

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Amending MCC Chapter 3 – Board of Commissioners to Establish the Multnomah County Commission for Economic Dignity (“MCCED”) and repealing Ordinance No. 921.**

(Language stricken is deleted; double underlined language is new.)

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

A. Ordinance No. 921 established a Commission on Children, Families and Community (“CCFC”) to promote wellness for children and families in the County, and to serve as the County community action agency for federal antipoverty programs. Ordinance No. 921 was codified as Multnomah County Code 3.400 through 3.430.

B. Through a strategic planning process, CCFC has re-named itself the Multnomah County Commission on Economic Dignity (“MCCED”) to more accurately reflect its mission as the community action agency for federal antiproverty programs.

C. Federal and state requirements relating to the composition of and role of the MCCED as the County’s community action board for federal antipoverty programs have been modified since the adoption of Ordinance No. 921 and it is necessary to amend the County Code to reflect the current requirements.

**Multnomah County Ordains as Follows:**

**Section 1.** MCC § 3.400 is deleted as follows:

**~~§ 3.400— COMMISSION ESTABLISHED.~~**

~~—There is established a Commission on Children, Families and Community (CCFC). The CCFC shall promote wellness for children and families in the County and serve as the County community action agency for federal antipoverty programs.~~

**Section 2.** MCC § 3.410 is deleted as follows:

**~~§ 3.410— DUTIES.~~**

~~(A) The CCFC shall develop and prepare in accordance with state law a comprehensive plan for the delivery of services to be provided for children and families in the County.~~

~~(B) The CCFC shall oversee the implementation of the plan and monitor the outcomes, including state and County benchmarks.~~

~~(C) The CCFC shall receive and distribute federal and state community services funds for the County in accordance with federal and state law.~~

~~(D) The CCFC shall ensure the effectiveness of community involvement in the poverty program planning process, review and approve local poverty program policy, and monitor and evaluate poverty program effectiveness.~~

~~(E) The CCFC shall adopt bylaws for its efficient and effective operation. The bylaws shall be consistent with this code and all state and federal law.~~

**Section 3.** MCC § 3.420 is deleted as follows:

**~~§ 3.420 CCFC BOARD.~~**

~~(A) The CCFC shall have a board of at least nine but no more than 33 members. The County Chair will select CCFC board members that reflect the diverse county population with the approval of the County Board. One third of the CCFC board members will be elected public officials or their designees. At least one third of the CCFC board members will be chosen through a democratic process that assures that they represent the poor in the County. The remainder of the CCFC board members will have child development expertise, including persons with knowledge of issues relating to children and families, education and the court system.~~

~~(B) The CCFC board chair and vice chair will be selected by the County Chair with the approval of the County Board. The CCFC board may elect other board officers. CCFC board members will be appointed for four-year terms. Members may be reappointed but may serve no more than two consecutive terms.~~

**Section 4.** MCC § 3.430 is deleted as follows:

**~~§ 3.430 CCFC STAFF.~~**

~~(A) The County Chair shall appoint a staff director for the CCFC. The CCFC board will be consulted on the hiring and firing of the staff director. The staff director is responsible for the management functions of the CCFC.~~

~~(B) The staff director will hire and supervise other staff necessary for the operation of the CCFC. All CCFC staff is subject to county personnel policies and rules, and other administrative policies and rules.~~

**Section 5.** MCC § 3.700 is added as follows:

**§ 3.700 COMMISSION ESTABLISHED.**

There is established a Multnomah County Commission for Economic Dignity ("MCCED") to serve as the community action board for federal anti-poverty programs. The MCCED shall be directly responsible to the County Board of Commissioners.

**Section 6.** MCC § 3.710 is added as follows:

**§ 3.710 COMPOSITION OF THE MCCED.**

(A) The MCCED shall consist of a minimum of nine members and a maximum of 33 members. Members shall serve without compensation, except that members may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Representation shall be as follows:

- (1) One-third of the members shall be elected public officials currently serving or their designees;
- (2) At least one-third of the membership shall be low-income residents of Multnomah County, chosen through democratic selection procedures; and
- (3) The balance of members shall be officials or members of business, industry, labor, religious groups, education, neighborhood associations or other major stakeholders in the community.

