

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 960

Amending Multnomah County Code Chapter 3, Administration, to Establish a Sustainable Development Commission

Multnomah County Ordains as follows:

MCC Chapter 3, Administration is amended to add the following subchapter:

§ 3.450* SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

§ 3.450- Commission Established; Purpose.

There is established a Sustainable Development Commission (SDC), advisory to the City of Portland (City) and Multnomah County (County). A sustainable community is one in which economic, ecological, and social well-being are integrated to ensure all live well, within nature's means. The SDC will develop and advocate for programs, policies, and actions by government, citizens, and businesses leading to sustainable communities in the Portland metropolitan area, including those that:

- ◆ Support a diverse and vibrant economy
- ◆ Promote an equitable distribution of resources
- ◆ Protect and restore the integrity of the natural systems that support life, including air, water, and land
- ◆ Preserve the diversity of plant and animal life
- ◆ Reduce human impacts on local and worldwide ecosystems

§ 3.460 Powers and Duties.

The SDC is not authorized to modify, limit or alter any permit or regulatory process of any City or County office or bureau. Subject to that limitation, the SDC is authorized to:

- (A) Advise and make recommendations to the Portland City Council and the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners on policies and programs that create sustainable communities;
- (B) Articulate and promote a long-range vision for sustainable communities;
- (C) Promote collaboration among citizens, business interests, governmental agencies and community-based organizations to identify strategies leading to sustainable communities;

(D) Develop opportunities for all citizens to learn about values, principles, and practices that will bring about sustainable communities;

(E) Assist city and county personnel in the coordination of policies and actions creating sustainable communities;

(F) Conduct public meetings and hearings as necessary in compliance with the state public meeting law.

(G) Meet at least once each month and keep minutes of its proceedings;

(H) Meet annually with the Portland City Council and Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and submit a report on the Commission's activities, achievements, plans for the coming year, and recommended changes in this subchapter; and

(I) Adopt rules or bylaws consistent with this code and all state and federal law for its operation and undertake any other activities necessary to the accomplishment of its purpose within the terms of this section.

§ 3.470 Membership.

The SDC shall consist of 17 members. Ten are appointed by the Mayor of Portland and confirmed by the Council. Seven are appointed by the Multnomah County Chair and confirmed by the Board. All appointments to the SDC shall be for terms of two years.

FIRST READING:

April 19, 2001

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:

April 26, 2001



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