

1 BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
2 FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
3 ORDINANCE NO. 716

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5 An ordinance establishing a process for designating interim
6 holders of certain elective offices when vacancies occur, as
7 required by the Home Rule Charter.

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9 Multnomah County ordains as follows:

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11 **Section I. Purpose**

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13 A. When a vacancy occurs in elective County offices, the
14 Home Rule Charter provides for filling the vacancy by election or
15 appointment, depending on the time remaining before expiration of
16 the affected term of office (Charter Section 4.50(1)).

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18 B. The Charter recognizes that the Chair, Auditor, and
19 Sheriff perform ongoing, day-to-day administrative responsibilities
20 that should not be interrupted. Accordingly, section 4.50(3)
21 provides that vacancies in these offices should be filled by
22 interim designees, who serve until the vacancy is filled by
23 election or appointment. This ordinance carries out the charter
24 requirement that the Board of County Commissioners prescribe
25 procedures to designate interim occupants of the offices of the
26 Chair, Auditor, and Sheriff. The ordinance parallels a state law

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1 (ORS 236.220) by designating the Chief Deputies of the Chair,
2 Auditor, and Sheriff as their interim successors.

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4 **Section II. Process For Designating Interim Chair, Auditor, or**
5 **Sheriff**

6 A. The County Chair, Auditor, and Sheriff shall each
7 designate a Chief Deputy for performance of their administrative
8 responsibilities. The designation shall be in writing and filed
9 with the Clerk of the Board.

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11 B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of County Chair,
12 Auditor, or Sheriff, the designated Chief Deputy shall serve as
13 acting Chair, Auditor, or Sheriff, as the case may be, until the
14 vacancy is filled by election or appointment, as appropriate under
15 the Home Rule Charter.

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17 C. In the event a Chief Deputy for the office of Chair,
18 Auditor, or Sheriff has not been designated, or if the designated
19 Chief Deputy is unable to immediately serve due to absence or
20 illness, the Board of County Commissioners shall promptly convene
21 and appoint a person to fill the vacancy on an interim basis. The
22 appointment shall be in writing and filed with the Clerk of the
23 Board.

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Section III. Codification

Sections I and II of this Ordinance shall be codified as part of MCC chapter 4.30.

ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 1992, being the date of its second reading before the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County, Oregon.



Gladys McCoy

Gladys McCoy, Chair
Multnomah County, Oregon

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