(B) The composition of the MCCED should reflect community diversity in so much as is possible, including age, disability, economic status, ethnic backgrounds, geographic distribution, racial minorities, gender, etc.

(C) Elected officials and private sector members described in (A)(1) & (3) above shall be appointed in accordance with Section 3.70 of the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter.

(D) Low-income members described in (A)(2) above shall be selected by the sitting members of the commission through democratic selection procedures adequate to ensure that they are representative of the low-income community of Multnomah County.

**Section 7.** MCC § 3.720 is added as follows:

**§ 3.720 ORGANIZATION.**

The MCCED shall adopt bylaws to address terms of appointment, vacancies, officers, conduct of business, committees, responsibilities of membership, and other organizational issues as the commission may deem appropriate.

**Section 8.** MCC § 3.730 is added as follows:

**§ 3.730 PURPOSE.**

(A) The MCCED shall serve as the federally mandated community action board for Multnomah County, and administer and provide for the operation of the agency as required by federal statutes and ORS 458.505. The MCCED :

- (1) Is directly responsible to the Board of County Commissioners for the operation of the community action program;

- (2) Shall provide advise on the hiring, evaluation, and dismissal of the agency director;
- (3) Provide input on program reports to assess effectiveness;
- (4) Ensuring the effectiveness of community involvement in the planning process; and
- (5) Assuming all duties delegated to it by the Board of County Commissioners.

(B) The MCCED shall work to counteract the causes and consequences of poverty in Multnomah County, including actions to:

- (1) Promote a more equitable distribution of resources and access to opportunities withing the community; and
- (2) Coordinate efforts to eradicate poverty, hunger, and homelessness.

(C) The MCCED shall serve as the focal point for community involvement working to counteract the causes and consequences of poverty in Multnomah County, and shall advocate for the needs of people experiencing poverty in Multnomah County through:

- (1) Providing community leadership for furthering policies, planning, and programs which empower low-income individuals and families and improve their quality of life.
- (2) Representing the views and voicing the needs of low-income individuals and families to policy makers, funders, program staff, providers, and the general community, and providing review and comment regarding public issues and proposals which impact low-income community members.
- (3) Educating the general community regarding the extent and impact of poverty, hunger, homelessness and other issues affecting low-income residents, and the quality of life in our community.
- (4) Collecting, maintaining, and providing information on low-income issues, or dissemination through public forums, conferences, and social media.
- (5) Mobilizing public support for the MCCED's advocacy efforts, and coordinating its advocacy activities with other community groups in alignment with the governing board.
- (6) Conducting studies and hearings to identify, assess, and prioritize the needs of low-income residents of Multnomah County; evaluate the service system's capacity to meet those needs; and disseminate the

Commission's findings to policy makers, funders, providers, and other interested persons and entities in the community.

- (7) Participating in the formulation of existing policies for meeting the basic needs of low-income residents and promoting self-sufficiency and service delivery to low-income populations.
- (8) Reviewing, monitoring, and evaluating systems and program effectiveness in accomplishing goals, objectives, and priorities for service delivery to low-income residents.
- (9) Providing ongoing advice, guidance, and recommendations to the BCC on policy decisions.

(D) The MCCED shall serve as the advisory board to the network of social service agencies in Multnomah County that deliver contracted services funded through the Community Action Program, including but not limited to energy assistance programs and antipoverty services.

**Section 9.** MCC § 3.740 is added as follows:

**§ 3.740 STAFFING.**

The MCCED shall be provided an appropriate level of support, communication, and technical assistance by the Department of Human Services to carry out its designated functions.

**Section 10.** Ordinance No. 921 is repealed.

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