

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1333

Amending MCC Chapter 22 to Change Name of the Joint Office of Homeless Services and MCC Chapter 3.

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

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The Joint Office of Homeless Services was created as a Non-Departmental unit on June 23, 2016, when the Board of County Commissioners amended Multnomah County Code Chapter 25.
- b. County Ordinance 1295, read and adopted on May 27, 2021, established the Joint Office of Homeless Services as a department of Multnomah County via an amendment of County Code Chapter 25 to create Chapter 22 for the inclusion of the Joint Office of Homeless Services.
- c. A “Homelessness Response System Intergovernmental Agreement” between Multnomah County, a political subdivision of the state of Oregon, and the City of Portland, a municipal corporation of the state of Oregon, was approved by the Portland City Council on July 3, 2024 and by the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners on July 11, 2024. This inter-governmental agreement states that, by December 31, 2024, the County must put forward for approval by the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners an ordinance to change the JOHS name in a manner that removes the word “Joint” from the name.

Multnomah County Ordains as Follows:

Section 1. MCC Chapter 22 is amended as follows:

CHAPTER 22: JOINT OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES HOMELESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Joint Office Of Homeless Services Homeless Services Department

§ 22.100 - OFFICE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED.

A ~~Joint Office of Homeless Services~~ Homeless Services Department is established. The Department ~~Office~~ shall be responsible to procure and administer contracts for direct services to single adults, families, youth and victims of domestic violence in need of housing support. The Department ~~Office~~ shall lead community-based planning and oversight and serve as the Lead Agency for the local Continuum of Care.

§ 22.110 - DUTIES.

- (A) Administer all aspects of the ~~Joint Office of Homeless Services~~ Homeless Services Department;
- (B) Advise the Board of County Commissioners ~~and the Portland City Council~~ on matters of concern to the Homeless Services Department ~~Joint Office~~; and
- (C) Manage ~~the Homeless Services Department~~ Joint Office staff, budget and compliance.

Section 2. The County Attorney is authorized to revise any code sections and all written contracts, ordinances, resolutions, Board orders, Chair executive rules, bonds and other legal documents to change the name of the department from the Joint Office of Homeless Services to the Homeless Services Department.

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SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: 1/16/2025



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