

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

ORDINANCE NO.1341

Recognizing Sanctuary Protections, Establishing Protocols for Federal Civil Immigration Enforcement Interaction, and Protecting County Resources and Data.

(Language ~~*stricken~~ is deleted; underlined language is new.)

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

1. Trust and Safety: The health, safety, and general welfare of all Multnomah County residents are best served when all community members, regardless of immigration status, can access County services - including public health, libraries, and law enforcement - without fear of deportation or federal civil immigration enforcement.
2. State Law: In 1987 Oregon became the first sanctuary state in the nation with the passage of Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 181A.820. That statute prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies from using agency moneys, equipment, or personnel for the purpose of detecting or apprehending persons for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws. In 2021 the Oregon legislature passed the Sanctuary Promise Act (HB 3265) codified at ORS 180.805-10 and ORS 181A.820-829. The Act expanded the limitations on state and local government participation or assistance in federal immigration enforcement by applying those restrictions to all state and local government bodies, and strictly limiting the types and circumstances in which any public bodies could share information with federal immigration enforcement authorities.
3. In the interests of public and community safety, in the lawful exercise of its authority and for the protection of all persons within its jurisdiction, and to safeguard and support immigrant and refugee communities, the County will adhere to the protections of the Sanctuary Promise Act as a matter of County policy and to the standards set forth in ORS 180 and ORS 181, as amended to govern interaction with federal immigration authorities.

4. Local Commitment: Multnomah County embraces its obligations under the Sanctuary Promise Act, and reaffirms its commitment to the safety and protection of immigrant communities by adopting the protections of the Sanctuary Promise Act as a matter of County policy and adhering to the standards set forth in ORS 180.805, ORS .823(1-3), ORS 181A.826(1-3), and ORS 181A.829(1-3) in all its interactions with federal immigration authorities.
5. Multnomah County expressly acknowledges a prohibition from entering into, renewing, or maintaining any contract, Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA), or memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or any federal agency to house or detain individuals for civil immigration violations. No County funds or facilities will be used to operate an immigration detention center.
6. In accordance with County resolution and MCC 7.007 the chair is authorized to adopt executive rules or administrative procedures to implement and enforce the provisions of this code.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Ordains as follows:

Section 1: MCC Chapter 8.350 is amended as follows:

§ 8.350- DEFINITIONS.

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RESTRICTED AREAS. Areas of County Property and areas used by the County not normally open to the public. An area is not normally open to the public if patrons and guests cannot enter those spaces without permission or consent of the County or its officials.

FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. Means the United States Department of Homeland Security, the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, the United States Customs and Border Protection or a successor agency, any other federal immigration agency or official, or any other entity to which a federal immigration agency delegates or assigns the authority to detect, investigate or enforce violations of immigration law.

Section 2: MCC Chapter 8.351 is amended as follows:

§ 8.351- DUTIES AND POWERS OF COUNTY CHAIR.

~~The Chair shall do any and all things necessary and proper to manage county property, so that such property is put to its highest and best public use, is adequately maintained during the term of such use; and, if disposed of, is disposed of in the best interests of the citizens of the county.~~

The Chair will take all necessary and proper action to manage County Property and Restricted Areas, so that such property is:

- (1) Managed in compliance with the Oregon Sanctuary Promise Act, and County policy, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Access to Restricted Areas by agents by a federal immigration authority is not permitted unless the agent presents a judicial warrant signed by a federal magistrate or as otherwise authorized by applicable law.
 - (b) Restricted Areas to be posted with visible signage as feasible.
 - (c) No County resources, funds, personnel, or equipment will be utilized to facilitate federal civil immigration enforcement operations, except as required by a valid judicial warrant or court order.
- (2) Utilized to its highest and best public use;
- (3) Adequately maintained during the term of County use; and,
- (4) Disposed of in the best interests of the County.

Section 3: MCC Chapter 8.501 is amended as follows:

§ 8.501- POLICY.

It is the policy of the County to maintain a professional archives and records management program consistent with state law and with current archives and records management professional standards.

Data collection and requests will adhere to the restrictions on the collection and dissemination of information to federal immigration authorities set forth in Oregon's Sanctuary Promise Act as incorporated by reference.

Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance, being necessary for the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Multnomah County, an emergency is declared and the ordinance takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2026.




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