

MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

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# HOME RULE CHARTER

## multnomah county, oregon





TO THE CITIZENS OF  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In 1958 the people of Oregon passed a constitutional amendment allowing home rule for Oregon counties. In 1959 the legislative assembly passed the enabling legislation. In March of 1964 the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County filed its resolution establishing a Home Rule Charter Committee. The duty of this committee was to draft a charter of self government for Multnomah County to be referred to the people. The committee has completed its work.

We have attempted to draft a charter that will make available to the citizens of Multnomah County the privilege of self-determination in matters of county concern as authorized under the constitution and laws of the state. We have also attempted to develop a system of charter government which will improve efficiency and increase responsiveness to the voters.

The committee held public hearings in the courthouse after completing a preliminary draft and received comments and recommendations for change from the public. Following the hearings the committee adopted a final draft of a charter which has been referred to the people of the county to vote on May 24, 1966.

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## PREAMBLE

We, the people of Multnomah County, Oregon, in recognition of the dual role of the county as a unit of local government and as an agency of the state, and in order to avail ourselves of local determination in county affairs to the fullest extent possible under the constitution and laws of the state, by this charter confer upon the county the following powers, subject it to the following restrictions, and prescribe for it the following procedures and governmental structure.

### Chapter I

## PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1.10 NAME. The name of the county as it operates under this charter shall continue to be Multnomah County.

1.20 NATURE. Under the charter, the county shall continue to be a body politic and corporate and an agency of the state.

1.30 BOUNDARIES. The boundaries of the county as it operates under the charter shall be its boundaries prescribed by or pursuant to the laws of the state.

1.40 COUNTY SEAT. The seat of government of the county as it operates under the charter shall continue to be in the city of Portland.

## Chapter II

### POWERS

#### 2.10 GENERAL GRANT OF POWERS.

(1) Except as this charter provides to the contrary, the county shall have authority over matters of county concern to the fullest extent granted or allowed by the constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of Oregon, as fully as though each particular power comprised in that general authority were specifically listed in the charter.

(2) The charter shall be liberally construed, and each power of the county under the charter shall be construed as a continuing power unless the charter or the grant of the power indicates the contrary.

2.20 WHERE POWERS VESTED. Except as this charter or a state constitutional or statutory provision regarding the initiative and referendum provides to the contrary, the legislative power of the county shall be vested in and exercisable only by the board of county commissioners. Any other power



of the county not vested by the charter elsewhere shall be vested in the board but may be delegated by it.

### Chapter III GOVERNING BODY

#### 3.10 MEMBERSHIP.

- (1) The governing body of the county shall be a board of five full time county commissioners, including a chairman.
- (2) The position of the chairman shall be Position No. 1, and the positions of the other members shall be respectively No. 2 through No. 5.

3.20 ELECTION. Except as this charter provides to the contrary,

- (1) each member of the board shall be nominated and elected from the county at large, by position;
- (2) at the general November election in 1968 and every fourth year thereafter a commissioner shall be elected to each even-numbered position on the board;
- (3) at the general November election in 1970 and every fourth year thereafter a commissioner shall be elected to each odd-numbered position on the board; and
- (4) at each of the elections, of the candidates for a position on the board, the one who receives the highest number of votes cast for any candidate for that position shall be the one elected to it.

3.30 QUORUM. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of board business, but a lesser number may meet and, in a manner prescribed by the rules of the board, compel the attendance of absent members.

3.40 CONCURRENCE REQUIRED FOR ACTION. Except as this charter provides to the contrary, the board may act only with the affirmative concurrence of a majority of its members.

#### 3.50 MEETINGS.

- (1) The board shall adopt and publish rules for the conduct of its meetings and shall conduct the meetings

- in accordance with the rules.
- (2) The board shall schedule its regular meetings in accordance with the rules.
  - (3) The chairman or three other board members may call special meetings of the board, provided each board member not issuing the call is sent notice of the call in accordance with the board's rules. No board action at a special meeting, except adoption of an emergency ordinance, shall have effect after the next regular board meeting unless ratified at the meeting.
  - (4) Notice of the time and place of a board meeting, including an agenda of all action to be considered at the meeting, shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the county court house
    - (a) at least 72 hours immediately preceding the meeting, in case of a regular meeting, and
    - (b) at least 3 hours immediately preceding the meeting, in case of a special meeting.

Copies of the notice shall be available at the court house to interested persons throughout the time that the notice is required to be posted. The board may, however, take action on an item not on the agenda



if the board deems that an emergency requires the action and if all the members of the board who are present affirmatively concur in the action.

- (5) The board shall keep a journal of its proceedings.

The journal shall be accessible to the public during regular office hours.

3.60 VICE-CHAIRMAN. At its first meeting each calendar year the board shall choose a vice-chairman from its members. He shall preside at board meetings whenever the chairman is absent therefrom and shall serve as chairman pro tem of the board when the chairman is incapacitated from serving as such, but his administrative acts as chairman pro tem shall have effect only if ratified by the other board members exclusive of the chairman.

### 3.70 ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

- (1) The board may by ordinance create such advisory county boards and commissions as in its judgment the interests of the county require.

- (2) Members of the boards and commissions shall be appointed by the board chairman with the approval of the board.

### 3.80 BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL.

No board member except the chairman may give orders to an administrative officer or employee of the county.

Chapter IV  
COUNTY OFFICERS IN GENERAL

4.10 QUALIFICATIONS.

- (1) An elective officer of the county shall have been a qualified elector of the county for a year and a half immediately before becoming such an officer.
- (2) Before the electee or appointee to an elective office takes the office he shall furnish, for the faithful performance of his duties in the office, a corporate surety bond in the penal sum of \$25,000 or such greater sum as may be fixed by the board of county commissioners. The county shall pay the premium on the bond.

4.20 TERMS OF OFFICE. Except as this charter provides to the contrary, the term of office of a person elected to an elective county office

- (1) shall begin the first of the year immediately following his election to the office and
- (2) shall continue four years.

4.30 COMPENSATION. The compensation of all officers of the county shall be fixed by the board of county commissioners.

4.40 VACANCIES - CAUSES. An elective office of the county shall become vacant

- (1) upon the incumbent's

- (a) death,
- (b) adjudicated incompetence,
- (c) conviction of a felony, other offense pertinent to his office, or unlawful destruction of public records,
- (d) resignation from the office,
- (e) recall from the office, or
- (f) ceasing to possess the qualifications required for the office;

(2) upon the failure of the person elected or appointed to the office to qualify for it within ten days after the time for his term of office to commence; or

(3) in the case of a member of the board of county commissioners, upon his absence

(a) from the county for 30 consecutive days without the consent of the board or

(b) from board meetings for 60 consecutive days without like consent.

#### 4.50 VACANCIES - FILLING.

(1) The board of county commissioners shall promptly fill any vacancy in an elective office of the county.

(2) If the office becomes vacant less than 21 months after the beginning of the term of office of the last person elected to the office.



