

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO. _____

Declaring Intent to Initiate Process to Explore Formation of a Multnomah County Library District and Setting a Public Hearing Date of July 31, 2012

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a In November 2010, the voters amended the Multnomah County Charter and established a method under which the Board of County Commissioners may form a library district upon voter approval. See Multnomah County Home Rule Charter Chapter IX, Library District, as adopted by voter approved Ballot Measure 26-114, and as recommended by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee.

- b Chapter IX of the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter now reads:

CHAPTER IX. LIBRARY DISTRICT

9.10 Formation.

(1) Upon the approval of a majority of the voters in Multnomah County, the Board of County Commissioners may establish a Multnomah County Library District. The Library District will be established as a municipal corporation. The Library District has the powers granted by this Charter, and those granted by state law to library districts and public libraries.

(2) The Board of County Commissioners will be the governing body of the Library District. The Board will appoint a district librarian.

(3) A majority of the Board of County Commissioners may initiate the formation of the district, to be located entirely within the county, by an order setting forth (a) the intention of the Board to initiate the formation of the Library District in accordance with this Charter provision, (b) the name and boundaries of the proposed Library District, and (c) the date, time and place of a public hearing on the proposal. The hearing may not be held less than 30 days or more than 50 days after the Board's proposal to establish the Library District. Notice of the hearing will be posted in at least three public places and published by two insertions in a newspaper.

9.20 Financing.

(1) The Library District may impose ad valorem property taxes sufficient to support its functions and services with a permanent rate limit for operating taxes approved by county voters

(2) The operating property, employees and debt associated with the Multnomah County Library may be transferred to the Library District pursuant to intergovernmental agreements. During the period of negotiation of the agreements, the Library District may be subsidized by the County. It will become financially independent from the County on a date no later than eighteen months following the voters' approval.

9.30 Advisory Board.

There will be a Library Advisory Board of 17 members, including two youth members. The members will be appointed by the Chair subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners. The term of office for each Library Advisory Board member will be four years and begin on July 1 with the exception of the initial members. The initial members and their terms will be the members of the then current Library Board and their respective terms. No Library Advisory Board member may serve more than a total of two consecutive terms.

- c It is a matter of county concern and in the public interest to create a Multnomah County Library District.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Orders:

1. The Board initiates a process to explore formation of a Multnomah County Library District.
2. The name of the proposed library district is the Multnomah County Library District, and its boundaries will include all territory within Multnomah County.
3. A public hearing on the proposed library district is set before this Board on Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in the Multnomah County Board Room located at 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland Oregon 97214.
4. The Library Department is directed to give notice of the public hearing as required by Charter Section 9.10(3).

ADOPTED this 28th day of June 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Jeff Cogen, Chair

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Jeff Cogen, Chair