

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-006**

Resolution to approve an intergovernmental agreement to join with other Mount Hood Cable Regulatory Commission (MHCRC) members to dissolve the MHCRC.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The MHCRC was formed through an agreement between Multnomah County and the cities of Fairview, Gresham, Portland, Troutdale, and Wood Village (the “Agreement”). Under the Agreement, the jurisdictions formed the MHCRC and granted the MHCRC the authority to manage the distribution of funds from the cable services franchise agreements that are individually between jurisdictions and Comcast.
- b. The MHCRC oversees 16,791 cable subscriptions as of the FY25-26 budget, with 681 subscriptions under Multnomah County’s jurisdiction. As a result of the cable services franchise agreements, the Commission oversees an FY25-26 fund budget of about \$11 million and an FY25-26 franchise fee revenue of about \$1.1 million, of which \$140,876 is allocated to Multnomah County.
- c. On May 15, 2025, the Board approved a franchise agreement with Comcast to continue collecting cable franchise fees and Public, Education, and Government (PEG) fees. The franchise agreement expires on December 31, 2035.
- d. MHCRC-overseen cable subscriptions saw a 42% decline between 2006 and 2025, decreasing from 29,071 to 16,791 subscriptions. The resulting shrinking revenues combined with administrative costs to manage and support the commission structure and grants has led to jurisdictional members communicating their desire to dissolve the MHCRC and terminate the Agreement.
- e. The proposed MHCRC Dissolution Agreement is the first step of two actions. The Dissolution Agreement will officially memorialize the County’s desire to dissolve the MHCRC, provide for the distribution of MHCRC’s assets, and provide for an accelerated process for reviewing and approving grants budgeted for FY 2025-26.
- f. It has been communicated to the County that all other MHCRC member jurisdictions have signed the proposed MHCRC Dissolution Agreement.
- g. The Board will soon be asked to review a new administrative contract with the City of Portland under which the City will oversee and provide supervision for MHCRC-approved grants after MHCRC dissolution.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. To authorize the Chair to sign the MHCRC Dissolution Agreement, under which the County joins with other Mount Hood Cable Regulatory Commission members and dissolves the MHCRC.

ADOPTED this 29th day of January, 2026.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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