(a) the term of office of the appointee shall run until the beginning of the first odd-numbered year after the vacancy occurs and

(b) at the first general November election after the vacancy occurs a person shall be elected to fill the vacancy for two years.

The board of county commissioners shall by ordinance prescribe one or more procedures by which candidates to fill such a vacancy may be nominated and elected for the two-year term.

(3) If the office becomes vacant 21 months or more after the beginning of the term of office of the person last elected to the office, the term of office of the appointee shall be the remainder of the term of office of the electee.

## Chapter V ORDINANCES

5.10 LEGISLATIVE ACTION. All legislative action by the county shall be by ordinance.

5.20 ORDAINING CLAUSE. The ordaining clause for an ordinance of the county shall be, "Multnomah County ordains as follows."

### 5.30 ADOPTION.

- (1) Except as this charter provides to the contrary with reference to emergency ordinances, before an ordinance is adopted it shall be read during regular meetings of the board on two different days at least six days apart.
- (2) The reading of an ordinance shall be full and distinct unless
  - (a) a copy of it is available for each person at the meeting who desires a copy and
  - (b) the board directs that the reading be by title only
- (3) An ordinance to meet an emergency may be introduced, read once, and put on its final passage at a single board meeting by unanimous consent of all the board members present.

5.40 AUTHENTICATION. An ordinance adopted by the board shall, within three days of its adoption, be signed by the presiding officer of the board.

### 5.50 TIME OF EFFECT.

- (1) A nonemergency ordinance shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it is adopted, unless
  - (a) it prescribes a later date for it to take effect or
  - (b) it is referred to the voters of the county, in which event it shall take effect only upon receiving

their approval.

- (2) An emergency ordinance may take effect immediately upon being adopted.

## Chapter VI ADMINISTRATION

6.10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE. The chairman of the board of county commissioners

- (1) shall be the chief executive officer of the county;
- (2) shall preside over meetings of the board and have a vote on each matter before the board;
- (3) may appoint and discharge administrative officers and employees of the county, except that his appointment of department heads shall be with the board's approval;
- (4) shall execute the policies of the board and the ordinances of the county; and
- (5) may delegate his administrative powers but shall retain full responsibility for the acts of his subordinates.

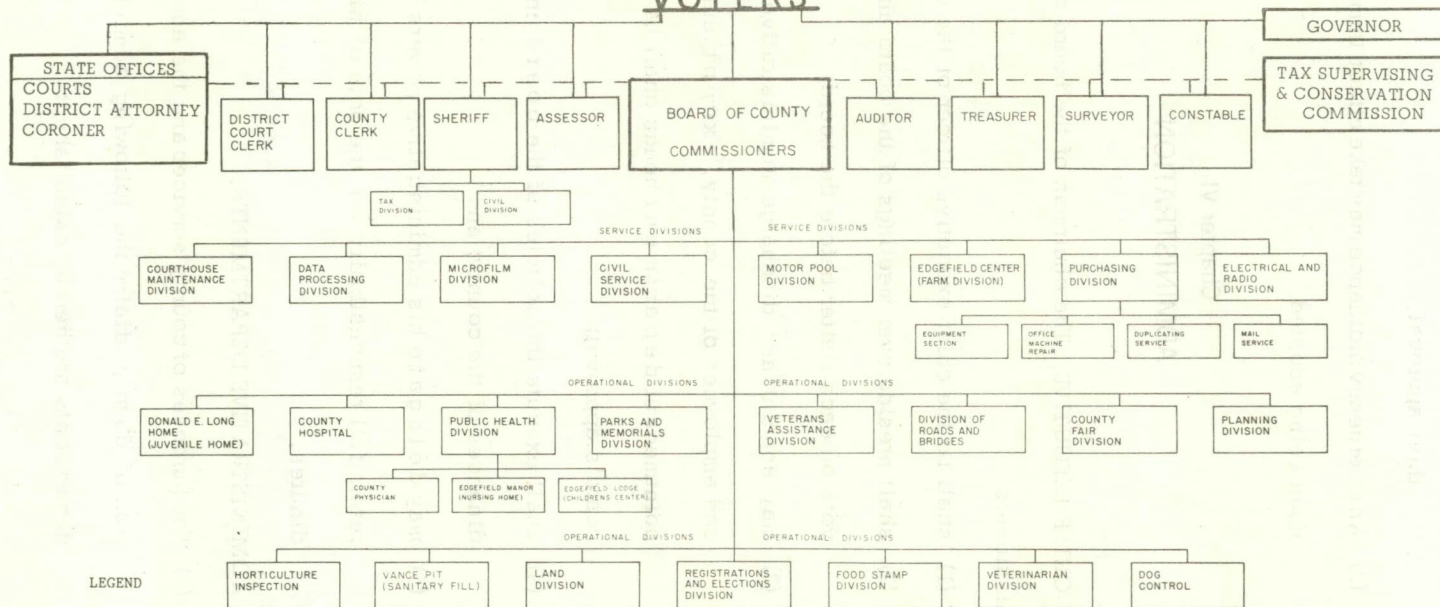
6.20 ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS.

- (1) For purposes of county services and the administration of county affairs the following administrative departments are hereby established:

