

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 951

Amending Multnomah County Code Chapters 27.001 and 7.001, Deleting 27.066 and 27.350-27.354 and Adding New 7.008 and 7.300-7.304 Concerning the Organization and Functions of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the Department of Support Services (DSS), and Declaring an Emergency

(Stricken language is deleted; double- underlined language is new.)

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The Board wishes to reorganize and focus the services provided by the DES to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of that County department.
- b. The services provided by the Property Valuation and Tax Collection and Records Management Divisions and the Elections Division fit within the DSS structure and transfer to that department will facilitate better customer service for both internal and external customers.
- c. The general welfare of the people of Multnomah County is promoted by having this ordinance adopted to be effective November 6, 2000, when newly hired department directors of DES and DSS begin their employment with Multnomah County.

Multnomah County Ordains as follows:

Section 1. MCC §27.001 is amended as follows:

27.001 Department Established; Functions.

The Department of Environmental Services (department) is established. The department shall:

(A) Provide land use planning recommendations and services to the Planning Commission and the Board in matters of planning, zoning, subdivisions, sales and leases of

nonecounty real property, preservation of natural resources, promoting sustainable rural communities and related matters;

(B) Provide services and perform duties imposed by state law relating to the construction, maintenance and operation of county roads and bridges, ~~sewerage and solid waste disposal facilities and other public works facilities;~~

(C) Provide required surveys, examinations, inspections, and issuance of permits relating to construction and occupancy of buildings and other facilities;

(D) Provide animal control programs and facilities;

(E) Provide services and perform duties imposed by state and local law relating to special district annexations and withdrawals; special district and city formations, dissolutions or mergers; and boundary changes within a metropolitan service district (boundary change).

(F) Provide county services relating to county service districts and to state, local or private agencies relating to the physical environment;

(G) Operate and maintain county facilities, and manage and maintain county lands;

(H) Plan, implement and coordinate the county's recycling program;

~~(I) Perform the duties prescribed by state law for the assessor and tax collector;~~

~~(J) Provide marriage license and domestic partnership registry services;~~

~~(K) Perform the duties prescribed by state law for county elections;~~

~~(L) Provide records storage services to the county government;~~

~~(M) Provide mail services to the county government;~~

~~(N) Except as otherwise provided by the Board, perform the duties prescribed by state law for county clerks. The director may delegate any such duty, but a delegation shall be in writing and filed with the clerk of the Board; and~~

~~(O) Provide fleet and electronic service,~~

~~(P) Provide emergency management services, and~~

~~(Q) Perform the duties prescribed by state law for tax title services.~~

Section 2. MCC §7.001 is amended as follows:

7.001 Support Department.

The Department of Support Services is created. The head of the department shall be the Director of the Support Services Department (director). The department shall perform the following:

- (A) Plan, prepare and monitor the county budget in accordance with law;
- (B) Promote a quality-oriented workforce;
- (C) Provide employee services to the county government;
- (D) Operate the county's accounting system and perform treasurer functions as prescribed by law; prepare necessary financial reports, record the receipt, investment and expenditure of county funds, purchase material and supplies necessary for the operation of the county government and administer contracts in accordance with law;
- (E) Direct and manage all risk management and insurance programs for the county government;
- (F) Advise and represent the county government in collective bargaining matters;
- (G) Provide information technology services to the county government;
- ~~(H) Provide emergency management services; and~~
- ~~(H)~~ (H) Manage the county government's affirmative action program;
- (I) Perform the duties prescribed by state law for the assessor and tax collector except tax title services;
- (J) Provide marriage license and domestic partner registration services;
- (K) Perform recording duties prescribed by state and local law;
- (L) Perform the duties of the Board of Property Tax Appeals prescribed by state and local law;
- (M) Perform the duties prescribed by state law for county elections; and
- (N) Except as otherwise provided, perform the duties prescribed by state law for county clerks. The director may delegate any such duty, but delegations must be in writing and filed with the Board clerk.

Section 3. MCC §27.066 is deleted and a new §7.008 is added as follows:

27.066 Assessment And Taxation Fees.

~~(A) For any printout or copy of an appraisal card for any tax account, the division of assessment and taxation shall charge a fee as set by Board resolution.~~

~~(B) For the division's services in gathering, preparing or providing nonstandard information upon request, the division shall collect a fee equal to its actual cost, as determined by the director of the division.~~

~~(C) In addition, the division shall charge as set by Board resolution for copies provided by it.~~

~~(D) For any check, draft or order of payment in money given to the division by any person in payment of taxes or fees for any service provided hereinabove, which check, draft or order of payment in money is dishonored for any cause, including but not limited to nonsufficient funds, closed account or no account, there shall be a fee assessed as provided at § 7.002. The fee is collectible by the division in any lawful manner, including but not limited to, addition of the fee to the payer's tax account, filing of appropriate proceedings pursuant to statute or such other means as may legally be pursued.~~

7.008 Assessment and Taxation Fees.

(A) For any printout or copy of an appraisal card for any tax account, the division of assessment and taxation shall charge a fee as set by Board resolution.

