Service Level Update Document: Permit & Inspection Services Divisions Erosion Concerns Signage Posting Operational Changes

In order to maintain the highest possible service level with limited resources, the Bureau of Development Services (BDS) is making operational changes to how the signage posting requirements outlined in Title 10, The City's Erosion and Sediment Control Regulations, are being implemented.

Effective June 1, 2010, Building and Site Development Permits on private property with ground disturbing activities requiring erosion control plans will have a new Erosion Concerns Signage Posting (sign) sheet attached to the issued plan set. If necessary, you can also download and print a PDF copy of the sign from the BDS website at: http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/index.cfm?c=45055&a=298261

Prior to ground disturbing activity taking place AND the required Pre-Construction Erosion Control Inspection (IVR #200) being performed, the responsible party is required to:

1) Have the sign laminated, or otherwise ensure that the sign is weather resistant for the duration of the project, and

2) Post the sign on site in a location that is clearly visible from the public right-of-way.

Title 10 defines the responsible party as the "property owner or person authorized to act on the owner's behalf".

These operational changes do not preclude re-use of the laminated cardboard Erosion Concerns Signs that in the past were provided by inspection staff as part of the Pre-Construction Erosion Control Inspections. There are a limited number of the remaining laminated cardboard Erosion Control Signs available for sale in the Development Services Center for $5.

Title 10, The City's Erosion and Sediment Control Regulations, provide requirements for development and construction related activities in order to control the creation of sediment and to prevent the occurrence of erosion at the source during construction and development. The signage posting requirements outlined in this document provide adequate public notification of the Bureau's Erosion Control Complaint Hotline, as required by Title 10. You can view Title 10 on-line at: http://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/index.cfm?c=28175

We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these requirements.

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