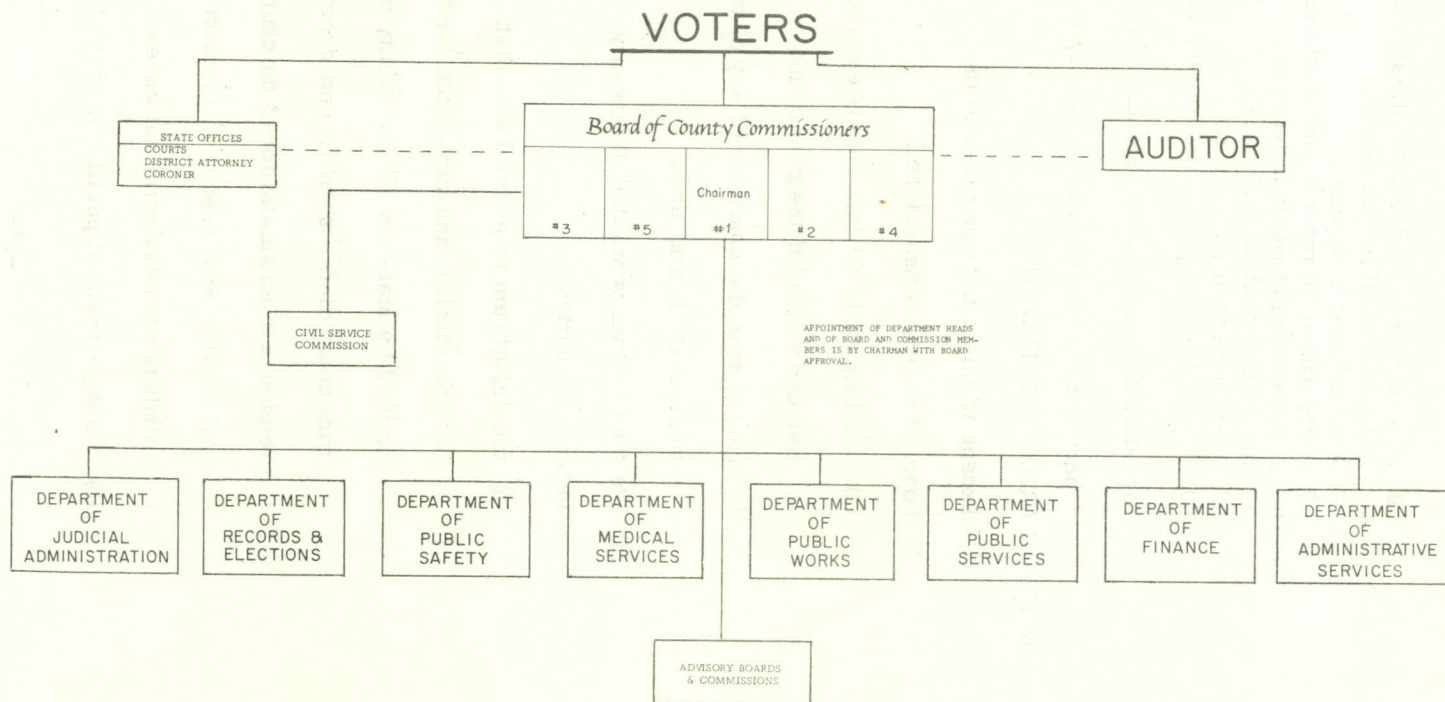


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- (a) A department of judicial administration.
- (b) A department of public safety.
- (c) A department of finance.
- (d) A department of records and elections.
- (e) A department of medical services.
- (f) A department of public works.
- (g) A department of public services.
- (h) A department of administrative services.

- (2) The board of county commissioners shall set these departments in operation by January 1, 1968.

#### 6.30 DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS.

- (1) Except as this article provides to the contrary, the board of county commissioners

- (a) shall prescribe the functions of each administrative department of the county and

- (b) may change the functions of any of the departments from time to time.

- (2) For the first two years that the county operates under this charter

- (a) the department of judicial administration shall have the clerical and ministerial functions prescribed by state law for the county clerk, district court clerk, sheriff, and constable with reference to administration of the courts, except the service and execution of court orders in criminal and quasi-criminal cases;

- (b) the department of public safety shall have

- (i) the functions of county officers under state law concerning law enforcement, except the service and execution of court orders in civil cases,
  - (ii) custody of persons charged with, or convicted of, violating law, and
  - (iii) protection against disaster; and
- (c) the department of finance shall have, exclusive of the functions of the auditor prescribed by this charter, the functions prescribed by state law for the auditor, the treasurer, the assessor, and the sheriff as tax collector, as well as the functions of the county concerning management of its property.

6.40 DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES. With the affirmative concurrence of four or more commissioners, the board of county commissioners may

- (1) establish additional administrative departments,
- (2) abolish any such department,
- (3) combine two or more such departments into one, and
- (4) separate departments so combined,

except that for two years after this charter takes effect the board may not abolish or make any change in the functions of



- (1) the department of judicial administration,
- (2) the department of public safety, or
- (3) the department of finance.

## Chapter VII PERSONNEL

7.10 CLASSIFIED SERVICE. The classified service of the county shall consist of all positions in the government of the county except those of

- (1) elective officers,
- (2) their personal assistants and secretaries,
- (3) department heads, and
- (4) employees excluded by county ordinance and by the civil service commission hereinafter mentioned.

### 7.20 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

- (1) There shall be a civil service commission consisting of three members appointed by the board of county commissioners.
- (2) The term of office of each member of the commission shall be six years. Every two years the term of one member of the commission shall expire.
- (3) Each member of the commission shall be

- (a) a citizen of the United States and
  - (b) a qualified elector of the county.
- (4) No member of the commission shall receive compensation for his services as such.
- (5) The commission shall
- (a) make recommendations to the board regarding the personnel policy of the county and
  - (b) hear appeals from persons in the classified service regarding decisions of their superiors as to their status in the service of the county.
- (6) An appellate decision by the commission may not be appealed further if unanimous. If not unanimous, it may be further appealed to the board of county commissioners and the courts.

7.30 CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM. The board of county commissioners shall, by ordinance and on the basis of recommendations by the civil service commission, prescribe the details of a civil service system for persons in the classified service of the county. The system shall afford them as much protection as the civil service laws of the state afford them immediately before this charter takes effect.

#### 7.40 RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF PERSONNEL.

- (1) The status of persons in the classified service shall,  
within the limitations of this charter,
  - (a) be based on merit and fitness and
  - (b) be governed by the civil service ordinance and rules promulgated thereunder.
- (2) No employee shall be refused employment or be discriminated against in any manner because of race, religion, color, or national origin.
- (3) Persons in the classified service shall be subject to the restrictions in the laws of the state concerning political activities of persons in county civil service.
- (4) Persons in the classified service who are promoted into the unclassified service shall retain their civil service status in the grade from which so promoted.
- (5) Persons in the classified service at the time this charter takes effect shall continue to have the fringe benefits that they have immediately before this charter takes effect.

7.50 RETIREMENT. The board of county commissioners shall provide a retirement system for all persons in the county service who desire retirement benefits in return for their services

to the county. The system shall afford them rights at least the equivalent of the rights that they have under the retirement system applicable to them under state law as it applies immediately before this charter takes effect.

## Chapter VIII

### FINANCE

#### 8.10 AUDITOR

- (1) The office of county auditor is hereby established.
- (2) At the general November election in 1966 and at the general November election every four years thereafter an auditor shall be elected.
- (3) The auditor shall
  - (a) maintain a continuous audit of the financial affairs of the county,
  - (b) maintain a continuous internal audit of each administrative office and department of the county,
  - (c) report to the board of county commissioners all irregularities that he finds in the financial affairs of the county, and
  - (d) affix responsibility for the irregularities.
- (4) The board shall retain each report of the auditor as



a public record for at least three years after receiving the report.

#### 8.20 BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

- (1) The board of county commissioners may issue and sell general obligation bonds only in accordance with state law.
- (2) The board may issue and sell revenue bonds only for purposes and in amounts authorized by the voters of the county.

### Chapter IX SERVICE DISTRICTS

9.10 AUTHORIZATION. Subject to the limitations of this chapter, the board of county commissioners may provide through county service districts, for the special benefit of persons and property there,

- (1) public water supply,
- (2) public fire protection, and
- (3) any service that the county may provide through such a district by authority of state law.

#### 9.20 LIMITATION. The county

- (1) may provide sanitary service only through county service districts and
- (2) may not provide water or fire protection to the public in territory where that service is furnished by a city or a special district.

9.30 STATE LAW. The procedure for establishing, operating, and dissolving a county service district and for changing its boundaries shall be the procedure prescribed for such action by state law.

## Chapter X PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

10.10 EXCEPTION. In this chapter the term "public improvement" does not include public improvements of a county service district.

