

Before the Board of Commissioners
for Multnomah County, Oregon

In the Matter of Identifying the Acceptable Standard of)
Local Preparedness, and Investigate and Recommend the)
Optimal Organizational Structure to Provide Emergency)
Management Planning within Multnomah County.)

RESOLUTION
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THE PARTIES FIND AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS; Portland, Gresham, and Multnomah County each have established
Emergency Management Programs, and,

WHEREAS; All three provide planning for hazard mitigation, preparedness, response and
recovery internal to their jurisdictions, and to other jurisdictions in the Multnomah County area
under a variety of contract and mutual aid agreements, and,

WHEREAS; Oregon Statute 401.305 requires each County to have an Emergency
Management Agency, establishes that Cities may also have such an agency, and that such agencies
may “perform such functions outside the territorial limits as required under any mutual aid or
cooperative assistance agreements or as authorized by the county or city,” and,

WHEREAS; Oregon Statute chapter 190.010 gives broad authority to local governments
to enter into agreements to transfer performance of functions and activities to each other, and,

WHEREAS; Staffing and budget constraints of the current organizational structure have
made it difficult to provide a standard level throughout the County, and,

WHEREAS; No agreed upon standard of local preparedness exists within the County,
and,

WHEREAS; A Regional Emergency Management Planning Group (REMG) has been
established to develop plans to address emergency management issues within the region
encompassed by Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, and Columbia Counties, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Board of Multnomah County
Commissioners, the Councils of the Cities of Portland, Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village,
Fairview, and Maywood Park, and the Port of Portland and Fire Districts 14, 20 and 30 direct
that a service delivery study be prepared that identifies the acceptable standard of local
preparedness for emergency management, and reviews possible organizational structures to
provide emergency management planning within the County. The Parties further direct that the
study committee recommend the organizational structure that in its opinion, will most effectively
meet the identified standard of care, and,

WHEREAS; The study will:

- a) Identify recommended standard of local preparedness.
- b) Identify recommended organizational structure.
- c) Identify whether current quality and levels of service will be improved.
- d) Analyze whether accessibility and accountability to the public and jurisdictions served will be improved.

- e) Analyze whether program costs will be maintained or reduced from current levels for each organization.
- f) Include performance objectives and evaluation measures to assess the success of the organizational structure in meeting the identified standard of care.
- g) Address individual needs of the communities.
- h) Present recommended option for service delivery.
- i) Present recommended implementation plan and schedule.

WHEREAS; All state statutes, charter provisions, codes and other legal mandates will be followed in the formation of the recommended organizational structure; and the implementation plan will be developed in consultation with counsel, and,

WHEREAS; The proposal will be in support of, not in conflict with, the overall regional goals of the REMG, and,

WHEREAS; Representatives from the following governments will be responsible for developing the proposal: City of Portland (Chief Bob Wall), City of Gresham (Chief Joe Parrott), and the Northeast Cities (Councilor Marge Schmunk). The group will be chaired by Multnomah County Commissioner, Tanya Collier, and,

WHEREAS; REMG participants, Customers, employees, business and community representatives, and representatives of other governmental agencies who wish to impact this proposal will be consulted in this service delivery proposal, and,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT; A Proposal will be presented to the Parties no later than December 31, 1994, at which time a decision will be made whether to confirm the recommended organizational structure and proceed with implementation.

Approved this 1st day of September, 1994



Board of County Commissioners
For Multnomah County, Oregon

Beverly Stein, Chair of Multnomah County

Reviewed by

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