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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION) ORDER _____ / IN THE MATTER OF
AND ORDER:) REDUCING AIRBORNE BENZENE BY ENCOURAGING
07-9-19-3) THE ENDING OF THE PRACTICE OF "TOPPING OFF"
) FUEL TANKS AND THE UNNECESSARY
) IDLING OF COUNTY-OWNED VEHICLES.

WHEREAS, Lane County, through its Public Health Department, strives to promote and protect the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, consistent with this mission, the County seeks to protect air quality in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, the citizen-led Health Advisory Committee has studied the issue of benzene contamination and its threat to the people of Lane County and has brought the result of their deliberations forward for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, benzene is a volatile, colorless gas that is released even when gasoline engines idle and is also released when motorists "top off" their fuel tanks; and

WHEREAS, benzene has been classified by the Environmental Protection Agency as a Group A - known human carcinogen; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has ranked the level of benzene in Oregon's air as one of the highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the principal source of benzene in the ambient air is from automobile exhaust and the transfer of gasoline at fueling stations and fuel transfer depots; and

WHEREAS, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently adopted a rule to limit the level of benzene in gasoline in the Northwest by 2012, because of its carcinogenic nature; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that the EPA's proposed 2012 rule change will still leave the Northwest with the highest benzene levels in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of community recognition of the danger presented by volatile benzene can encourage actions that will immediately reduce the level of this carcinogen in the air in Lane County;

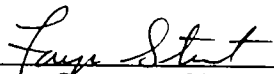
NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners express their support for efforts designed to educate residents regarding the need to reduce idling time to less than twenty seconds and to avoid the practice of "topping off" at fueling stations;

AND IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners encourage all

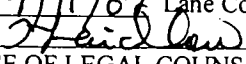
County employees to set a standard of practicing these benzene-reducing actions by not idling County-owned gasoline-engine vehicles to for more than twenty seconds and to not "top off" County-owned vehicles;

AND ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners direct the County Administrator to impart the information contained in this Resolution to all County employees, instructing them in the importance of reducing vehicular idling time and ending the practice of "topping off" gasoline fuel tanks.

DATED this 19th day of September, 2007.



Faye Stewart, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 9/11/07 Lane County


OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL