

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH
ORDINANCE NO. _____

An Ordinance establishing a Business Advisory Council to the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners.

Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

A. There is a need for the County to attract jobs for our residents, and encourage business investment to increase the County's tax base in order to maintain and enhance the quality of life in our community.

B. The Board will best be able to promote private sector job growth and business expansion in Multnomah County by creating a forum for business leaders to share best practices with county government while working collaboratively to improve our local business climate.

C. The Business Advisory Council will provide an organized and constructive voice to the Board on policy issues related to economic development, improved partnerships with government and private sector stakeholders, enhancement of human capital, and management of the interrelationships among people, land, resources and infrastructure in the County.

D. The need to create such a Business Advisory Council is urgent in order to provide the Board with advice that can lead to increased business investment in our county, increased jobs for our residents, and a resulting increase in the County tax base to continue to provide services to the County.

Multnomah County Ordains as follows:

Section 1. Advisory Council & Duties

There is hereby established a Multnomah County Business Advisory Council. The Council shall advise the Board on policy direction relevant to economic development and, including but not limited to: Recruitment, growth and retention of businesses; regional infrastructure issues as they pertain to business development; development and maintenance of a positive working relationship with local, regional, and state agencies to promote the County as a good place to do business; and development of the human capital of Multnomah County.

Section 2. Membership

The Council shall consist of up to fifteen (15) members. The Council shall consist of members that represent the geographical, cultural and ethnic diversity of the County and the variety of business and workforce perspectives that exist in the County’s business community. The members shall be appointed by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, and approved by the Board as specified in County Charter.

Section 3. Term

Members will be appointed for terms of up to two years, or a portion of two years if appointed to fill an unexpired term. Terms will be staggered so no more than half the Council is appointed each year.

Section 4. Compensation

The members of the council shall receive no compensation.

FIRST READING: _____

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: _____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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