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Senator Chuck Riley
Senate Committee on Business and Government
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: SB 107 and the -2 amendment

Chair Riley and members of the committee,

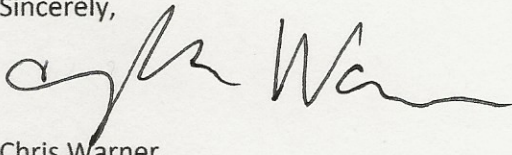
Currently under specific emergency conditions Northwest Natural Gas vehicles are exempt from obtaining standard parking permits or providing notification for use of the right of way, while stopping, standing or parking to investigate a natural gas leak which requires immediate action. A notification shall be given to the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) within 30 minutes after the determination has been made that an emergency exists. A Temporary Street Use Permit may be required after the fact. Enforcement actions may be taken by PBOT when there is not compliance.

The City of Portland is supportive of amending state statute to allow NW Natural vehicles to temporarily park in the right of way under specific emergency conditions such as those described below. It is essential that parking in the right of way is limited to emergencies and that we have up-to-date information about who is parked in the right of way and what emergencies might exist in the City of Portland.

Under circumstances not considered an emergency, NW Natural must provide advance notification per the Franchise Utility Notification (FUN) permit conditions and parking shall be requested through the standard permitting processes of Temporary Street Use Permitting.

An emergency is limited to instances with imminent danger of bodily or property harm, police or fire response, investigation of a reported natural gas leak, or immediately managing the recovery efforts from a catastrophic natural gas explosion. Some examples of non-emergency could include repair or maintenance after a leak has been identified and stabilized, long term recovery actions after a catastrophic event, urgent situations such as no heat, or meeting a customer deadline.

Sincerely,



Chris Warner
Interim Director, Portland Bureau of Transportation



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