



**CITY OF PORTLAND
RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARDS ADVISORY**

August 20, 2009

RE: Portland City Code Chapter (PCC) 16.60.020 C, Biofuel Requirements

Since November 1, 2007, as provided under PCC Chapter 16.60.020 C, all gasoline sold by fuel retailers, dispensed by non-retailer dealers or purchased by wholesale purchaser-consumers within Portland has been required to contain a minimum blend of 10% ethanol (E10 fuel). The E10 requirement was adopted by the 2007 Oregon Legislature in Section 18, chapter 739, Oregon Laws 2007.

On July 22, 2009, the Governor of Oregon signed into law House Bill 3497, amending the State of Oregon's E10 mandate in ORS 646.913. House Bill 3497 amended ORS 646.913(5) to allow fuel vendors to sell premium gasoline with an octane rating of 91 or better with no ethanol additive. As non-emergency legislation, this statutory amendment will go into effect on January 1, 2010.

As a result of the passage of HB 3497 by the Oregon Legislature, on and after January 1, 2010, the City will enforce the requirements of PCC 16.60.020 consistent with the amended statute, exempting fuel vendors from the E10 requirement for sales of gasoline with an octane rating, as defined in ORS 646.945, of 91 or above.

For more information on the Portland Renewable Fuel Standard, go to:
www.biofuelsportland.com, or contact Ross Turkus at ross.turkus@ci.portland.or.us.

To view House Bill 3497 visit: http://www.leg.state.or.us/bills_laws/