10.20 PROCEDURE. Subject to the requirements of this chapter, the procedure for making, altering, vacating, or abandoning a public improvement of the county shall be governed by state law and, to the extent not so governed, by ordinances of the county.

10.30 FINANCING.

- (1) To the extent that the board of county commissioners finds that a public improvement of the county is a local improvement that specially benefits property, the cost of the improvement shall be defrayed by special assessments levied on the property specially benefited by the improvement.

(2) To the extent that the board finds that a public improvement of the county benefits the county generally, the cost of the improvement may be defrayed by revenue from other county sources.

(3) An order regarding such an improvement shall indicate the extent to which the cost of the action thus ordered is to be defrayed by special assessments on property specially benefited by the action and the extent to which the cost is to be defrayed by revenue from other sources.

10.40 REFERENDUM. Action by the board regarding a public improvement of the county shall be subject to the referendum in the same manner as legislative ordinances of the county.

10.50 REMONSTRANCE. Action by the board on a proposed public improvement

(1) to be financed in whole or in part by special assessments and

(2) not declared by all members of the board to be needed at once to meet an emergency

shall be suspended for six months upon remonstrance thereto by the owners of two-thirds of the land to be specially assessed for the improvement, provided written notice of the remonstrance is delivered to the board within fifteen days after the

action is ordered. After the suspension the board may proceed with the action.

## Chapter XI ELECTIONS

11.10 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Except as this charter provides to the contrary, the manner of nominating and electing county officers shall be the manner prescribed by state law for the nomination and election of county officers in general.

11.20 TIE VOTES. In the event of a tie vote for candidates for an elective office of the county, the successful candidate shall be determined by a public drawing of lots in a manner prescribed by the board of county commissioners.

11.30 INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

(1) Except as this charter or the ordinances of the county provide to the contrary, the voters of the county may exercise the initiative and referendum with reference to county propositions in the manner prescribed by state law.

(2) In no event may more than 10 per cent of the legal voters of the county be required to order the referendum or more than 15 per cent be required to propose a measure by the initiative.



11.40 RECALL. An elective officer of the county may be recalled in the manner and with the effect prescribed by state law.

11.50 CHARTER AMENDMENT AND REPEAL.

(1) This charter may be amended or repealed by the voters of the county at

(a) a regular election or

(b) a special election called by the board of county commissioners.

(2) An initiative petition to submit a charter amendment or repeal to the voters shall be filed with the department of records and elections at least 90 days before the election at which the measure is to come before the voters.

(3) An ordinance to refer a charter amendment or repeal to the voters shall be enacted at least 60 days before the election at which the measure is to come before the voters.

Chapter XII

MISCELLANEOUS

12.10 EXISTING LEGISLATION. All legislation, rules, and regulations of the county or its governmental instrumentalities that are consistent with this charter and in force when it takes effect shall remain in effect until amended or repealed.

## 12.20 SEPARABILITY.

- (1) If any provision of this charter is held invalid, the other provisions of the charter shall not be affected thereby.
- (2) If the application of the charter or any of its provisions to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the application of the charter or provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

## Chapter XIII

### TRANSITION

13.10 TIME OF EFFECT. This charter shall take effect January 1, 1967, except that it shall take effect July 1, 1966, insofar as necessary for the election of a board of county commissioners and an auditor at the general November election in 1966.

## 13.20 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

- (1) The term of office of each county commissioner in office at the time this charter is adopted shall end January 1, 1967.
- (2) At the general November election in 1966 five persons shall be elected to the board of county commissioners.

- (a) At the election, of the candidates for Position No. 1, the chairmanship, the one who receives the highest number of votes shall be elected for a four-year term to that position.
- (b) At the election, of the candidates for the other four positions on the board,
  - (i) the one who receives the highest number of votes shall be elected for a four-year term to Position No. 3;
  - (ii) the one who receives the second highest number of votes shall be elected for a four-year term to Position No. 5;
  - (iii) the one who receives the third highest number of votes shall be elected for a two-year term to Position No. 2; and
  - (iv) the one who receives the fourth highest number of votes shall be elected for a two-year term to Position No. 4.
- (3) A candidate for election to the board in 1966 may be nominated by a petition signed by 250 or more legal voters of the county and filed with the county clerk on or before September 1, 1966. Nominations in 1966 for board positions other than the chairmanship shall not be for any particular position.

13.30 AUDITOR. A candidate for election to the office of auditor in 1966 may be nominated by a petition signed by 250 or more legal voters of the county and filed with the county clerk on or before September 1, 1966.

13.40 NOMINATING PETITIONS. A petition for nominating a candidate for election at the general November election in 1966 shall state that the candidate is a candidate for a political party or is a nonpartisan candidate. The ballot at the election shall indicate the party affiliation of each partisan candidate and shall identify each nonpartisan candidate as such.

13.50 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. This charter shall not affect the terms of office of members of the county civil service commission who are such at the time the charter is adopted.

13.60 OTHER OFFICERS.

(1) After January 1, 1967, and until the administrative departments that this charter establishes are set in operation, the board of county commissioners may continue in operation any office of the county that is in operation when the charter is adopted.

(2) The tenure in the service of the county of a county officer who is not mentioned in previous sections of this charter but who is in office at the time this



charter is adopted shall be for such time after the effective date of the charter as the board determines.

- (3) The functions of an officer thus continued in the service of the county shall be the functions of the position to which the board chairman appoints him.

Adopted and submitted to the county clerk of Multnomah County

by the Home Rule Charter Committee of Multnomah County

February 18, 1966.

Lloyd E. Anderson, Chairman  
William L. Brunner, Vice-Chairman  
Neva Elliott, Secretary  
Mrs. Arnold Damskov  
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FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
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PORTLAND, OREGON 97204

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M E M O R A N D U M

December 10, 1981

TO: Jane McGarvin, Clerk of the Board  
Multnomah County Board of Commissioners

FROM: James H. Murchison *JHM*  
Circuit Court Administrator

SUBJECT: Attached County Record

In clearing out old, miscellaneous records from the Circuit Court files, we came across the enclosed County Charter Commission files.

Rather than having us pitch this record, I thought it would be appropriate to forward it to the Clerk of the Board to have you review it to retain or dispose, as you see fit.

JHM:tc

Enclosure



OFFICE OF  
THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER  
FOR  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY

SI COHN  
COUNTY CLERK  
AND  
RECORDER

PORTLAND 4, OREGON

April 8, 1964

225 COURT HOUSE  
CAPITOL 7-8441

Pursuant to the provisions of ORS 203.710 to ORS 203.790 the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County, Oregon, did on April 7, 1964 file with this office a resolution for the appointment of a County Charter Commission.

Pursuant to ORS 203.740 you are hereby informed that you are entitled to participate in the appointment of the members of the Charter Committee.

Please notify this office of your appointment within forty-five days of the filing of the resolution.

