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Portland, OR City Council Approves Biodiesel, Ethanol Mandate

Oregon's largest City to require 5% Biodiesel, 10% Ethanol in vehicle fuels

Portland, OR—The Portland City Council unanimously approved an ordinance brought forward by Commissioner Randy Leonard which will require all diesel fuel sold in the city to contain a minimum blend of 5% biodiesel, and all gasoline sold in the city to contain a minimum blend of 10% ethanol. The new requirements take effect July 1, 2007.

“This initiative sets the stage for significant investment in our region, creating jobs and putting Oregon in a position to become a national leader in the alternative fuels industry,” said Commissioner Leonard, “This important first step will also reduce our dependence on oil and lower greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles.”

The City Council also directed that an implementation team be created consisting of participants from the fuel industry, biodiesel industry, environmental groups, and Oregon grain growers. The implementation team will report to the City Council in 120 days with recommendations.

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