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2 BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
3 FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
4 ORDINANCE NO. 676  
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6 An ordinance providing for transfers of property acquired  
7 through civil forfeiture laws and establishing procedures therefor.  
8 Multnomah County Ordains as Follows:

9 Section I. Definitions.

10 (A) "Government Agency" means any state agency, department,  
11 division, bureau, board, and commission; any county and city  
12 governing body, school district, special district, municipal  
13 corporation, and any board, department, commission, council or  
14 agency thereof; and any other public agency of this state.

15 (B) "Law Enforcement Agency" means any agency which employs  
16 police officers for the purpose of investigation and prosecution of  
17 criminal cases.

18 (C) "Law Enforcement Purpose" means any activity which may be  
19 reasonably expected to result in the identification, apprehension,  
20 or conviction of criminal offenders.

21 (D) "Police Officer" has the meaning given that term in ORS  
22 133.525.

23 (E) "Forfeited property" means all personal property other  
24 than cash or cash proceeds, the right, title, and interest of which  
25 has been granted to Multnomah County by the Circuit Court of the  
26 State of Oregon pursuant to

(1) Or Laws 1989, ch 791, § § 1-10; or

1 (2) Multnomah County Ordinance No. 422  
2 (MCC 7.85.001-7.85.050) in effect prior to May 10, 1989.

3 Section II. Types of Transfers Allowed.

4 (A) Forfeited property may be transferred to any law  
5 enforcement agency to be used for law enforcement purposes, or

6 (B) Forfeited property may be transferred to any government  
7 agency within the State of Oregon for a public purpose.

8 Section III. How Transfers Approved.

9 (A) All property transfers to law enforcement agencies shall  
10 be made at the discretion of the Sheriff of Multnomah County.

11 (B) All other property transfers shall be approved by the  
12 Resolution of Multnomah County Board of Commissioners upon  
13 recommendation of the sheriff.

14 Section IV. Transfer Documents.

15 (A) Upon approval, the sheriff shall transfer the forfeited  
16 property by executing a transfer document describing the property  
17 transferred, stating the transfer is without warranties of title,  
18 condition or fitness for a particular purpose. In addition, the  
19 transfer document shall give notice the transferee is required to  
20 maintain written documentation of each sale, transfer or other  
21 disposition of the property as required by OR Law 1989, ch 791,  
22 § 10(2).

23 Section V. Codification.

24 (A) Sections I. through V. of this ordinance shall be  
25 codified as part of MCC Ch. 7.70.

26 ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 1991, being  
the date of its second reading before the Board of County

1 Commissioners of Multnomah County, Oregon.



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6 Gladys McCoy, Chair  
7 Multnomah County, Oregon

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