

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Adopting the Action Areas Creating an Age-Friendly Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Between 2010 and 2030, the number of older adults in Multnomah County age 65 and over is expected to double. With an aging population comes new opportunities. Older adults are a valuable resource with assets, skills, experience and knowledge to offer. There is a need to plan for this demographic transition.
- b. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), an age-friendly city is one that “adapts its structures and services to be accessible to, and inclusive of, older people with varying needs and capacities...it emphasizes enablement rather than disablement, and is friendly for all ages.”
- c. In 2010, Portland was one of nine cities selected to be a pioneer member of the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities.
- d. An Action Plan for a more age-friendly Portland has been developed incorporating work and findings from Multnomah County (including the Task Force on Vital Aging), Portland State University, Elders in Action, AARP and numerous community partners. (Exhibit 1).
- e. Multnomah County’s Aging and Disability Services Division has partnered and collaborated with the City of Portland on this age-friendly work since its inception and was a key partner in developing the ten Action Areas identified in Portland’s plan.
- f. It is in the interest of Multnomah County and its citizens to continue and expand the innovative work already underway and to adopt the ten Action Areas identified in the Action Plan for an Age-Friendly Portland.
- g. The Action Areas will inform the Board and county departments in the course of decision making related to long-term planning and projects in the county, annual budgets, and legislative priorities to support older adults and build communities for all ages.
- h. Multnomah County will collaborate with the Age Friendly Advisory Council and other partners to continue to assess the Action Areas and create a separate Action plan for all of Multnomah County.

- i. The Board requests the Age-Friendly Advisory Council to provide regular updates on the progress and implementation of the Action Areas throughout Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Board adopts the ten Action Areas identified in the Action Plan for an Age-Friendly Portland. (Exhibit 1).
2. Multnomah County seeks to collaborate with the Age Friendly Advisory Council and other partners to continue to assess the Action Areas and create a separate Action plan for all of Multnomah County.
3. The Board encourages the employees and elected officials of Multnomah County, and cities within the county to collaborate with the Age-Friendly Advisory Council and other partners to further assess the Action Areas in the Plan and prioritize them based on criteria including readiness, resources, impact and potential for partnerships.
4. The Chair or her designee is authorized to sign a letter to the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities, indicating acceptance of the Action Areas.

ADOPTED this 30 Day of October 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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