

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 606

An ordinance establishing a recycling program within County facilities.

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

SECTION I. FINDINGS

- A. Recycling benefits the local environment by conserving natural resources and energy and by reducing pollution of air and water.
- B. Recycling benefits the local economy by creating jobs in collecting and processing recyclable materials and by enabling the use of recyclable materials in local manufacturing.
- C. Recycling saves space in landfills.
- D. The Oregon Legislature has declared that the opportunity to recycle should be provided to every person in Oregon.
- E. The Oregon Legislature has established priority in methods of managing solid waste as follows: 1) reduce the amount of solid waste generated; 2) reuse material for the purpose it was originally intended; 3) recycle material that cannot be reused; 4) recover energy; and 5) landfill.
- F. Recycling in County facilities can recover recyclable materials and reduce the amount of County government's solid waste which is disposed of by incineration and by landfill.
- G. Sale of recycled materials may generate revenue toward offsetting costs associated with recycling.
- H. A Multnomah County recycling program will benefit local citizens and taxpayers by serving as a model to increase recycling by local citizens, institutions and businesses, and by strengthening markets for recycled materials.
- I. The City of Portland is contemporaneously establishing a recycling program within City facilities. The County and City jointly occupy facilities. A joint approach to recycling within local government facilities is now feasible and desirable.

SECTION II. RECYCLING PROGRAM

A. Each Department shall establish management practices which minimize the volume of solid waste it generates.

B. Multnomah County hereby establishes a recycling program within its facilities. The goal of this program is recovery of all recyclable materials used in County operations.

C. The Department of Environmental Services shall be responsible: 1) for planning, implementation and inter-departmental co-ordination of the recycling program; 2) to provide containers which conserve space and are not unsightly; 3) to arrange regular and timely central collection of recycled materials from each facility; 4) to arrange for periodic training in recycling; and 5) to seek to recycle jointly with the City of Portland, and with other jurisdictions.

D. Each Department shall be responsible for its employees' participation in the recycling program, and for the routine operation of the program within areas assigned to its employees.

E. The Department of Environmental Services shall give the Board an annual recycling report, including an overall description of the recycling program, quantities recovered and recoverable at each facility, revenue and costs, and recommendations for improvements to the program.

SECTION III. AMENDMENT

Multnomah County Code 2.30.200 is amended to add:

(J) Plan, implement and coordinate the County's recycling program.

ADOPTED this 19 day of January, 1989, being the date of its second reading before the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

(SEAL)

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