(B) For the division's services in gathering, preparing or providing nonstandard information upon request, the division shall collect a fee equal to its actual cost, as determined by the director of the division.

(C) In addition, the division shall charge as set by Board resolution for copies provided by it.

(D) For any check, draft or order of payment in money given to the division by any person in payment of taxes or fees for any service provided hereinabove, which check, draft or order of payment in money is dishonored for any cause, including but not limited to nonsufficient funds, closed account or no account, there shall be a fee assessed as provided at § 7.002. The fee is collectible by the division in any lawful manner, including but not limited to, addition of the fee to the payer's tax account, filing of appropriate proceedings pursuant to statute or such other means as may legally be pursued.

Section 4. MCC §§27.350-27.354 are deleted and new §§7.300-7.304 are added as follows:

27.350 DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP REGISTRY

27.351 Purpose.

~~The Board of County Commissioners authorizes and establishes a voluntary program of registration of domestic partners. The domestic partnership registry is a means by which unmarried, committed couples who share a life and home together may document their relationship.~~

27.352 Requirements.

~~(A) To register as domestic partners, couples must sign a Certificate of Domestic Partnership declaring that:~~

- ~~(1) They are residing together and sharing the common necessities of life;~~
- ~~(2) Neither of them is married or registered as the domestic partner of any other person in any jurisdiction;~~
- ~~(3) Both of them are at least 18 years of age;~~
- ~~(4) They are not related by blood kinship closer than would bar marriage in the state of Oregon and are mentally competent to consent to contract;~~
- ~~(5) They are each other's sole domestic partner and intend to remain so indefinitely and are responsible for each other's common welfare.~~

~~(B) In addition, the Certificate of Domestic Partnership will include a statement by the partners that:~~

- ~~(1) They agree to file a Statement of Termination of Domestic Partnership Registration if the partnership is terminated (except by death) or any of the facts in (1) through (5) above change;~~
- ~~(2) They understand the registration of the Certificate of Domestic Partnership is evidence of a domestic partnership of continuous duration;~~
- ~~(3) They affirm that neither of the partners has filed a Statement of Termination of Domestic Partnership Registration within the last six months;~~

27.353 Procedures; Fees.

~~(A) The department director is authorized to adopt administrative rules or procedures and prescribe all forms required to implement the provisions of this subchapter.~~

~~(B) — Fees for filing registrations and terminations and for providing other documents are imposed under this subchapter in amounts set by Board resolution.~~

27.354 Termination Of Domestic Partnerships.

~~A domestic partnership registration terminates when:~~

~~(A) — One of the partner dies;~~

~~(B) — One or both partners files a Statement of Termination of Domestic Partnership Registration with the county. If only one partner files a Statement of Termination of Domestic Partnership Registration, that partner must certify that the filing partner attempted to notify the other partner of the filing of the Statement of Termination of Domestic Partnership Registration by mailing a notice of such intent certified mail return receipt requested to the last known address of the other partner.~~

7.300 DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP REGISTRY

7.301 Purpose.

The Board of County Commissioners authorizes and establishes a voluntary program of registration of domestic partners. The domestic partnership registry is a means by which unmarried, committed couples who share a life and home together may document their relationship.

7.302 Requirements.

(A) To register as domestic partners, couples must sign a Certificate of Domestic Partnership declaring that:

(1) They are residing together and sharing the common necessities of life;

(2) Neither of them is married or registered as the domestic partner of any other person in any jurisdiction;

(3) Both of them are at least 18 years of age;

(4) They are not related by blood kinship closer than would bar marriage in the state of Oregon and are mentally competent to consent to contract;

(5) They are each other's sole domestic partner and intend to remain so indefinitely and are responsible for each other's common welfare.

(B) In addition, the Certificate of Domestic Partnership will include a statement by the partners that;

(1) They agree to file a Statement of Termination of Domestic Partnership Registration if the partnership is terminated (except by death) or any of the facts in (1) through (5) above change;

(2) They understand the registration of the Certificate of Domestic Partnership is evidence of a domestic partnership of continuous duration;

(3) They affirm that neither of the partners has filed a Statement of Termination of Domestic Partnership Registration within the last six months.

7.303 Procedures; Fees.

(A) The department director is authorized to adopt administrative rules or procedures and prescribe all forms required to implement the provisions of this subchapter.

(B) Fees for filing registrations and terminations and for providing other documents are imposed under this subchapter in amounts set by Board resolution.

7.304 Termination of Domestic Partnerships.

A domestic partnership registration terminates when:

(A) One of the partner dies;

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Section 5. This ordinance, being necessary for the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Multnomah County, an emergency is declared and the ordinance shall take effect on November 6, 2000, after execution by the County Chair, pursuant to section 5.50 of the Charter of Multnomah County.

FIRST READING AND ADOPTION:

November 2, 2000

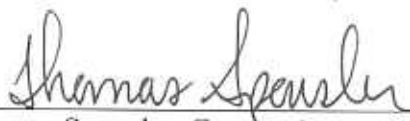


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