

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 650

An ordinance amending Multnomah County Code Chapter 2.20 replacing the Department of Justice Services with the Department of Community Corrections and repealing Ordinance No. 621 (Office of Justice Planning).

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

Section I. Purpose

A. Multnomah County endorses a justice system which provides a continuum of sanctions and treatments tailored to the needs and risk presented by the offender.

B. Maximum effectiveness of non-custodian programs will be enhanced by maintaining the organizational independence of those activities.

C. Integration of probation and parole supervision, alternative sanctions, and treatment services under the department director who may serve as the community corrections manager best serves the goals of community corrections and the administration of non-custodial programs.

D. Citizen oversight of non-custodial justice programs is provided by the Community Corrections Advisory Committee which reports to the Chair and the Board of County Commissioners.

1 E. The necessary organizational structure will be in place
2 to implement assumption by the county of state responsibilities
3 in probation and parole supervision should that decision be
4 made.

5 F. Effective justice planning will be aided by timely
6 collection, analysis, and presentation of data from the law
7 enforcement and corrections community.

8 G. The department director will be an active participant
9 with other law enforcement officials in the development of
10 criminal justice policy.

11 H. Effective justice budgeting will be aided by analysis
12 of justice system budgets for impact on and compatibility with
13 county criminal justice policy.

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15 Section II. Findings

16 A. Over the last three to four years, the Board of County
17 Commissioners has considered numerous proposals to reorganize
18 the Department of Justice Services.

19 B. Options presented by these plans included relocation of
20 the department into the Department of Human Services or the
21 sheriff's office and the creation of a new Office of Justice
22 Planning.

23 C. None of the proposals to date has been adopted and none
24 considered internal reorganization of the department.

25 D. The department has had three directors in four years.

26 E. The Community Corrections Division has experienced

1 continued growth with a resulting expansion of authority in the
2 Community Corrections Division manager.

3 F. Discussions continue with the State Corrections
4 Division on an Option 1 plan for probation and parole which
5 could result in the influx of 130 new employees.

6 G. An Office of Women's Transition Services has been
7 established.

8 H. The Board of Commissioners has expressed a need for a
9 coordinated flow of justice information as envisioned in the
10 Office of Justice Planning which was created but never
11 implemented.

12 I. The staff proposal dated March 20, 1990 best reflects
13 the intentions of the majority of the Board of Commissioners to
14 create a Department of Community Corrections, including:

15 Current Community Corrections Division programs;
16 County Probation Services;
17 Office of Women's Transition Services;
18 Medical Examiner;
19 Family Services Division;
20 Integrated Justice Information System (ICJIS);
21 Justice Program Evaluation.

22 Section III. Amendment

23 MCC 2.30.300 is amended to read:

24 2.30.00 Department of [Justice
25 Services] Community Corrections. The
26 Department of Community Corrections [Justice
Services] is established. It shall:

(A) Develop, administer and evaluate
adult non-custodial corrections programs and
community supervision and sanction
strategies which stress community
protection, treatment and rehabilitation;

1 (B) Develop, administer and evaluate
2 adult surveillance and supervision services
in Multnomah County;

3 (C) Administer the Family Services
4 Program;

5 (D) Administer the Medical Examiner's
6 Office.

7 (E) Coordinate the various components
8 of the Multnomah County criminal justice
9 system, consistent with the legal
10 responsibilities of elected officials and
11 the separation of the branches of government;

12 (F) Monitor and coordinate the
13 implementation of a uniform, integrated
14 criminal justice information and data
15 analysis system;

16 (G) Develop and provide accurate and
17 uniform criminal justice information and
18 data analysis to the County Chair, the Board
19 of Commissioners and the Justice
20 Coordinating Council;

21 (H) In cooperation with the district
22 attorney and sheriff, assist the Board of
23 Commissioners in developing and implementing
24 county-wide criminal justice policies. The
25 district attorney and the sheriff retain
26 operational policy authority for their
offices;

(I) Advise the Chair and the Board of
Commissioners concerning impacts of justice
system component budgets for furtherance of
the Board's criminal justice policies. The
sheriff and the district attorney retain
their independence to develop and present
their respective budgets to the Chair and
the Board of County Commissioners.

(J) Review, and advise the Chair and
the Board of Commissioners regarding grants
proposals and requests for outside funding
by the department, the sheriff's office and
the district attorney's office to ensure
that the funding obtained by one agency does
not impact negatively on others. The
sheriff and the district attorney retain

1 their independence to seek grants and
2 outside funding, subject to the Chair's and
3 Board of Commissioners' contract approval
4 authority.

5 (K) Coordinate and staff the
6 activities of the Justice Coordinating
7 Council.

