



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 3/14/13
 Agenda Item #: R.5
 Est. Start Time: 9:50 am
 Date Submitted: 2/27/13

Agenda Title: Order establishing the Multnomah County Library District and ordering filing in accordance with ORS 308.225

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: March 14, 2013 **Time Needed:** 10 minutes
Department: Library **Division:** Library Administration
Contact(s): Becky Cobb
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Vailey Oehlke, Library Director; Jenny Morf, County Attorney; Joanne Fuller, Chief Operating Officer

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval of an order establishing the Multnomah County Library District and ordering filing in accordance with ORS 308.225.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

In November, 2010, the voters amended the Multnomah County Charter through ballot measure 26-114 and established a method under which the Board of County Commissioners may form a library district upon voter approval. In Resolution 2012-104, passed in August, 2012, the Board referred to the voters the formation of the Multnomah County Library District with a permanent rate of \$1.24 per \$1,000 of assessed value. A majority of voters approved the formation of the library district during the November, 2012, election. Pursuant to County Charter 9.10, the Board of County Commissioners will be the governing body of the library district, sitting as the Multnomah County Library District Board. ORS 308.225 requires that boundary district changes – which include the formation of new districts – must be submitted on or before March 31.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

There will be no fiscal impact in FY 2013. In FY 2014 and beyond, the Library will have permanent and stable funding and will be financially self-sufficient. Beginning in FY 2014, the County's General Fund will no longer make annual contributions to the Library.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

See paragraph 2 above.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

There were a number of public hearings and community listening sessions in the months leading up to the November, 2012, vote on the library district. The Board of County Commissioners conducted an online survey in July, 2012, and the library recently completed a survey to elicit community input on hours and services. Board briefings were held on February 14 and 21, 2013. In the coming months, there will also be work sessions and hearings regarding the library budget.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**



Date: Feb. 27, 2013