

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION
for MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. PC-10-001

In the matter of recommending that the Board of Commissioners amend Multnomah County Code Chapter 37 to revise provisions relating to conflict of interest and legislative hearing procedures.

The Planning Commission of Multnomah County Finds:

- a. The Planning Commission is authorized by Multnomah County Code Chapters 11.05, and 33 through 36, to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the adoption, revision, or repeal of regulations intended to carry out all or part of a plan adopted by the Board.
- b. Periodic review and enactment of the Zoning Code and Code Administration and Procedures provisions is needed to maintain consistency with state statutes and rules.
- c. The provisions in MCC Chapter 37 should be amended to simplify the legislative hearings process, render the code more consistent both internally and with state law, and fill procedural gaps. The recommended amendments clarify that disclosure of potential bias is only relevant to quasi-judicial matters, remove requirements that procedures be read at the beginning of public hearings, and clarifying and simplifying provisions related to conflict of interest, bias, and procedural objections. The county code should be amended to conform to state law, but not impose additional requirements.
- d. No regulations are being proposed that further restrict the use of property and no mailed notice to individual property owners is required ("Ballot Measure 56 notice").
- e. Notice of the Planning Commission hearing was published in the Oregonian newspaper and on the Land Use Planning Program internet pages.

The Planning Commission of Multnomah County Resolves:

The proposed Ordinance amending MCC Chapter 37 is hereby recommended for adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 7th day of February, 2011.

PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON


John Ingle, Chair