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## **Notice of Public Workshop & Planning Commission Meeting on Geologic Hazards Code Updates**

This is to notify you that the City of Newport is considering amendments to the Geologic Hazards section of its Zoning Ordinance that may affect the permissible uses of your property and other properties. The public is invited to a workshop, at which staff from the City and State of Oregon will be present to describe the changes and answer questions. The workshop is to be held:

**Wednesday, February 17, 2010 - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**City Hall Council Chambers, 169 S.W. Coast Hwy, Newport**

Notice is also given that the Planning Commission of the City of Newport, Oregon, will hold a public hearing to review and make a recommendation to the Newport City Council regarding the adoption of the ordinance amendments. The Planning Commission hearing will be held:

**Monday, March 8, 2010 – 7:00 pm or soon thereafter**  
**City Hall Council Chambers, 169 S.W. Coast Hwy, Newport**

The City has determined that adoption of the amendments may affect the permissible uses of your property, and other properties in the affected areas, and may impact the value of your property. A copy of the proposed changes is available on the Community Development Department page of the City of Newport website at: <http://www.thecityofnewport.net/dept/pln/default.asp>. It is also available for inspection or may be purchased at the planning counter at City Hall (File No. 12-Z-09).

The proposed changes revise Section 2-4-7 (“Geologic Hazards Overlay”) of the Newport Zoning Ordinance, which establishes requirements for development on land that is potentially subject to earth movement. The amendments (a) update the boundary of geologic hazard areas by referencing the most recent maps available from the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries; (b) restrict the type of construction that can occur in hazard areas; (c) prohibit development on beaches and foredunes consistent with state law; (d) allow a geologic reconnaissance as an alternative to a full study in low and moderate hazard areas; (e) require erosion control measures be followed during construction; and (f) modify the appeals procedure to match the process used for other City land use permits. As this is a legislative action, there are no approval criteria.

At the Planning Commission hearing, testimony and evidence should be directed toward the changes described above and applicable policies contained in the Newport Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances, which the person believes to apply. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes an appeal, including to the Land Use Board of Appeals, based on that issue. Testimony may be submitted in written or oral form. Oral testimony and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. The hearing may include a report by staff, testimony from the applicant and proponents, testimony from opponents, rebuttal by the applicant, and questions and deliberation by the Planning Commission. Written testimony sent to the Community Development (Planning) Department (address in letterhead above) must be received by 5:00 p.m. the day of the hearing to be included as part of the hearing or must be personally presented during testimony at the public hearing.

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