

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. PC-06-004

Recommend to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of an ordinance amending Parts 4, 5, and 7 of Chapter 38 of the Multnomah County Code to implement changes in the National Scenic Area resulting from the Historic Properties Plan Amendment.

The Planning Commission Finds:

- a. The Planning Commission is authorized by Multnomah County Code Chapter subsection 38.0710 and by ORS 215.110 to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the adoption of Ordinances to implement the Multnomah County Comprehensive Plan Policy 41 and the Management Plan for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.
- b. Multnomah County is committed to implementing the Historic Properties Plan Amendment, as outlined in a letter to the Gorge Commission from the Chair of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, dated February 1, 2006. This Plan Amendment amended the Management Plan for the National Scenic Area.
- c. Section 7, of the Scenic Area Act requires counties that choose to implement the Act, adopt ordinances that are consistent with the plan amendments within nine (9) months of date it was delivered. The Plan Amendment was delivered to the County on January 25, 2006, meaning that the County must adopt an implementing ordinance by September of 2006. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners has committed to adopting an implementing ordinance in a compressed time frame, with the final hearing by the Board projected to be no later than May 11, 2006.
- d. That in the interest of meeting this deadline and providing meaningful public involvement in crafting an implementing ordinance, Multnomah County has held two public workshops in Corbett, on March 2, 2006 and March 16, 2006.
- e. Proposed amendments to Parts 4, 5, and 7 of Chapter 38 of the Multnomah County Code, discussed in the April 17, 2006 staff report, are a product of the public input received at and after the two public workshops and effectively implement corresponding sections of the amended Management Plan. The County cannot adopt rules that are less stringent than the Management Plan, but can adopt rules that provide greater protection to scenic, natural, cultural and recreation resources of the gorge. The proposed amendments respect these constraints.
- f. Notice of this hearing to consider the proposed amendments was published in the Oregonian newspaper and the Gresham Outlook Newspaper and copies were mailed to the Gorge Commission, Forest Service, Indian tribal governments, the State Historic Preservation Office, Oregon Department of Transportation, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Notice was also mailed to persons owning property within the Multnomah County portion of the National Scenic Area as well as

persons who signed in at either of the public workshops held by the County or at the public workshops held by the Gorge Commission when originally considering the amendment to the Management Plan.

- g. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 17, 2006 where all interested persons were given an opportunity to appear and be heard.

The Planning Commission Resolves:

The proposed Ordinance amending Parts 4, 5, and 7 of Chapter 38 of the Multnomah County Code, as approved by the Planning Commission at the April 17, 2006 public hearing, is hereby recommended for adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this 17th day of April, 2006

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John Ingle, Chair