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NEWS RELEASE

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RE: Board Approves Policy Regarding Fences and Other

Improvements on County Road Right of Ways

On October 12, 2005, the Board of Commissioners adopted an order that sets "clear direction regarding fences and other improvements on County road rights of way."

Over the past several months an updated policy that outlines the County's position regarding non-road features within public right of ways has been circulating for review and comment. During that period the Farm and Forest Advisory Committee (appointed by the Board) met several times with Public Works staff to review and update the policy. At their 7/28/05 meeting, they unanimously recommended County adoption of the developed policy. At the 9/12/05 meeting of the County Roads Advisory Committee (CRAC), the policy was reviewed and again unanimously recommended for adoption to the Board.

The policy provides policy direction to both County staff and the public regarding features in public right of ways including fences, mail boxes, landscaping and retaining walls.

A copy of this policy is available at the Public Works web site at: http://www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/pw/documents

Hard copy of this policy can also be obtained at the Public Works main office in Tillamook.