Yours respectfully,

SI COHN, County Clerk

SC:rs



COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

Board of County Commissioners:

Multnomah County Courthouse

1. *C. B. Stephenson*
2. *Donald Mc Callum*
3. *William L. Brunner*
4. *John W. Sonderer*

STATE SENATORS:

N Don S. Willner  
N Ward H. Cook  
Alice Corbett  
N Ted Hallock  
N Walter J. Pearson  
N Alfred H. Corbett  
Thomas R. Mahoney  
Vernon Cook

Corbett Bldg., City  
534 S. W. Third, City  
2222 N. E. Schuyler, City  
3738 S. W. Council Crest Dr.  
630 Oregon Pioneer Bldg., City  
1028 Corbett Bldg., City  
510 Oregon Bank Bldg., City  
519 N. E. 4th Ave., Gresham

1. *Sylvia Nemer*
2. *Mrs. Arnold T. Damskov*

STATE REPRESENTATIVES:

West district:

✓ Shirley A. Field  
✓ Ken Maher  
Mrs. E. G. (Fritzi) Chuinard

802 Equitable Bldg., City  
10401 S. W. 35th Drive, City  
7307 N. W. Penridge Rf., City

1. *Neva Elliott*

South City district:

✓ Grace Olivier Peck  
✓ Norman R. Howard  
✓ Philip D. Lang

2324 S. E. Ivon St., City  
2424 S. E. 75th Ave., City  
2515 S. E. 51st Ave., City

1. *Martin A. Fitzgerald*

East Central City district:

✓ Robert W. Packwood  
✓ Dr. William J. Gallagher  
✓ Fred Meek  
✓ Bob Chappel

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3357 S. E. Belmont, City  
348 S. E. 50th Ave., City

1. *Alden Krieg*

North City district:

Edward J. Whelan  
Ray Dooley  
J. E. (Jake) Bennett

6951 N. Oatman, City  
1110 S. E. 16th Ave., City  
703 N. E. Tillamook, City

1. *Geo. Birnie*

East County district:

✓ Ross Morgan  
✓ Donald L. (Don) McBain  
Howard D. Willits

967 S. E. Thom Rd., Gresham  
968 N. W. Division St., Gresham  
11848 S. E. Powell Blvd., City

1. *Stanley N. Swan*

(6th Rep. District - B. Lent  
appoints Charles P. D. Paulson)



Hon

Dear

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Pursuant to ORS 203.740 (C) you are hereby notified that a meeting of the appointing authorities is called for Thursday, June 4, 1964 at 2 p.m. in Room 680 Multnomah County Courthouse, Portland, Oregon. This meeting is called for the purpose of completing, if possible, the appointments of the members of the Charter commission as required by ORS 203.740.

Very truly yours,

SI COHN, County Clerk

P.S. Appointment has been made by your subdistrict but it was thought you might want to attend this meeting.



MEMBERS - COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

C. B. Stephenson

6222 S. E. 30th  
Portland, Oregon

Donald McCallum

02206 S. W. Greenwood Road

William L. Brunner

1000 S. W. Vista  
Portland, Oregon

John W. Sonderen

11010 S. E. Mill Court  
Portland 16, Oregon

Sylvia Nemer

1054 S. W. Douglas Place  
Portland, Oregon

Mrs. Arnold T. Damskov

16838 S. E. Morrison Court  
Portland 33, Oregon

Neva Elliott

510 Corbett Building  
Portland 4, Oregon

Martin A. Fitzgerald

3518 S. E. 72nd  
Portland, Oregon

Alden Krieg

741 S. E. Peacock Lane  
Portland, Oregon

George Birnie

3310 S. W. Seymour  
Portland, Oregon

Stanley N. Swan

Rt. 1 Box 1082  
Gresham, Oregon



May 25, 1964

Honorable John Coe  
4444 N. State Street  
Salem, Oregon

Dear Senator:

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Very truly yours,

SI COHN, County Clerk



May 25, 1964

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Very truly yours,

SI COHN, County Clerk

P.S. Appointment has been made by your sub-district but it was thought you might want to attend this meeting.



FURTHER ORDERED that effective 12:00 o'clock midnight, December 31, 1966, the organization of the government of Multnomah County, Oregon, shall be that established and provided under the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter heretofore adopted by the legal voters of Multnomah County at the primary election on May 24, 1966, pursuant to the constitution and laws of the State of Oregon.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

GEORGE VAN BOOMISSEN  
District Attorney

By WILLIE A. WEST  
Willie A. West  
Chief Deputy  
Civil Department



June 3, 1964

Dear Bud:

Herewith is a list of eleven members of the Multnomah County Charter Commission. There are four appointments from the Board of County Commissioners, two from the majority of the State Senators and one from a majority of the members of each of the five sub-districts.

We do have one tendered appointment from Representative Berkeley Lent who was elected from the County-at-large and not from a sub-district.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

COMMISSIONERS  
MEL GORDON  
DAVID ECCLES  
M. JAMES GLEASON

COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
PORTLAND, OREGON 97204

June 8, 1964

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SI COHN, County Clerk  
MULTNOMAH CO. OR

Mr. Si Cohn  
County Clerk  
Court House

Dear Sir:

Be it remembered, that at a meeting of the Board  
of County Commissioners held May 21, 1964, the following action was taken:

In the matter of appointments to )  
the Home Rule Charter Commission to be made )  
by the Board of County Commissioners )

ORDERED that the following-named persons be hereby  
appointed to the Home Rule Charter Commission:

C B Stephenson, Chairman of Board, First Nat'l Bank  
of Oregon  
Donald McCallum, President, Title & Trust Co  
William L Brunner, Attorney at Law, Failing Building  
John W Sonderen, Attorney at Law, Oregon Bank Building

Yours very truly,

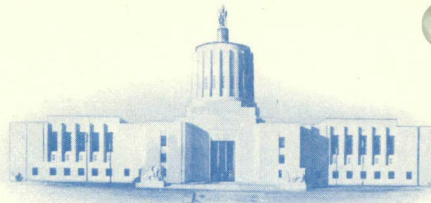
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By *Dorothy Hecker*  
Clerk of Board

mn  
cc - Auditor



WALTER J. PEARSON  
BUSINESS: 630 BUILDERS EXCH. BLDG.  
RESIDENCE: 5035 S. W. WINDSOR CT.  
PORTLAND, OREGON



STATE OF OREGON  
OREGON STATE SENATE  
SALEM

June 1, 1964

COMMITTEES:  
CHAIRMAN: STATE AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS  
MEMBER: FINANCIAL AFFAIRS  
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
RULES  
TAXATION

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SI COHN, County Clerk  
MULTNOMAH CO. ORE.

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby give my proxy to Senator Thomas Mahoney  
in the matter of the selection of a member or members to  
the Charter Commission.

