

1 BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

2 FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

3 ORDINANCE NO. 653

4 An ordinance amending MCC 7.20, Nuisances, to delete
5 certain provisions and to change certain definitions and to
6 regulate vacant and unsecured buildings.

7 (Language in brackets [] is to be deleted; underlined
8 language is new)

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10 Multnomah County ordains as follows:

11 Section I. Section Title and Pleading.

12 This ordinance shall be known as the amending ordinance to
13 MCC 7.20, Nuisances, may be so pleaded, and shall be referred
14 to as "this ordinance."

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16 Section II. Findings.

17 The Board finds as follows:

18 A. MCC 7.20, Nuisances, requires amendment to provide for
19 improved definitions, delete certain provisions and to provide
20 for regulation of certain nuisances on both private and public
21 property.

22 B. Administration of this ordinance more appropriately
23 should be performed by the Department of Human Services.

24 C. Increasing evidence of vacant and open structures
25 requires the Board to include such conditions within its
26 ordinance.

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Section III. Amendments.

Chapter 7.20 of the Multnomah County Code is amended as follows:

7.20.010 Definitions. As used in MCC 7.20.005 to 7.20.130 and 7.20.990, unless the context requires otherwise:

(C) "Director" means the Director of the Department of [Environmental] Human Services of Multnomah County or the director's authorized representative.

(J) "Nuisance" means any [annoying, unpleasant or obnoxious] condition or practice causing or capable of causing an unreasonable threat to the public health, safety or welfare in the circumstances, but does not include noise, provided, however, that anything defined as a nuisance in MCC 7.20.060 shall be a nuisance.

(S) "Vector" means any insect organism, including but not limited to flies, fleas, [lice,] ticks, [fly maggots] and mosquitoes [larvae], capable of bearing or carrying a disease transmittable to human beings.

7.20.060 Nuisances Prohibited.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or allow to exist the following things, practices or conditions on any property or within public road rights of way adjacent to that property, which shall be nuisances:

(7) Uncontrolled or uncultivated growth of weeds,

1 brush, [berry vines, poison oak, poison ivy, tansy ragwort] or
2 grasses which offer vector or rodent harborage, contribute
3 noxious pollens to the atmosphere, constitute a fire hazard or
4 [unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of abutting
5 public or private property.] produce toxins that are harmful to
6 humans, pets, livestock or wildlife.

7 (9) [Any accumulation of dirt, sand, gravel, pieces
8 or chunks of concrete or other similar inorganic material,
9 which is unsightly and reduces the aesthetic appearance of the
10 neighborhood.] Any vacant building, left unsecured and
11 unattended and accessible to the public.

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13 SECTION IV. Effective Date.

14 This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its
15 execution by the County Chair, pursuant to chapter 5.50 of the
16 Charter of Multnomah County.

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18 ADOPTED this 14th day of June,
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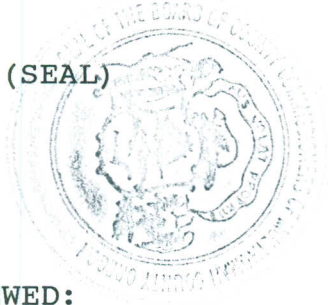
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1 1990, being the date of its second reading before the Board
2 of County Commissioners of Multnomah County.



5 By Gladys McCoy
6 Gladys McCoy, Chair
7 Multnomah County, Oregon

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