



Testimony in Opposition to Temporary Permit Application T2-2025-0046

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To: Multnomah County Hearings Officer

From: Kristy McKenzie

34828 SE Carpenter Lane, Gresham, OR 97080

Date: March 5, 2026

Subject: Testimony in Opposition to Temporary Permit Application T2-2025-0046

Dear Hearings Officer,

I am a full-time resident at 34828 SE Carpenter Lane, located directly adjacent to the Portland Water Bureau (PWB) project site. I live next to this property every day and am among those most directly affected by the activity occurring there. I am submitting this testimony in opposition to Temporary Permit Application T2-2025-0046 and respectfully ask that it be denied.

The basis for my opposition is straightforward: PWB failed to comply with the explicit conditions of its prior temporary permit, continued operating in violation of those conditions after the permit expired, and was rewarded with a new permit rather than held accountable. No private property owner or resident on this street would receive that treatment. Multnomah County should not apply a different standard to a government agency.

In September 2024, Multnomah County issued Temporary Permit T2-2024-0060 to PWB for temporary trailers. That permit included the following binding conditions:

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 submit the application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of this permit in order to avoid having to remove the improvements during the processing of a new permit.

The 60-day deadline required PWB to file a renewal application by July 10, 2025. PWB submitted Application T2-2025-0046 on September 2, 2025 — nearly two months late. Under the plain language of Condition 5, that failure triggered an obligation to remove all temporary trailers and uses by September 12, 2025. The trailers were not removed.

A code compliance complaint was filed in early November 2025. Multnomah County Planning investigated and confirmed a zoning code violation had occurred. Rather than require compliance with the permit conditions, the County issued a Request for Voluntary Compliance on November 21, 2025, and approved the new permit just four days later on November 25, 2025.

As someone who lives on this street full time, I can say with certainty: no other resident here would be permitted to miss a deadline by nearly two months, leave unpermitted structures in place after a confirmed violation, and walk away with a new permit days later. Private applicants in this county are held strictly to permit conditions, application deadlines, and code requirements. When they fail to comply, they face enforcement and penalties — not accommodation.

Multnomah County's decision to approve this permit despite confirmed noncompliance creates the clear appearance of unequal treatment. It sends a message that the rules apply differently depending on who the applicant is — and that is not acceptable.

I respectfully urge the Hearings Officer to deny Application T2-2025-0046 and hold the Portland Water Bureau to the same standards required of every applicant under Multnomah County Code.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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