*Walter J. Pearson*

Senator Walter J. Pearson

*I hereby appoint Thomas Mahoney  
my proxy in re the selection  
of appointees to the Multnomah  
Charter Commission*

*June 3/64  
Alice Porttett  
Shob Senalia*



June 4, 1964

We, the undersigned, hereby appoint

Mrs. Arnold T. Damskov

16838 S.E. Morrison Court

Portland, Oregon

a member of the Multnomah County Charter Commission, pursuant  
to ORS 203.740.

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**SI COHN, County Clerk  
MULTNOMAH CO. ORE**

Thomas R. Mahoney  
Walter J. Pearson

by Thomas R. Mahoney, his proxy

13/ Alice Corbett

Alice Corbett

by Thomas R. Mahoney, her proxy

Ted Hall

COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

Board of County Commissioners:

Multnomah County Courthouse

1. C. B. Stephenson
2. Donald McCallum
3. William L. Brunner
4. John W. Sonderer

STATE SENATORS:

Don S. Willner  
Ward H. Cook  
Alice Corbett  
Ted Hallock  
Walter J. Pearson  
Alfred H. Corbett  
Thomas R. Mahoney  
Vernon Cook

Corbett Bldg., City  
534 S. W. Third, City  
2222 N. E. Schuyler, City  
3738 S. W. Council Crest Dr.  
630 Oregon Pioneer Bldg., City  
1028 Corbett Bldg., City  
510 Oregon Bank Bldg., City  
519 N. E. 4th Ave., Gresham

1. Sylvia Nemer
2. Mrs. Arnold T. Damaskov

STATE REPRESENTATIVES:

West district:

Shirley A. Field  
Ken Maher  
Mrs. E. G. (Fritzi) Chuinard

802 Equitable Bldg., City  
10401 S. W. 35th Drive, City  
7307 N. W. Penridge Rf., City

1. Neva Elliott

South City district:

Grace Olivier Peck  
Norman R. Howard  
Philip D. Lang

2324 S. E. Ivon St., City  
2424 S. E. 75th Ave., City  
2515 S. E. 51st Ave., City

1. Martin A. Fitzgerald

East Central City district:

Robert W. Packwood  
Dr. William J. Gallagher  
Fred Meek  
Bob Chappel

01750 S. W. Carey Lane, City  
8659 S. E. Foster Rd., City  
3357 S. E. Belmont, City  
348 S. E. 50th Ave., City

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1. Stanley N. Swan

917 ALFRED H. CORBETT  
HOME ADDRESS  
~~XXX~~ CORBETT BLDG.  
PORTLAND, OREGON



STATE OF OREGON  
OREGON STATE SENATE  
SALEM

COMMITTEES  
CHAIRMAN: COMMERCE AND UTILITIES  
MEMBER: JUDICIARY  
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES  
WAYS AND MEANS

June 2, 1964

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SI COHN, County Clerk  
MULTNOMAH CO. ORF

Si Cohn, County Clerk  
225 Court House  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to have been authorized to speak for the undersigned, a majority of the Senators of Multnomah County, in appointing Mrs. Arnold T. Damskov as one of the two senatorial appointees to the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter Commission.

Very truly yours,

*Alfred H. Corbett*  
Alfred H. Corbett

For:

Senator Ward H. Cook  
Senator Vernon Cook  
Senator Alice Corbett  
Senator Ted Hallock  
Senator Don S. Willner

Encl. - Biog. Sketch

cc: Mrs. Arnold T. Damskov  
1638 S.E. Morrison Court  
Portland, Oregon 97233



### Biographical Sketch

Mrs. Arnold T. Damkov  
1638 S.E. Morrison Court  
Portland, Oregon 97233

Telephone: AL 2-8867

Mrs. Damkov earned a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin, and taught nine years at Randolph Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Virginia. She has lived in Multnomah County since 1952, and has served on the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Portland for six years, two of these as President.

BERKELEY LENT  
HOME ADDRESS  
300 S. W. MADISON STREET  
PORTLAND 4, OREGON



STATE OF OREGON  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SALEM

June 1, 1964

COMMITTEES  
CHAIRMAN: JUDICIARY  
MEMBER: CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION  
PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT  
INTERSTATE COOPERATION

BY HAND

Si Cohn, County Clerk  
Multnomah County Courthouse  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Although I have heard rumors that appointment of a charter committee has been requested pursuant to ORS 203.710, et seq., I have had no formal notice, written or otherwise, of this.

This will notify you that I, as a State Representative, from Multnomah County (the Sixth Representative District) do hereby appoint Charles P. A. Paulson, of 1302 S. E. 57th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, as a member of the charter committee.

Very truly yours,

*Berkeley Lent*  
Berkeley Lent

BL:jw

cc: Multnomah County Board of Commissioners

All Multnomah County members of the  
State Legislature

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SI COHN, County Clerk  
MULTNOMAH CO. ORE



HOME ADDRESS  
EDWARD J. WHELAN  
6951 N. OATMAN AVENUE  
PORTLAND 17, OREGON



COMMITTEES  
CHAIRMAN: PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT  
MEMBER: LABOR AND INDUSTRIES  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

STATE OF OREGON  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SALEM

May 26, 1964

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SI COHN, County Clerk  
MULTNOMAH CO. ORF

Mr. Si Cohn  
Multnomah County Clerk  
Multnomah County Court House  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Oregon law, relative to the appointment of a member of the County Home Rule Study Commission, Representative Dooley and myself have agreed to name George Birnie, 3310 S. W. Seymour.

I have been unable to contact Representative Bennett. However, this appointment reflects the majority consideration of the representatives from the North Portland Subdistrict.

Sincerely,

  
EDWARD J. WHELAN,  
State Representative

EJW:bg





THOMAS R. MAHONEY  
HOME ADDRESS  
510 OREGON BANK BLDG.  
PORTLAND 4, OREGON



COMMITTEES

CHAIRMAN: JUDICIARY  
VICE CHAIRMAN: CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION  
MEMBER: COMMERCE AND UTILITIES  
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL  
RULES AND RESOLUTIONS

STATE OF OREGON  
OREGON STATE SENATE

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SI COHN, County Clerk  
MULTNOMAH CO. ORF  
26 May

Si Cohn, County Clerk  
Multnomah County Courthouse  
1021 S.W. Fourth Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Cohn:

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of your letter of May the 25th and will appear at the meeting of the Multnomah Senatorial Delegation to participate in the appointment of the two persons to be designated to the Charter Commission.

Sincerely,

THOMAS R. MAHONEY  
State Senator

TRM:rh



HOME ADDRESS  
KEN MAHER  
10401 S. W. 35TH AVE.  
PORTLAND 19, OREGON



COMMITTEES  
MEMBER: FINANCIAL AFFAIRS  
PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

STATE OF OREGON  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SALEM

May 25, 1964

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SI COHN, County Clerk  
MULTNOMAH CO. ORF

Cy Cohn, County Clerk  
Multnomah County Court House  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Cohn:

I appoint Neva M. Elliott, Corbett  
Building, Portland, Oregon, as a member of  
the County Home Rule Study Commission.

