

Prospective Petition

Local Initiative and Referendum

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Jurisdiction		Some Circulators may be Paid	
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Title Subject or name you give your petition.
Hold Government Accountable for Property Crimes (Alternative B)

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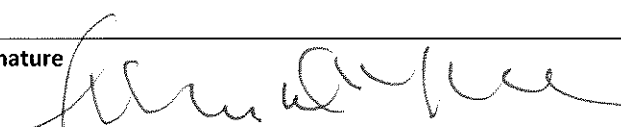
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Chief Petitioner Information Only chief petitioner's residential city and state will appear on petition sheets.

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 MULTNOMAH COUNTY
 DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**To be proposed by initiative petition to qualify for the May 2025 election:
ALTERNATIVE B**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT
HOLD GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR PROPERTY CRIME**

The following is adopted as Section 12.80 to the Multnomah County Charter:

12.80 The Electors of Multnomah County find as follows:

- a. The People have a right to keep their property and possessions safe and have an expectation that their county government will devote sufficient resources to preserve and protect their property; and
- b. The incidence of property crimes committed in Multnomah County have increased significantly over the last decade; and
- c. For many county residents, the economic impacts of property crimes are devastating and can lead to housing and food insecurity, as well as disruptions in employment and other facets of daily life; and
- d. The increase in property crimes has disproportionately affected our County's most vulnerable and historically marginalized communities; and
- e. Over the past decade, prosecutions for felonies, misdemeanors, and juvenile offenses has significantly declined; and
- f. The County's leadership has attempted to address homelessness, drug dependence, behavioral health issues, and other public safety concerns by emphasizing funding of non-governmental, private-sector organizations, which has ultimately resulted in less accountability, less transparency, and less control by public officials with no apparent success; and
- g. Whether intentionally or unintentionally, the County has effectively abdicated its responsibility to provide its residents with a baseline level of safety and crime prevention, which has disproportionately affected communities of color and other vulnerable populations; and
- h. County policies emphasizing "harm reduction," enablement, and absence of consequences have contributed to the increase in theft, vandalism, robberies, assaults, carjackings, graffiti, and other antisocial behaviors, which diminish the quality of life of the County's residents regardless of their income, age, gender, race, nationality, immigration status, or neighborhood location.

12.81. The County shall insure and indemnify persons and owners or lessors of property for property damage and bodily injury as a result of any Crime committed within the County

boundaries from the effective date, unless this section is suspended and not operative pursuant to Section 12.87.

12.82. “Crime” includes any conduct which is prohibited by ORS Chapters 131-169, by a third party against a Crime Victim, in which there is probable cause that a crime has occurred, regardless of whether charges are initiated, provided the Crime is reported to a law enforcement agency and the Crime Victim agrees to cooperate in any civil or criminal proceeding which might be filed against the perpetrator of the crime.

12.83. “Crime Victim” means any person who has sustained injury to property resulting from a Crime committed in Multnomah County. The maximum amount of any claim shall be no more than \$2,500 per occurrence, adjusted each year for inflation based on the consumer price index. “Person” means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or any other combination of persons doing business as an entity generally recognized as having the capacity to sue or be sued.

12.84. The obligation of the County to insure and indemnify a Crime Victim pursuant to Sections 12.81-.83 herein shall be without regard to any commercial insurance or right to indemnification which the Crime Victim may otherwise possess. The County shall have the right to pursue any person who committed a Crime for damages to reimburse it to the extent to which it has paid a Claim. However, the County shall have no right of subrogation as against any insurer of a Crime Victim.

12.85. (A) The Board of County Commissioners shall by ordinance establish an office for Crime Victims’ Compensation, which shall design claim forms similar to those generally utilized by commercial insurance carriers, and make them available to Crime Victims. The Crime Victims’ Compensation Office shall administer claims, be empowered to investigate suspected fraudulent claims, and must process and pay claims within 60 days of presentation by Crime Victims.

(B) Claims described in this section and other related information are submitted to the County in confidence as described in ORS 192.355(4). In accepting the claim forms described in this section and other related information, the County obliges itself in good faith not to disclose such information. This subsection does not prevent the County from releasing data about claims that is aggregated by geographic or demographic categories if the data is reasonably anonymized.

12.86. The County shall use any and all existing financial resources to administer the Crime Victims’ Compensation Office and to pay claims presented by Crime Victims. The County shall not impose new taxes on residents of the County or on property located within the County or on persons doing business within the County to finance the obligations of the County pursuant to Section 12.80 through 12.89. To the extent that administration of and payment of obligations required under Sections 12.80 through 12.89 create shortfalls in budgets for other County programs, the budgets for those programs shall be reduced by the Board of Commissioners to permit the County to fully perform its obligations under Sections 12.80 through 12.89, notwithstanding any expenditure restrictions otherwise required by ordinances establishing these programs.

12.87. After December 31, 2026, the obligations of the County under Section 12.81 shall be temporarily suspended and rendered inoperative for a period of one calendar year following publication of statistics from the Federal Bureau of Investigation showing that the incidence of reported crimes for each of the following categories: (i) theft; (ii) auto theft and (iii) burglary; occurring within Multnomah County for the last immediate calendar year have fallen below those which were reported by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for calendar year 2014.

12.88. Any Crime Victim may seek recourse in the way of damages, declaratory relief, injunctive relief, or other remedies allowed by law for the purpose of enforcing the County's obligations pursuant to Sections 12.80 through 12.89. A prevailing Crime Victim shall be entitled to recover costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred in prosecuting the claim against the County or in enforcing the County's obligations pursuant to Section 12.80 through 12.89.

12.89. If any portion of this amendment (sections 12.80 through 12.89) is held by any court to be invalid or if application of any of its provisions to any person or circumstances is held by any court to be invalid, then the other provisions or applications shall not be affected thereby.