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May 1, 1995

TO: Mayor Vera Katz  
Commissioner Earl Blumenauer  
Commissioner Charlie Hales  
Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury

FR: Commissioner Mike Lindberg *MDL*

RE: Downspout Disconnection Program Ordinance  
May 10, 10:30a.m. Time Certain

Over the past few months, we have had presentations and briefings on the CSO Downspout Disconnection Program and have learned how valuable this program can be in removing stormwater from the combined sewer system. Removing stormwater from portions of the combined sewer system will help reduce the size and cost of new conveyance, storage and treatment facilities necessary to meet the goals of the CSO Management Plan as well as the Stipulation and Final Order.

On May 10, the City Council will have the opportunity to approve code language for the Downspout Disconnection Program and learn about the First Phase of the Program which will be implemented this summer in a limited geographic area. Approval of code language is needed now in order to meet the planned schedule (attached), therefore I will be filing an emergency ordinance. The code language establishes the Downspout Disconnection Program and incorporates policies which we have already discussed. These policies include:

- targeting single family residences in the portions of the CSO area where street sumps will be installed
- voluntary participation with cash reimbursement
- City payment of construction and administration costs
- major focus on homeowners and neighborhood or community groups to do the disconnection work

Recommendations made by PURB regarding reimbursement have been incorporated.

If you are interested in a personal briefing on the code or Program plan, please contact Dean Marriott so that a convenient time can be arranged.

Attachment

## **Plan for First Phase, Summer 1995**

### Schedule:

Mid to Late May	Notify affected property owners Complete implementation planning
June	Site surveys of properties in target area
July to Early Oct.	Disconnect downspouts
Fall	Refine Program policies as necessary
March 96	Kick off larger phase of Downspout Disconnection Program in neighborhoods north of I-84
1996 to 2000	Implement additional Phases until Program completed in sumped portion of CSO area



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April 10, 1995

**TO:** Mayor Vera Katz  
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**FROM:** Commissioner Mike Lindberg

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**SUBJECT:** Progress Report on the Downspout Disconnection Program

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On April 12 and 19, City Council will have an opportunity to review changes to the stormwater drainage fee discount program recommended by the Bureau of Environmental Services staff and the Portland Utility Review Board based on several months of analysis and discussion. As you know, we asked Environmental Services to delay implementation of the Downspout Disconnection Program until the fee discount program was thoroughly studied and we had an opportunity to make some changes to that program. With the analysis completed on the discount fee, I wanted to take a moment to update you on the progress of the Downspout Disconnection Program as it can now move forward.

Downspout Disconnection staff have continued planning the Disconnection Program during the period the fee discount has been under review. They have further developed an implementation plan, developed a concept to include neighborhoods and other community organizations in the program, and finalized the matrix of policies and procedures requested at the Council Informal held November 1, 1994. Environmental Services will be before us to approve the basic program policies and implementation plan for the first phase of the program within the next few weeks. Staff are prepared to implement the first phase of disconnections between July and September in a limited geographic area. After the first phase is complete, program policies and procedures will be reviewed and fine-tuned. Staff then intend to implement the second, larger, phase of the program in the Spring of 1996.