Sincerely,

Ken Maher  
State Representative  
Multnomah County

cc- Neva Elliott

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West Sub District



OFFICE OF  
THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER  
FOR

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

PORTLAND 4, OREGON

May 25, 1964

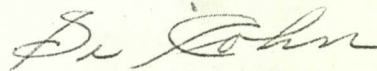
SI COHN  
COUNTY CLERK  
AND  
RECORDER

225 COURT HOUSE  
CAPITOL 7-8441

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Very truly yours,



SI COHN, County Clerk

OFFICE OF  
THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER  
FOR  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
PORTLAND 4, OREGON

SI COHN  
COUNTY CLERK  
AND  
RECORDER

225 COURT HOUSE  
CAPITOL 7-8441

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Very truly yours,



SI COHN, County Clerk

P.S. Appointment has been made by your sub-district but it was thought you might want to attend this meeting.



HOME ADDRESS  
PHILIP D. LANG  
2515 S. E. 51ST AVENUE  
PORTLAND 6, OREGON



COMMITTEES  
CHAIRMAN: ELECTIONS AND  
REAPPORTIONMENT  
MEMBER: CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION  
JUDICIARY

STATE OF OREGON  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SALEM

May 18, 1964

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MAY 25 1964

SI COHN, County Clerk  
MULTNOMAH CO. ORF

Honorable Si Cohn  
County Clerk  
Multnomah County  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to ORS 203.740 the undersigned State Representatives  
from the South City Subdistrict of Multnomah County hereby  
appoint Mr. Martin A. Fitzgerald, 3518 SE 72nd Avenue, Portland,  
Oregon, as our representative on the County Charter Commission.

Grace O. Peck  
State Representative

Norman R. Howard  
State Representative

Philip D. Lang  
State Representative

OK



SHIRLEY A. FIELD  
HOME ADDRESS  
6TH FLOOR  
STANDARD PLAZA  
PORTLAND 4, OREGON



STATE OF OREGON  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SALEM

COMMITTEES  
MEMBER: CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION  
FOOD AND DAIRYING  
JUDICIARY

May 22, 1964

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SI COHN, County Clerk  
MULTNOMAH CO. ORF

Si Cohn, County Clerk  
Multnomah County  
225 Courthouse  
Portland 4, Oregon

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of April 8th with respect to a suggested appointment to the County Charter Commission, please be advised that I would like to suggest:

Neva M. Elliott, 510 Corbett Building, Portland  
4, Oregon

Very truly yours,

SHIRLEY A. FIELD  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

SAF/mb

West Sub District  
OK

HOME ADDRESS  
ROSS MORGAN  
967 S. E. THOM ROAD  
GRESHAM, OREGON



COMMITTEES  
CHAIRMAN: WAYS AND MEANS  
MEMBER: FISH AND GAME  
NATURAL RESOURCES

STATE OF OREGON  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SALEM

May 21, 1964

Mr. Si Cohn, County Clerk  
Court House  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

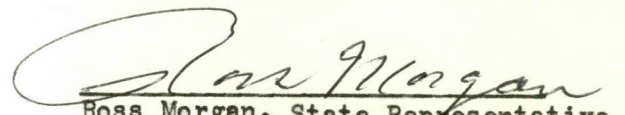
Pursuant to the provisions of ORS 203-710--203790, the  
majority of the State Representatives of East Multnomah County  
Sub-district hereby appoint as a member of the Charter Committee,


Mr. Stanley N. Swan

Route 1, Box 1082

Gresham, Oregon

Sincerely yours,

  
Ross Morgan, State Representative

  
Donald L. McBain, State Representative

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SI COHN, County Clerk  
MULTNOMAH CO. ORF

HOWARD WILLITS  
HOME ADDRESS  
11848 S. E. POWELL BLVD  
PORTLAND 66, OREGON



COMMITTEES  
MEMBER: STATE AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS  
COMMERCE AND UTILITIES  
ALCOHOLIC CONTROL

STATE OF OREGON  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SALEM

May 21, 1964

Mr. Si Cohn  
County Clerk  
County Court House  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Cohn:

In accord with your letter of April 8 regarding the appointment of members of the County Charter Commission.

I have consulted with my co-representatives but we have reached no joint nomination. After talking with you this afternoon I decided to make a nomination myself inasmuch as you stated it should be in your hands in writing on May 22nd.

I therefore nominate as a member of the County Charter Commission from East County Mr. Ed Benedict, 3055 S.E. 118th, Portland, Oregon. As you know he is deeply interested, quite capable and a former member of the state legislature. It seems to me that Benedict is a "natural" for the position.

Sincerely,

Howard Willits  
State Representative

HW/wl

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SI COHN, County Clerk  
MULTNOMAH CO. OR

N.E.



HOME ADDRESS  
ROBERT W. PACKWOOD  
01750 S. W. CAREY LANE  
PORTLAND 19, OREGON



STATE OF OREGON  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SALEM

COMMITTEES  
MEMBER: LABOR AND INDUSTRIES  
ELECTIONS AND  
REAPPORTIONMENT  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

May 7, 1964

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SI COHN, County Clerk  
MULTNOMAH CO. ORE

Si Cohn, County Clerk  
Multnomah County Courthouse  
Portland 4, Oregon

Dear Mr. Cohn:

This letter is to inform you that a majority  
of the State Representatives from the East Central  
Subdistrict of Multnomah County have agreed on the  
name of Alden Krieg as appointee to the County Charter  
Commission.

Very truly yours,

*Robert W. Packwood*  
Robert W. Packwood

RWP:ps

APPROVED:

*Robert W. Packwood*  
Robert W. Packwood

*Fred Meek*  
Fred Meek

*Robert (Bob) Chappel*  
Robert Chappel

*William J. Gallagher*  
William Gallagher

OK

THOMAS R. MAHONEY  
HOME ADDRESS  
510 OREGON BANK BLDG.  
PORTLAND 4, OREGON



STATE OF OREGON  
OREGON STATE SENATE  
~~SALEM~~

COMMITTEES

CHAIRMAN: JUDICIARY  
VICE CHAIRMAN: CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION  
MEMBER: COMMERCE AND UTILITIES  
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL  
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5 May 1964

SI COHN, County Clerk  
MULTNOMAH CO. ORE

Mr. Si Cohn, County Clerk  
Multnomah County Courthouse  
1021 S.W. Fourth Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Cohn:

Through inadvertence Senator Corbett failed to include my name among those Senators joining in the appointment of Sylvia Nemer to the Multnomah County Charter Commission.

I am most happy to join in the recommendation.

