



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(revised 12/31/09)

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Meeting Date: 9/23/2010
Agenda Item #: R-5
Est. Start Time: 10:20 am

Agenda Title: **Jail System Population Limit and Capacity Management Plan**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date:	<u>September 23, 2010</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>15 minutes</u>
Department:	<u>Sheriff's Office</u>	Division:	<u>Corrections</u>
Contact(s):	<u>Drew Brosh</u>		
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Presenter(s):	<u>Drew Brosh</u>		

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approve revision to Resolution 2010-097 and current Capacity Management Plan to lower the jail system capacity necessary to declare a population emergency from 97% to 95%.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The Sheriff may access forced release of inmates or the temporary opening of a housing area in the jail only when an emergency exists as defined by the capacity management plan. Currently, the jail system population must reach 97% of capacity. The jail population fluctuates considerably in a 24 hour period, with perhaps the greatest fluctuation (and most unpredictability) coming in the late hours of the day between the increase in bookings and the processing of court releases (or expectation of releases). All this must be factored in a relatively short amount of time when determining if normal mitigation strategies will suffice to manage the jail population on a given day. With new steps now present in the processing of an emergency population release eligibility list, and the new option of opening a single housing unit, there is more for jail staff to consider in managing population emergencies, and the time to react to population emergencies has been reduced by reductions in our population making the space between 97% and capacity smaller with each capacity reduction. Simply stated, the population number required to process forced releases is

getting closer to our maximum capacity with each reduction in jail capacity, while over the course of the last 10 years, booking numbers (which typically drive weekend population emergencies) have remained fairly consistent. If booking is an airplane and our Capacity Management Plan is the runway, our runway is getting shorter but the plane's not slowing down. Lowering the percentage required to declare an emergency and access emergency population management strategies to 97% will give jail staff sufficient time to implement the management tools available.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

This revision changes the system number by which a jail population emergency can be declared. Fiscal impact of temporarily opening a dorm already exists, and will be done within current funding levels.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

The change will allow for earlier notification to system stakeholders when a jail population emergency exists so that local agency mitigation activities (issuance of citations rather than arrest and booking of individuals) may be initiated.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

The Office of County Attorney and District Attorney's Office participate with the Sheriff in the Capacity Management Plan discussions and revisions. The Capacity Management Plan was extensively reviewed and revised in January of this year with a larger group of officials from the above mentioned Offices and to include the Judiciary, Department of Community Justice, LPSCC, Public Defenders and Sheriff's Office.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**

Daniel Staton, Sheriff



Date: