

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-046**

Resolution to approve a revised Franchise Agreement for Cable Services Between Comcast of Illinois/Ohio/Oregon, LLC, Multnomah County, and the Cities of Fairview, Troutdale, and Wood Village.

**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. This franchise agreement lists the MHCRC as the authority to regulate the franchise. 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. Upon MHCRC dissolution, the Comcast franchise agreement must be updated to reflect a post-MHCRC world, including, but not limited to, reflecting jurisdictions as the regulatory authority to the Comcast franchise agreement.
- f. The City of Gresham has informed Multnomah County it does not want to remain a party of the Comcast franchise agreement. The proposed revised Comcast franchise agreement maintains the Cities of Troutdale, Wood Village, and Fairview, and Multnomah County as jurisdictional parties.
- g. The proposed updated Comcast franchise agreement meets Multnomah County's legal obligations.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

1. To authorize the Chair to sign the revised Franchise Agreement for Cable Services Between Comcast of Illinois/Ohio/Oregon, LLC, Multnomah County, and the Cities of Fairview, Troutdale, and Wood Village.

**ADOPTED this 25th day of June, 2026.**



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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*Jessica Vega Pederson*

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Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Meghan Moyer, District 1 County Commissioner