



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 6/9/2014)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 2/18/16  
Agenda Item #: R.1  
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
Date Submitted: 1/25/16

**Agenda Title:** **Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Multnomah County Code Chapter 7, County Management-Tax Foreclosed Property**

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.*

## Requested

**Meeting Date:** February 11, 2016 **Time Needed:** 5 minutes

**Department:** County Management **Division:** Assessment, Recording & Taxation

**Contact(s):** Mike Sublett

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## Presenter

**Name(s) &**

**Title(s):** Randy Walruff, County Assessor; Courtney Lords, Assistant County Attorney

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Amend Multnomah County Code, Chapter 7 – Section 7.400 – 7.461 to implement amendments to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 275.275, eliminate outdated references, add clarifying provisions, and revise to reflect current practices.

### 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 County comes into ownership of real property through the foreclosure of delinquent property tax liens. The tax foreclosed properties are managed and disposed of pursuant to Multnomah County Code, Chapter 7 – Sections 7.400 – 7.426. This Tax Title Inventory (“Inventory”) is managed by the Department of County Management (“Department”), Division of Assessment, Recording & Taxation (“DART”) Program #72038 - DART Tax Title (“Program”). In 2015, the Oregon Legislature amended ORS 275.275, directing the proceeds from the sale of real property acquired by foreclosure to an account or fund to provide: (i) Funds for housing placement and retention support services for youth and families with children; (ii) Flexible rental assistance to place youth and families with children into housing; or (iii) Funds to develop new low income housing that is affordable to youth and families with children with 30 percent or lower median family income. This Ordinance includes changes to Section 7.401 elimination of the Tax Title Fund as the direction of these proceeds, previously disbursed; a new fund shall be established as the depository of

proceeds for the above referenced uses.

The Ordinance amends Section 7.401 to clarify Department procedures for tax foreclosed properties that are occupied. Procedures include Department coordination with other County departments and or community agencies engaged in housing services and a determination of what options, if any, are available to assist occupants of tax foreclosed properties with relocation housing.

The Ordinance amends Section 7.402 to eliminate the ability of former owners to repurchase tax foreclosed properties on contract with the County, an option discontinued by the County. Additionally, the Ordinance amends Section 7.404-410 to eliminate references to outdated practices and mechanisms for donating County property.

Finally, the Ordinance amends Section 7.460–461 to eliminate dated references to seizure and sale of personal property through mechanisms not administered by the Program.

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

There is no fiscal impact to this action.

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

ORS 275.275 was amended by the Legislature in 2015, effective January 1, 2016. This Ordinance aligns with these changes and provides clarity by adding definitions and eliminating dated references.

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

The legislative changes were subject to hearings in the Oregon Legislature. Further, these amendments will be subject to public participation through two readings and public hearing at the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Karyne Kieta /s/

**Date:**

January 25, 2016

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