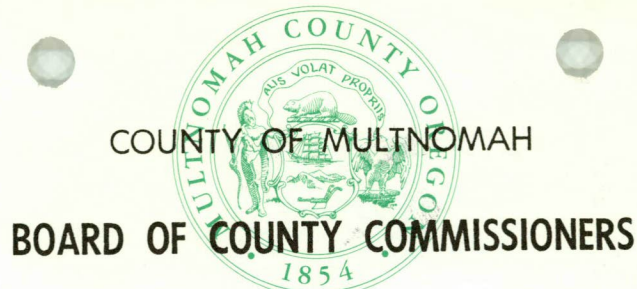
Sincerely yours,

THOMAS R. MAHONEY  
State Senator

TRM:rh

cc: Mrs. Sylvia Nemer  
1054 S.W. Douglas Pl.  
Portland, Oregon

COMMISSIONERS  
MEL GORDON  
DAVID ECCLES  
M. JAMES GLEASON



COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
PORTLAND, OREGON 97204

April 21, 1964

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SI COHN, County Clerk  
MULTNOMAH CO. OR

Mr. Si Cohn ✓  
County Clerk  
Court House

Mrs. Sylvia Nemer  
1054 S. W. Douglas Place  
Portland, Oregon 97205

Dear Sir:

Be it remembered, that at a meeting of the Board  
of County Commissioners held April 21, 1964, the following action was taken:

Letter, Senator Alfred H Corbett, written )  
on behalf of Senators Ward H Cook, Ted Hallock, )  
Walter J Pearson and Don S Willner, a majority )  
of the Senators of Multnomah County, appointing )  
Mrs. Sylvia Nemer as one of the two senatorial )  
appointees to the Multnomah County Home Rule )  
Charter Commission )

ORDERED filed.

Yours very truly,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By Dorothy Becker  
Clerk of Board

mn  
cc - Auditor

OK



HOME ADDRESS  
THOMAS R. MAHONEY  
510 OREGON BANK BLDG.  
PORTLAND 4, OREGON



COMMITTEES  
CHAIRMAN: JUDICIARY  
VICE CHAIRMAN: CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION  
MEMBER: COMMERCE AND UTILITIES  
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL  
RULES AND RESOLUTIONS

STATE OF OREGON  
OREGON STATE SENATE

~~XXXXXX~~

510 Oregon Bank Building  
Portland, Oregon 97204

23 April 1964

Mr. Si Cohn, County Clerk  
Multnomah County Courthouse  
1021 S.W. Fourth Ave.  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Cohn:

Apparently I was not the only person who misinterpreted the wording of your letter inviting appointment of members to the County Charter Commission. I regret the embarrassment this may have caused my friend Oliver Smith, but I am sure he will understand.

I am writing to the various members of the Multnomah Delegation suggesting they arrange a meeting for the purpose of taking action after consultation between themselves.

I have no authority to call a meeting and the law is silent on the point and I, therefore, would suggest that after consulting with the various members of the Senate you arrange to have them meet at some convenient time and place.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS R. MAHONEY  
State Senator

TRM:rh



April 21, 1964

Honorable Thomas R. Mahoney  
510 Oregon Bank Building  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Tom:

We received your letter this morning wherein you advised us that you were appointing Mr. Oliver E. Smith to the Multnomah County Charter Commission.

I believe that if you will look at ORS 203.740 (2b) you will find it provides in part that a majority of the State Senators representing Multnomah County is entitled to appoint two members of this Commission.

Very truly yours,

SI COHN, County Clerk

By  
Earle W. Burton  
Chief Deputy

EWB:rs



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THOMAS R. MAHONEY  
HOME ADDRESS  
510 OREGON BANK BLDG.  
PORTLAND 4, OREGON



COMMITTEES

CHAIRMAN: JUDICIARY  
VICE CHAIRMAN: CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION  
MEMBER: COMMERCE AND UTILITIES  
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL  
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STATE OF OREGON

OREGON STATE SENATE

~~SALEM~~

510 Oregon Bank Building  
Portland, Oregon 97204

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20 April 1964

Mr. Si Cohn, County Clerk  
Office of the County Clerk and Recorder  
For Multnomah County  
225 Court House  
1021 S.W. Fourth Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Cohn:

In response to your letter of April the 8th, 1964,  
I hereby appoint to the Multnomah County Charter  
Commission Mr. Oliver E. Smith, whose address is  
3411 S.W. 1st Ave., Portland, Oregon.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS R. MAHONEY  
State Senator

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SI COHN  
COUNTY CLERK  
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RECORDER

PORTLAND 4, OREGON

April 8, 1964

225 COURT HOUSE  
CAPITOL 7-B441

Bd of County Comm. 4  
8 Senators 2  
16 Representatives 5  
11 Members

Pursuant to the provisions of ORS 203.710 to ORS 203.790 the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County, Oregon, did on April 7, 1964 file with this office a resolution for the appointment of a County Charter Commission.

Pursuant to ORS 203.740 you are hereby informed that you are entitled to participate in the appointment of the members of the Charter Committee.

Please notify this office of your appointment within forty-five days of the filing of the resolution.

Yours respectfully,

SI COHN, County Clerk

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
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SI COHN, CLERK  
EARLE W. BURTON, Chief Deputy

In the Matter of the Appointment of a  
CHARTER COMMITTEE to propose and draft  
a County Charter for Multnomah County,  
Oregon.

RESOLUTION

The above entitled matter is before the Board in open session to consider requesting the appointment of a County Charter Committee, under the County Home Rule Statutes of Oregon (ORS 203.710 - 203.790), and the Board having made a study of the advisability of the appointment of such a committee at this time for the purpose of proposing and drafting a County Charter for Multnomah County, Oregon, for submission to the legal voters of the County; it is therefore

ORDERED and RESOLVED that a County Charter Committee be appointed in accordance with the provisions of ORS 203.740, and that the County Clerk of Multnomah County give written notice of this Resolution to those persons entitled to participate in the appointment of the members of said Charter Committee.

March 31, 1964

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By M James Sleason  
Chairman  
By Daniel Evans  
Commissioner  
By Mac Eide  
Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

GEORGE VAN HOOMISSEN  
District Attorney

By Willis A. West  
Willis A. West  
Chief Deputy of  
Civil Department



## MEMORANDUM

Within 60 days after filing of the Resolution with the County Clerk, the Charter Committee must be appointed. The terms of the Committee members commence as of the date of the filing of the Resolution.

Within 80 days after the filing of the Resolution, the Charter Committee is required to meet and organize.

The Board of County Commissioners appoint 4 members of the Committee. One member is appointed from each representative sub-district. The majority of the State Senators appoint 2 additional members.

If the appointments are not made within 45 days from the filing of the Resolution, the County Clerk is required to call a meeting of the appointing authorities to be held within 15 days after the expiration of the 45-day period.

All members of the Committee must be legal voters of the County. No one connected with the County government may become a member of the Committee.

The County Clerk should notify the appointing authorities immediately upon the filing of the Resolution.

It will be necessary to provide funds ~~up to a maximum of \$500.00~~ by supplemental budget as operating expenses for the Committee if it is to function at all before July 1, 1964.

## LEGAL QUESTION

There is some serious question as to whether the constitutional provision setting up the Charter form of government for counties does not affect the county's present



statutory authority to provide funds by general taxation to provide for parks and recreational services and sewage facilities in the county, in view of the possibility they may be considered "local improvements".

Willis A. West

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13 March 1964