

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Directing Commissioner Jeff Cogen to Forward Recommendations Regarding Urban and Rural Reserves in Multnomah County to Core 4 and the Reserves Steering Committee.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

a. The County has agreed to work together with Clackamas and Washington Counties and Metro in a process for designating Urban and Rural Reserves (Reserves). This represents a new approach to growth management in the Portland Metro region by identifying urban reserves where urban growth will be directed over the next 40 to 50 years, as well as rural reserves that will be off limits to growth in the same period. This long-term approach requires coordination among Metro and the counties, and coordinated public involvement to reach the consensus provided for in ORS 195.137 through 195.145 and in Oregon Administrative Rule OAR 660-027-0005 through -0080.

b. Planning for urban and rural land uses over the long-term is in the interest of Multnomah County (the County) because this work has the potential to provide a balance that best provides for livable communities, viability and vitality of the farm and forest industries, and protection of landscape features that define the region for its residents.

c. The Multnomah County Citizens Advisory Committee for Urban and Rural Reserves (CAC) has studied lands within the County and assessed their suitability for urban or rural reserve. The CAC has produced a thoughtful, well informed assessment which will provide invaluable guidance to the County in arriving at conclusions about what lands should be designated as urban or rural reserve.

d. The Multnomah County Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on August 10, 2009, to hear public testimony and provide their advice to the Board regarding CAC and staff recommendations. The Commissioners offered support for the CAC recommendations, with one Commissioner not in agreement with the rural reserve recommendation for areas adjacent to the City of Troutdale.

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e. Information used in the evaluation of land within the County and the region has been developed during the process; additional information important to fully understanding the scope of urban and rural reserve on a regional scale is forthcoming.

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f. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners (the Board) recognizes the importance of protecting rural farm and forest land for the many benefits those areas provide, including economic benefits, locally grown food, and wildlife habitat. Areas of

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the county that help define our sense of place are also important to protect for the benefit of current and future residents.

| **g.** The Board endorses the goals/principles/outcomes embodied in the Region 2040 Plan, including the goal of achieving a compact urban form, highly livable walkable communities, and reduction in use of fossil fuel.

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| **h.** Coordination with potentially affected cities, special districts, and school districts that might be expected to provide urban services, and with state agencies in the evaluation and designation of urban or rural reserves will continue as needed.

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The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The suitability assessment for urban and rural areas best reflects the current view of the Board and acknowledges that additional information that helps understand the scope of reserves is forthcoming.

2. Multnomah County Commissioner Jeff Cogen should advance the suitability assessment in Exhibit A into the regional process as the County's position to date.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Ted Wheeler, Chair

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SUBMITTED BY:

Jeff Cogen, Multnomah County Commissioner

