

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-042**

Resolution to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with MHCRC member jurisdictions and the City of Portland to administer oversight of committed MHCRC funds.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- A. The Mount Hood Cable Regulatory Commission (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 to 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 led to jurisdictional members agreeing to dissolve the MHCRC by June 30, 2026.
- E. MHCRC committed funds through grants that extend beyond the dissolution of the MHCRC.
- F. Upon MHCRC dissolution, MHCRC jurisdiction members are collectively responsible for oversight of MHCRC-committed funds.
- G. Under the proposed IGA, Portland will provide necessary oversight to all MHCRC-committed funds on behalf of Multnomah County and other MHCRC member jurisdictions.
- H. The proposed IGA meets Multnomah County's legal obligations to oversee MHCRC-committed funds at reasonable cost to the County.

- I. The Board will soon be asked to review a new administrative contract with the cities of Troutdale, Fairview, and Wood Village, under which Troutdale will collect and disburse cable revenues to the contract's parties, allocate funds to MetroEast, and provide necessary oversight to MetroEast.
- J. The Board will soon be asked to review an amendment to the franchise agreement with Comcast that adapts the franchise agreement to align with MHCRC dissolution.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

To authorize the Chair to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with MHCRC member jurisdictions and the City of Portland to administer oversight of committed MHCRC funds.

ADOPTED this 11th day of June, 2026.



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