

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: City and Lane Regional Air Protection Agency Partnership

Meeting Date: May 20, 2015
Department: Planning & Development
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Agenda Item Number: A
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ISSUE STATEMENT

The City Council requested a work session with Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) to discuss and more fully understand the City and LRAPA's partnership and roles with regard to demolition and the prevention of airborne dusts.

BACKGROUND

The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency was created in 1968 to achieve and maintain clean air in Lane County, Oregon, in a manner consistent with local priorities and goals. With the support of its member entities, which include Lane County and the cities of Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove and Oakridge, LRAPA carries out its mission to protect and enhance air quality through a combination of regulatory and non-regulatory programs and activities.

The agency plays an active role in community development and planning, and works collectively with the City of Eugene and other local governments to help achieve federal Clean Air Act goals and objectives. In addition to regulating asbestos abatement work, LRAPA also regulates dust created by demolition. The agency's director, Merlyn Hough, will join the council for this work session to discuss LRAPA's role and work related to demolition and airborne dust.

Based on council direction at the November 24 work session, staff moved forward with the recommendations to improve practices related to safe demolition in the City of Eugene.

Administrative rules (Admin Order 53-15-01-F) were updated to:

- Restrict demolition when winds exceed 25 mph;
- Require notice to properties adjacent to the demolition site; and
- Prohibit demolition by implosion without a special permit to address health and livability.

These rules went into effect on March 27, 2015. Staff are also developing a practical guide for industry stakeholders and the public that provides an overview of local demolition regulations and related agencies, best practices, and resources to support safe and well-managed sites.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

Council Goals

- Safe Community: A community where all people are safe, valued and welcome.
- Sustainable Development: A community that meets its present environmental, economic and social needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Eugene Code

- Eugene Code 8.005(10) - establishes permit requirement for building demolition.
- Administrative Rule R-8.005-B (11) - establishes requirements under a demolition permit.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

This is an informational work session.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational work session. No recommendation is proposed at this time.

SUGGESTED MOTION

This is an informational work session. No motion is proposed at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. LRAPA Director's Report for April 2015
- B. LRAPA Dashboard Report for April 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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