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Press Release

Oregon City Takes Action to Address Fee Collection Error

On December 5, 2012 the City of Oregon City discovered an error in the collection of Transportation System Development Charges (SDCs) and began implementing the following administrative steps:

1. Individual Fee Audits: The Finance Department will perform random audits of fees charged by the City. This will be an ongoing procedure in addition to annual outside financial report audits.
2. Multiple Verification Process: The Community Development Department has implemented a verification protocol that requires SDCs to be manually verified and approved.
3. System Approval Process: The Community Development Department procedures will require supervisory approval and documentation of changes to the electronic permitting system.
4. Interdepartmental Coordination: The Community Development Department, Finance Department and Public Works Department will reconcile and report the status of deferred SDCs on a monthly basis.

The City's Human Resources Department is conducting a pre-disciplinary investigation, which will be followed by appropriate disciplinary action for affected employees.

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