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## **APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The City of Springfield Public Works Department is seeking citizens to provide perspectives and advice on the Local Wastewater and Local Stormwater System Development Charges (SDCs). **The deadline to apply is Friday, August 1, 2008.** Most Committee meetings will be in the evening (after 6PM). The committee will probably meet, 1-2 times each month from September 2008 through December 2008. All Committee meetings will be open to the public. No special background or qualifications are needed to apply to be a committee member.

### **Background:**

The construction of new homes and other buildings in our community creates a need for new infrastructure and public services – including streets, wastewater (sewage) collection and stormwater system collection. Like most Oregon cities, Springfield imposes fees on new development to accumulate money to provide the infrastructure that new development requires. SDCs are paid by persons who are developing the property to help pay for the impact of the development on the public's infrastructure. The revenue from these fees is used to cover the cost of transportation, wastewater and stormwater components that are needed to serve new development. While fees for all three systems may change in the future, in the case of wastewater and stormwater the City anticipates it may need to change the method by which these fees are calculated. Such a change in methodology should be informed by citizen input on some of the policy decisions that are involved. For that reason, the City plans to create a citizen advisory committee to give the community a chance to express its interests and concerns.

**What:** City accepting applications for the System Development Charge (SDC) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

**When:** The deadline to apply is Friday, August 1, 2008

**Where:** Applications are available at City Hall in the City Manager's Office

**For more information:** Contact Lou Allocco, Engineering Division Assistant Manager at (541)736-1032 or view the SDC Fact Sheet on the City's web page at:

[http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/Pubworks/SDC/SDC\\_Fact\\_Sheet.pdf](http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/Pubworks/SDC/SDC_Fact_Sheet.pdf)