

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Mutual Agreements)
With the City of Portland For Share) RESOLUTION
of Property Tax Receipts) 93-19

WHEREAS, prior to the passage of Ballot Measure 5, local governments could collect any amount of property taxes authorized by the voters; and

WHEREAS, prior to the passage of Ballot Measure 5, the amount of property taxes levied and collected by local government jurisdictions was not affected either by changes in assessed value of property, or property taxes collected by neighboring local governments; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of Ballot Measure 5, local governments in a taxing area are now limited to a total property tax rate of \$10 per thousand dollars assessed valuation and must share a fixed amount of total property tax dollars available within the \$10 rate limit; and

WHEREAS, by increasing its tax base or serial levies, a local government can increase its share of property taxes while reducing taxes to neighboring local governments; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years, the City of Portland and Multnomah County have structured their total property tax levies so that no revenues were taken away from other local governments and so that each government receives its pre-Measure 5 share of available tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, this policy meant that in FY 1991-92, the City of Portland did not levy the full amount of the authorized Street Light Levy; and

WHEREAS, this policy meant that in FY 1992-93, the City of Portland did not certify a PDC levy, nor did it seek to extend the Parks Improvement Levy, the Public Safety Capital Levy, and the Street Light Levy; and

WHEREAS, this policy means for FY 1993-94 that Multnomah County will not be able to levy property taxes sufficient to meet the full operating needs of libraries and jails; and

WHEREAS, this policy meant that for FY 1991-92 and FY 1992-93 Multnomah County has not been able to collect sufficient property taxes to meet the full operating needs of libraries and jails; and

WHEREAS, given that the amount of property tax dollars available to local governments is now limited, it is vital that local governments living under a tax rate limit coordinate their property tax planning so as not to cause adverse impact upon the ability of other local governments to deliver needed services; and

WHEREAS, the guiding principal of such tax planning should be that no local government increases its share of the total property tax receipts at the expense of its neighbors without the acquiescence of those other local governments; and

WHEREAS, governments constrained by the property tax limit will seek alternate revenues that may negatively affect policy goals of the community.

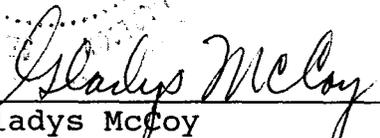
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Portland and the Board of Commissioners of Multnomah County affirm that neither government will take action to increase its share of total local governmental property tax receipts without mutual agreement with the other jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that neither the City of Portland nor Multnomah County will enact significant new discretionary revenues without first reviewing with the other government the impact of such measures on the policy goals of both governments.

ADOPTED on this 21st day of January, 1993.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

BY


Gladys McCoy
Multnomah County Chair

CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

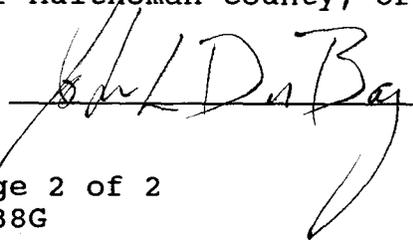
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