8 (L) [(E)] Justice Coordinating
9 Council. The Justice Services Coordinating
10 Council is established to provide assistance
11 to the Office of Administration and Planning
12 of the Department of [Justice Services]
13 Community Corrections.

14 (1) Policy and purpose. The Board of
15 County Commissioners finds that the local
16 Justice Services system would be more
17 effectively coordinated by the addition of a
18 council of elected and appointed officials
19 and citizens.

20 (2) Membership and staff. The Council
21 shall consist of 18 members appointed by the
22 County [Executive] Chair and approved by the
23 Board of County Commissioners. Members
24 appointed under subsection (a) and (c) of
25 this section shall serve two year terms and
26 be eligible for reappointment. Members
serving in the designated positions of (b)
and (d) shall be permanent appointments. If
the designated position becomes vacant, the
person assuming the position shall
automatically be a member.

(a) Five members, to be selected from
areas such as mental health, social
services, the health professions, labor,
business, minorities, and the religious
communities.

(b) Eleven members of the criminal
justice system;

(i) The Corrections Chief of the
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office;

(ii) The Multnomah County
District Attorney;

(iii) The Multnomah County Sheriff;

(iv) The Chief of the Portland Police Bureau;

(v) The Metropolitan Public Defender;

(vi) The Presiding Judge of the Multnomah County Circuit Court;

(vii) The Presiding Judge of the Multnomah County District Court;

(viii) Director of the Juvenile Court;

(ix) The Regional Chief of State Probation and Parole in Multnomah County;

(x) The Director of the Multnomah County Probation Services Division;

(xi) Chairperson of the Multnomah County Community Corrections Advisory Committee;

(c) One member of the private bar;

(d) The Director of the Social Services Division of the Multnomah County Department of Human Services;

(e) The chairperson and vice chairperson of the Council shall be elected by members of the Council for a term of one year. The vice chairperson will preside in the absence of the chairperson. Members representing the criminal justice system shall not be eligible to serve as chairperson. Members may send a designee to all Justice Coordinating Council meetings in case of member's unavoidable absence. The designee shall be eligible to vote.

(3) Meetings. The Council will be convened monthly on a regular schedule as established by the chairperson.

(4) Staffing and budget.

1 (a) The Council shall be supported by
2 staff of the Multnomah County Department of
3 [Justice Services] Community Corrections.

4 (5) Duties and responsibilities.

5 (a) The Council will provide the
6 opportunity for advance notification to
7 justice system decision makers of proposed
8 policy or procedure changes by other system
9 participants.

10 (b) The Council will provide a
11 mechanism for undertaking and coordinating
12 policy research and demonstration activities
13 and will enhance the return on research and
14 demonstration project investments by
15 allowing system decision makers greater
16 opportunity for information exchange.

17 (c) The Council shall examine and
18 advise the executive and legislative
19 branches about custodial supervision ranging
20 from low to high in both institutional and
21 non-institutional settings and will assist
22 in the development of a system for placement
23 of justice system clients.

24 (d) The Council shall make
25 recommendations to the Department of
26 [Justice Services] Community Corrections and
regular reports to the Board of County
Commissioners and County [Executive] Chair
on all matters affecting Multnomah County
Criminal Justice Programs; including:

(i) System coordination;

(ii) Policy planning and
research, and experimentation in all areas
of justice system operations;

(iii) Jail space;

(iv) Alternative correctional
space;

(v) Criminal justice legislative
packages;

(vi) Criminal justice
administrative policy;

(vii) Law enforcement,
prosecution, public defender, courts; and

(viii) Coordination, preparation,
and submission of budget recommendations.

(6) Coordination. The Council shall
have an advisory role to the Department of
[Justice Services] Community Corrections,
Board of County Commissioners and the County
Chair.

Section II. Substitution of "Community Corrections for
"Justice Services".

On and after the effective date of this ordinance, all
references to the Department of Justice Services in the laws of
Multnomah County shall mean the Department of Community
Corrections.

Section III. Repeal.

Ordinance No. 621 (Office of Justice Planning) is repealed.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of May,

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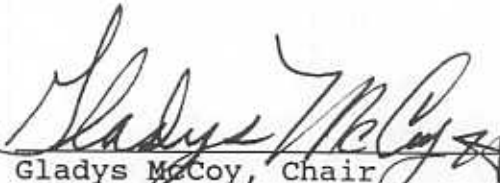
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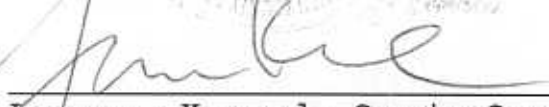
1 1990, being the date of its second reading before the Board
2 of County Commissioners of Multnomah County.



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