

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 163

An Ordinance establishing policies concerning review of proposals to annex County land.

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

Section 1. Findings.

A major element of the Growth Management strategy requirement established by the CRAG Board is the provision of public services within the County. Many of these service delivery questions will be resolved by the eventual annexation of unincorporated lands into the established cities in Multnomah County.

In order to insure the implementability of the County's Comprehensive Framework Plan and those adopted by each of the cities, as well as CRAG's Regional Plan, it is necessary that Multnomah County establish the following set of policies for the purpose of analyzing annexation proposals and development of a formal position for submission to the Portland area local government Boundary Commission.

Section 2. Policy

A. LANDS OUTSIDE THE ADOPTED CRAG AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY
GROWTH BOUNDARY

No annexations of lands outside the adopted CRAG and Multnomah County Urban Growth Boundary will be considered without prior adjustment of the boundary by CRAG and Multnomah County in accordance with State law.

B. ANNEXATIONS FOR LAND USE PURPOSES

Land use conflicts between the adopted Multnomah County Comprehensive Plan and its implementing Ordinances and any proposed new land uses should be resolved before annexation is considered.

C. ANNEXATIONS INTO MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA PRIOR TO COMPLETION AND ADOPTION OF THE COMMUNITY PLANS.

Annexation of unincorporated lands that lie within an organized community planning area should be based on findings that the size, scope and configuration will be consistent with the orderly development of the community plan for that area. Cities should be encouraged to delay annexation programs in these areas until the community plans are completed.

D. ANNEXATIONS OF INCOMPLETE DEVELOPMENTS AND SUBDIVISION PLATS

Annexations of incomplete developments and subdivision plats should be preceded by a reconciliation of construction and improvement standards between the County and the subject city, to insure continuity of construction design and minimization of development costs.

E. ANNEXATION OF LANDS WHERE ONE OR MORE MUNICIPAL SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY A COUNTY OR SPECIAL PURPOSE SERVICE DISTRICT

Annexation of lands within a County or special purpose service district should be preceded by an evaluation of existing service capacities, delivery systems and financing methods in order to insure continuity of services to the area proposed for annexation, as well as other contiguous unincorporated lands.

F. PREPARATION OF ANNEXATION PROPOSAL EVALUATION INFORMATION

Annexation proposals should be accompanied by adequate information for the purposes of evaluating the potential land use, fiscal and social impacts on the area, as well as general and special purpose government agencies currently maintaining jurisdictional responsibilities.

G. LANDS INCLUDED IN ANNEXATION PROPOSAL EVALUATION

All annexation proposals for small lots or fractionalized unincorporated areas should include evaluations of the impacts of the action on contiguous land areas that form logical, systematic extensions of city boundaries.

H. ANNEXATIONS OR URBAN LANDS CONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK PLAN

Multnomah County will support proposals for the annexations of lands within the Urban Growth Boundary of the Comprehensive Framework Plan that are not otherwise in conflict with an adopted community plan or one in the process of being completed.

I. MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S POSITIONS ON BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS


The Planning Director of Multnomah County shall submit an evaluation of annexation proposals to the Portland Metropolitan Area Local Government Boundary Commission, based on the above policies, the County's Comprehensive Framework Plan and its implementing ordinances.

ADOPTION

This Ordinance being necessary for the health, safety and general welfare of the people of Multnomah County, shall take effect on the thirtieth (30th) day after its adoption pursuant to Section 5.50 of the Charter of Multnomah County.

Adopted this 11th day of May, 1978, being the date of its second reading before the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County.

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