter information will continue to be mailed to the existing addresses on file and will not affect the ability to vote.