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COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES OFFICE

CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

Beginning **Friday, July 9, 2010**, the County Land Development Services office in St. Helens will be closed on Fridays.

The Friday closures are necessary due to another round of staff cuts in the Land Development Services Department.

“Planning and Building Program staff have been reduced to levels that are inadequate to maintain the current public counter hours of Monday through Friday and to complete necessary development review activity in a timely fashion. Staff cuts have resulted from continuing low levels of permit activity and related permit revenue which is the primary source of funding for the Land Development Services Department”, said Todd Dugdale, Land Development Services Director.

“Columbia County, like many other Oregon cities and counties, is having to cut both staff and service hours in response to the impact of the economic recession on development activity. However, we will continue do our best to provide quality and responsive services to our customers within the limitations imposed by budget and staff cuts,” said Director Dugdale.