

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

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

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

Section I. Purpose

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

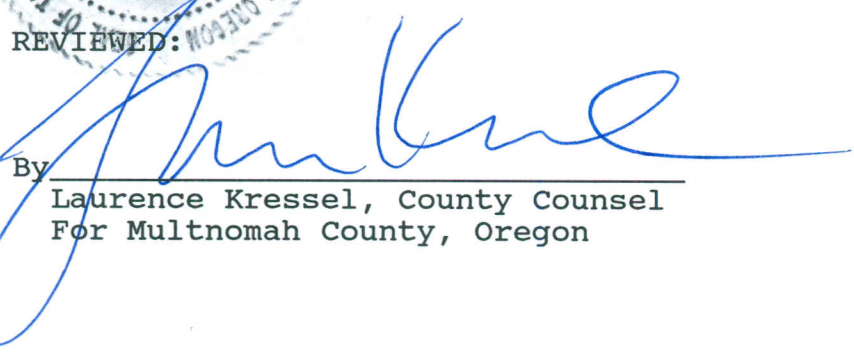
ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 1992, being the date of its second reading before the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County, Oregon.





Gladys McCoy, Chair
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REVIEWED:



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