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**STAFF REPORT FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSESSION
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**Amendments Relating to Ground Disturbing Activity including Minimal Impact Projects,
Grading and Erosion Control, Agricultural Fill, Stormwater and Drainage Control,
Hillside Development and Large Fill Permits (PC-2016-5384)**

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SECTION 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Proposal, PC-2016-5384, relates to the regulation of ground disturbing activities. In general summary, this Proposal is intended to:

1. Clarify and strengthen regulations within, and distinctions between, categories of ground disturbance regulation (Minimal Impact Project; Grading and Erosion Control (to be renamed Erosion and Sediment Control); Agricultural Fill; Hillside Development (to be renamed Geologic Hazards); Large Fill);
2. Clarify stormwater drainage control requirements;
3. Regulate fill activities that support a farming practice;
4. Implement Comprehensive Plan policies relating to ground disturbing activities.

SECTION 2.0 PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENTS

Proposed code amendments are separated by topic area and provided within the following attachments to this staff report. The proposed code amendments are shown in the proposed consolidated land use code (new Chapter 39), which has not yet been adopted by the Board of Commissioners, except when labeled Chapter 38. Chapter 38 applies inside the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and will not be consolidated into Chapter 39 when it is presented to the Board. Consolidated code Chapter 39 was chosen to illustrate the proposed code

amendments for efficiency and because Board action on adoption of Chapter 39 is anticipated in the near future.

Attachment A.1 – Chapter 39 amendments relating to Minimal Impact Projects, Erosion and Sediment Control Permits, Agricultural Fill Permits and Stormwater Drainage Control requirements

Attachment A.2 – Chapter 39 Geologic Hazards Permit amendments

Attachment A.3 – Chapter 38 (Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area) Geologic Hazards Permit amendments

Attachment A.4 – Chapter 39 Large Fill Permit amendments

Attachment A.5 – Chapter 39 Definitions

Attachment A.6 – Chapter 39 Administrative Procedures

Attachment B – Multnomah County Comprehensive Plan policies relating to ground disturbing activities (provided for reference)

Attachment C – Map of high value farmland soil in east Multnomah County (provided for reference)

Attachment D – Map of high value farmland soil in west Multnomah County (provided for reference)