

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 948

Amend MCC Chapter 27, Environment and Property, to add domestic partnership registry services.

(Stricken language is deleted; double-underlined language is new.)

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

Section 1. MCC § 27.001 is amended as follows:

§ 27.001 Department Established; Functions.

The Department of Environmental Services (department) is established. The department shall:

(A) Provide land use planning recommendations and services to the Planning Commission and the Board in matters of planning, zoning, subdivisions, sales and leases of noncounty real property, and related matters;

(B) Provide services and perform duties imposed by state law relating to the construction, maintenance and operation of county roads and bridges, sewerage and solid waste disposal facilities and other public works facilities;

(C) Provide required surveys, examinations, inspections, and issuance of permits relating to construction and occupancy of buildings and other facilities;

(D) Provide animal control programs and facilities;

(E) Provide services and perform duties imposed by state and local law relating to special district annexations and withdrawals; special district and city formations, dissolutions or mergers; and boundary changes within a metropolitan service district (boundary change).

(F) Provide county services relating to county service districts and to state, local or private agencies relating to the physical environment;

(G) Operate and maintain county facilities, and manage and maintain county lands;

(H) Plan, implement and coordinate the county's recycling program;

(I) Perform the duties prescribed by state law for the assessor and tax collector;

(J) Provide marriage license and domestic partnership registry services;

~~(J)~~(K) Perform the duties prescribed by state law for county elections;

~~(K)~~(L) Provide records storage services to the county government;

~~(L)~~(M) Provide mail services to the county government;

~~(M)~~(N) Except as otherwise provided by the Board, perform the duties prescribed by state law for county clerks. The director may delegate any such duty, but a delegation shall be in writing and filed with the clerk of the Board; and

~~(N)~~(O) Provide fleet and electronic services.

Section 2. MCC Chapter 27, Environment and Property, is amended to add the following:

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP REGISTRY

§ 27.351 PURPOSE.

The Board of County Commissioners authorizes and establishes a voluntary program of registration of domestic partners. The domestic partnership registry is a means by which unmarried, committed couples who share a life and home together may document their relationship.

§ 27.352 REQUIREMENTS.

(A) To register as domestic partners, couples must sign a Certificate of Domestic Partnership declaring that:

- (1) They are residing together and sharing the common necessities of life;
- (2) Neither of them is married or registered as the domestic partner of any other person in any jurisdiction;
- (3) Both of them are at least 18 years of age;
- (4) They are not related by blood kinship closer than would bar marriage in the state of Oregon and are mentally competent to consent to contract;
- (5) They are each other's sole domestic partner and intend to remain so indefinitely and are responsible for each other's common welfare.

(B) In addition, the Certificate of Domestic Partnership will include a statement by the partners that:

- (1) They agree to file a Statement of Termination of Domestic Partnership Registration if the partnership is terminated (except by death) or any of the facts in (1) through (5) above change;
- (2) They understand the registration of the Certificate of Domestic Partnership is evidence of a domestic partnership of continuous duration;

(3) They affirm that neither of the partners has filed a Statement of Termination of Domestic Partnership Registration within the last six months;

§ 27.353 PROCEDURES; FEES.

(A) The department director is authorized to adopt administrative rules or procedures and prescribe all forms required to implement the provisions of this subchapter.

(B) Fees for filing registrations and terminations and for providing other documents are imposed under this subchapter in amounts set by Board resolution.

§ 27.354 TERMINATION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS.

A domestic partnership registration terminates when:

(A) One of the partner dies;

(B) One or both partners files a Statement of Termination of Domestic Partnership Registration with the county. If only one partner files a Statement of Termination of Domestic Partnership Registration, that partner must certify that the filing partner attempted to notify the other partner of the filing of the Statement of Termination of Domestic Partnership Registration by mailing a notice of such intent certified mail return receipt requested to the last known address of the other partner.

§ 27.355 PUBLIC RECORDS.

The county will maintain records of domestic partnerships that include names, dates of registering, and certificate numbers. A record of the termination of partnerships will also be recorded.

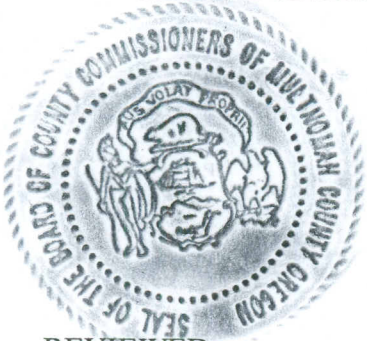
Section 3. This ordinance is effective September 1, 2000.

FIRST READING:

July 20, 2000

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:

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