



Testimony in Opposition to Temporary Permit Application T2-2025-0048

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To: Multnomah County Hearings Officer

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Date: March 5, 2026

Subject: Testimony in Opposition to Temporary Permit Application T2-2025-0048

Dear Hearings Officer,

I am a full-time resident at 34828 SE Carpenter Lane, situated directly adjacent to the Portland Water Bureau (PWB) project site. I live here every day and experience the impacts of this project firsthand. I am submitting this testimony in opposition to Temporary Permit Application T2-2025-0048 and respectfully request that it be denied.

PWB failed to meet the application deadline required by its prior permit, continued operating after the permit expired in violation of Multnomah County Code, and was accommodated rather than held accountable. That is not how this County treats private residents and property owners - and it should not be how it treats the Portland Water Bureau.

In September 2024, Multnomah County issued Temporary Permit T2-2024-0062 to PWB for temporary trailers associated with its project. That permit established clear, enforceable requirements:

Condition 1 - Permit Expiration [MCC 39.1185(E), MCC 39.1185(G), MCC 39.8750(A)]:

This temporary permit runs from September 7, 2024 to September 7, 2025. The time extension provisions under MCC 39.1195 are not applicable.

Condition 5 - Removal of Temporary Uses [MCC 39.1185(E), MCC 39.1185(G), MCC 39.8750(A)]:

All temporary trailers and temporary uses shall cease and be removed from the property within five (5) days of the expiration of this permit unless a new Temporary Permit is granted. If a new temporary permit is to be applied for, the property owner or their representative shall make the application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of this permit to avoid having to remove the improvements during the processing of a new permit.

The 60-day requirement meant PWB had to file by July 10, 2025. PWB submitted Application T2-2025-0048 on September 3, 2025 — 55 days past the deadline and just five days before the permit expired. Under Condition 5, that failure required removal of all temporary trailers and uses by September 12, 2025. They remained on site.

The County issued a completeness determination on October 15, 2025 - more than three months after the application should have been filed. The public comment notice in late October made no reference to the prior permit violations. A code compliance complaint was filed in early November; the County confirmed the violation and issued a Request for Voluntary Compliance on November 21, 2025. The new permit was approved December 3, 2025.

Living directly next door to this site, I want to be clear about what this looks like from where I stand: no one else on this street could miss a permit deadline by nearly two months, leave structures on their property after a confirmed code violation, and receive a new permit within days. The residents of this community are held to strict standards. The Portland Water Bureau should be no different.

Approving this application despite documented noncompliance with the prior permit conditions undermines the enforceability of land use requirements and demonstrates a troubling double standard. Multnomah County's permitting process loses credibility when the rules are applied selectively.

I respectfully urge the Hearings Officer to deny Application T2-2025-0048 and require that the Portland Water Bureau be held to the same permit conditions and code requirements that apply to every other applicant in this county.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kristy McKenzie

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