
NOTICE TO ADOPT: ROAD RULES UPDATE

Notice of Intent to Adopt

Proposed Amendments to the Multnomah County Road Rules per Multnomah County Code Chapter 29

The Multnomah County Transportation Planning and Development Program proposes to amend the Multnomah County Road Rules (MCRR) to reflect needed updates as identified by Transportation Division staff and summarized below.

A complete text of the proposed MCRR amendments can be found at <https://multco.us/roadrules>, or you may request a complete copy from Joanna Valencia at Joanna.valencia@multco.us or (503) 988-0219. The proposed MCRR amendments and supporting documents are available for inspection between the hours of 8am–4pm, Tuesday–Friday, at the Transportation Planning and Development Office located at 1620 SE 190th Ave., Portland, Oregon, 97233. Copies may be purchased at a cost of \$0.30 per page.

Review Period, Requests for Postponement or Public Hearing

Pursuant to Multnomah County Code (MCC) § 29.534, the review period for the proposed MCRR amendments shall be 15 days and will commence with the publication of notice of intent to adopt proposed rule scheduled on **February 12, 2018**.

Pursuant to MCC § 29.536 – 29.537, any person may request in writing postponement of rule action or a public hearing within the 15-day review period. All requests after the 15-day period will be denied. All such requests should be directed to Joanna Valencia at the contact information above.

Summary of Amendments

The MCRR, last updated in 2004, provides the administrative guidelines for County roads, including use of County right-of-way. The proposed amendments include:

- Housekeeping updates –formatting changes that make the rules more accessible and easier for customers and staff to navigate.
- Technical updates – several references are outdated.
- New updates – new sections that reflect changes in the transportation planning and engineering field.

Highlights of the proposed amendments include:

- New provisions to address development setbacks from the Willamette River Bridges (i.e. Hawthorne, Burnside, Broadway, Sellwood, Morrison, and Sauvie Island); see Section 25.
- New provisions are added to address stormwater and drainage, and provide standards for stormwater management and impact to county facilities; see Section 26.
- New provisions to dealing with the administrative and permitting processes for two programs that occur within County roadways: (1) the Adopt a Road Program, and (2) the Owner Vegetation Maintenance Program; see Sections 23 and 24.
- Amendments to the glossary to reflect a 2008 MCC update that included road-related definitions; see Section 3.

- Clarifications to sections of MCRR related to possible requirements for roadway improvements and engineering review; see Section 6.
- Revisions to sections related to access points were amended to provide clear criteria for when a property owner may seek a second access without requiring a Road Rules Variance; see Section 16.
- New development requirements for Local Access Roads based on the number of houses located on the Local Access Road; see Section 11.

For additional information or questions, contact Joanna Valencia, Transportation Planning and Development Manager, as provided for above.



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