

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 06-198

Adopting a Policy Regarding Annual Board Inspections of County Correctional Facilities

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Oregon Revised Statute 169.040 requires the inspection of local correctional facilities by the board of county commissioners of each county in Oregon, and states, "The...board shall visit local correctional facilities operated by the county at least once in each regular term and may visit local correctional facilities within the county that are not operated by the county. When the...board visits a local correctional facility, it shall examine fully into the local correctional facility, including, but not limited to, the cleanliness of the facility and the health and discipline of the persons confined. If it appears to the...board that any provisions of law have been violated or neglected, it shall immediately give notice of the violation or neglect to the district attorney of the district."
- b. The Multnomah County District Attorney's *Independent Review of Policies and Procedures of Correctional Facilities Operated by the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office*, issued November 1, 2006, states: "For a local jail system to function effectively in a network of integrated public services requires strong collaboration from all levels of government and from the community itself. Local jails should never be operated independent of outside oversight and input. First, lack of oversight invites abuse within jails, whose functioning is not readily open to observation. Second, lack of oversight often leads to the financial mismanagement of taxpayers' resources. Finally lack of oversight and understanding of jail operations can thwart efforts to streamline county law enforcement activities and integrate them into general county services."
- c. The Board desires to implement joint, systematic inspections as required by statute of each County correctional facility including, but not limited to, the Multnomah County Detention Center, the 676-bed maximum-security adult local correctional facility located in the downtown Justice Center; Multnomah County Inverness Jail, the 1,014-bed medium security adult (male and female) corrections facility located in Northeast Portland, housing county, state, and federal inmates; and the Courthouse Jail, which serves as a daytime court holding facility as in-custody court matters are carried out by the 4th Judicial District Court.
- d. In addition, the Board desires to implement joint, systematic inspections of the Department of Community Justice's Juvenile Detention Facility, the Donald. E. Long Center.


The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Board will make an annual inspection of each County correctional facility as required by Oregon Revised Statute 169.040.
2. The Board directs the Board Clerk to set a date or dates in the first quarter of each calendar year to inspect each County correctional facility as required by statute including, but not limited to, the Multnomah County Detention Center; Multnomah County Inverness Jail; the Courthouse Jail; and the Department of Community Justice's Juvenile Detention Facility, the Donald. E. Long Center.

ADOPTED this 30th day of November, 2006



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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