

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH
ORDINANCE NO. 738

An ordinance establishing an Advisory Committee on Animal Control Policies and Procedures.

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

Section I. Findings and Purpose

(A) The passage of Measure 5 has forced state and local governments to reexamine what services they can continue to provide and at what level. It has also forced governments to ask what is the fairest method to pay for desired services.

(B) The state is considering budget actions that will reduce resources for state funded programs by 20 to 30%. The Board will face very difficult decisions in determining how to respond to those reductions.

(C) The County currently operates a full service animal control operation offering the following services: animal shelter, nuisance and dangerous dog enforcement, spay/neuter education program, adoption services, pet licensing, animal cruelty investigations, and dead animal pick up.

(D) Animal control problems are most severe in highly populated urban areas and most Animal Control services are provided within cities. However, currently city governments have no representation in shaping animal control policies and procedures.

1 (E) Over the past few years, the County has adopted several
2 cost effective measures designed to increase the portion of animal
3 control services paid for by users: greater licensing compliance
4 efforts, administrative hearings procedures for violators of the
5 ordinance, the dangerous dog ordinance, license and kennel fees.

6 (F) The County Board has expressed strong interest in having
7 animal control be supported by user fees and/or dedicated taxes,
8 thereby reducing the General Fund support. The Board asked the
9 Budget Office to study different proposals.

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11 Section II. Establishment of an Advisory Committee for Animal
12 Control

13 (A) Membership. In accordance with the County Charter, the
14 Board of County Commissioners establishes an Advisory Committee for
15 Animal Control (ACAC). The County Chair shall appoint all
16 members, subject to approval of The Board. All members shall be
17 citizens of Multnomah County during their terms of appointment.

18 (1) The Advisory Committee shall consist of 11
19 representatives from the following areas:

20 Positions 1, 2, and 3. Three members from city governments in
21 the County. One from Portland, one from Gresham, and one
22 representing the remaining small cities.

23 Position 4. One member from the Oregon Humane Society.

24 Position 5. One member from a non-profit organization
25 interested in animal welfare.

26 Position 6 and 7. Two members who are interested citizens -

1 representatives from neighborhood and/or citizen involvement
2 organizations. At least one citizen member must be a member of the
3 Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee.

4 Position 8. One member from Veterinarian community.

5 Position 9. One member from the pet industry in the County.

6 Position 10. One member who is a volunteer Hearings Officer
7 involved in Animal Control activities.

8 Position 11. One member who is from the Board staff (liaison
9 to Board).

10 (B) Compensation. Members of the Advisory Committee shall
11 not receive compensation. The Committee shall be staffed by Animal
12 Control or the Department of Environmental Services.

13 (C) Operations and Procedures.

14 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) below, each
15 member shall be appointed by position for a term of three (3)
16 years. No person may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on
17 the Advisory Committee.

18 (2) To ensure rotating terms, the following terms shall
19 apply to all initial appointments to the Advisory Committee:

20 Positions 1, 4, 7, and 9 shall serve three year terms.

21 Positions 3, 6, and 10 shall serve two year terms.

22 Positions 2, 5, 8, and 11 shall serve one year terms.

23 (3) Vacancies. Vacancies on the Advisory Committee can
24 be declared upon the written recommendation of the Advisory
25 Committee, if a member has missed two consecutive meetings or a
26 majority of meetings held within one year. A vacancy on the

1 Advisory Committee shall be filled in accordance with the
2 provisions of this section.

3 If a vacancy is not filled within 30 days the
4 advisory Committee may nominate a citizen for appointment to that
5 vacancy.

6 (4) Conflict of Interest. Any member of the Advisory
7 Committee who has monetary or investment interest in any matter
8 before the Advisory Committee shall so inform the membership of the
9 Advisory Committee.

10 (5) The Advisory Committee shall elect its own Chair by
11 the second meeting in each fiscal year.

12 (D) Compliance with State Laws

13 (1) All meetings shall be held in accordance with ORS
14 192, the Oregon Open Meetings Law.

15 (2) The Advisory Committee shall take minutes of its
16 meetings and provide copies of these minutes to each of its
17 members, the Elected Official/Department Head, and to the Office of
18 Citizen Involvement. The Advisory Committee shall meet the
19 requirements of ORS 192, the Oregon Public Records Law.

20 Section III. Functions of the Advisory Committee

21 (A) The Advisory Committee shall advise the Department of
22 Environmental Services and affected jurisdictions on the following:

23 (1) The first function of the advisory committee will be
24 to advise the Department and participating jurisdictions on
25 appropriate animal control service levels and funding mechanisms.

26 (2) Cost effective service improvements.

(3) Current regulatory issues involving the welfare of animals and the community.

(4) Consistency of regulation across jurisdictions of current animal control codes.

(5) Potential for making the current program more user fee supported, through fees and/or taxes.

(6) State wide issues.

(7) Potential for cooperation and coordination with private animal assistance agencies.

(8) Budget priorities.

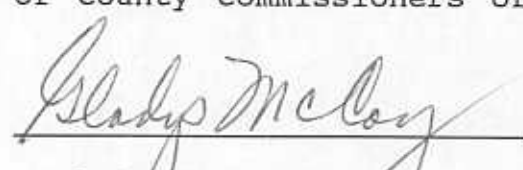
(9) Public information.

Section IV. Adoption


(A) 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 24th day of November 1992, being the date of its second reading before the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County.

By


Gladys McCoy, Chair
Multnomah County, Oregon


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