

To whom it may concern

I was deeply troubled when I heard that Steve and Joyce Montgomery, living at 5557 SE Jenne Ln Portland OR 97236, are being assessed fines for making changes to their property while it is designated part of the "V" overlay.

My understanding is that they do not live within the city of Portland's boundaries, but in unincorporated Multnomah County. While I understand that we all have to work together to preserve the environment and quality of life we enjoy in this part of the world, it seems unjust that they should be held to city of Portland rules when, due to the odd jurisdictional issues facing people living in that particular area, they cannot vote for the elected officials who put such rules into place. I have no doubt these jurisdiction issues make notification of land-use rules a challenge, and that this fact likely contributed to their lack of understanding of the rules the "V" overlay puts in place.

Given their lack of information before they were fined, I would urge you to find solution to this issue that eliminates the fines the Montgomeris face and allows them to move forward with a firm understanding of the rules affecting their property.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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