

July 21, 2025

Dear John Dilorenzo:

On July 18, 2025, Multnomah County Elections received paperwork filed for approval to begin MultCoInit-15 signature collection.

We reviewed the filing to ensure compliance with county initiative petition requirements and verified that you have filed a Statement of Organization with the Oregon Secretary of State. The signature sheets and circulator text attached with this letter have been approved for circulation.

The Petition ID is included on the attached signature sheets. You may only use copies of the approved signature sheets, circulator text, and certified ballot title during signature collection.

Before printing or circulating the signature petition, you are advised to carefully review the [County, City, and District Initiative and Referendum Manual](#) and ensure you understand all requirements for producing, distributing, circulating, and submitting the signature sheets. Please note: e-sheets and signature sheets should be printed on at least 20-pound, 8 ½" x 11" uncoated white paper, or equivalent, with the cover sheet printed on the other side.

You must collect a minimum of 29,284 valid signatures from voters registered in Multnomah County for the petition to be referred to the ballot. The deadline to collect and submit signatures to Multnomah County Elections is December 30, 2025. Only original signature sheets will be accepted, and must be submitted to Multnomah County Elections in person or by mail. Signature sheets must be numbered sequentially prior to submission.

Once signature sheets are submitted, Multnomah County Elections will have 30 days to verify signatures.

If you have any questions, contact us at 503-988-8613.



Tim Scott, Director
Multnomah County Elections

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative or <input type="checkbox"/> Referendum Petition		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County: Multnomah	<input type="checkbox"/> City:	<input type="checkbox"/> District:

Ballot Title or Measure Title
→ Insert the final ballot title of the initiative or the title of the measure as enacted by the local governing body. If there is no title chief petitioners may supply one that must include the number of the ordinance/resolution being referred and the date the local governing body adopted the ordinance/resolution.
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Chief Petitioners Names and Residential City and State
John Dilorenzo Portland, OR

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Instructions for Signers
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Signature Sheet | Local ☒ Initiative ☐ Referendum

Petition ID

MULTICOUNTY-15

! It is against the law to sign a petition more than one time. Signers of this page must be active registered voters of the jurisdiction at the time of signing.

☒ SOME Circulators ☐ NO Circulators for this petition are being paid.

To the Elections Official of:

→ We, the undersigned voters, request this measure to be submitted to the residents of the jurisdiction listed below for their approval or rejection. A full and correct copy of this measure was made available for review and I have not previously signed a petition sheet for this measure.

County Multnomah City District

Ballot Title Caption (Initiative) or Number of Ordinance or Resolution and Date Adopted (Referendum)

Amends Charter: Requires County compensate injuries from property crimes, prohibits new tax

i Initial any changes the circulator makes to your printed name, residence address or date you signed the petition.

Signature

Date Signed mm/dd/yy

Print Name

Residence or Mailing Address street, city, zip code

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Circulator Certification This certification must be completed by the circulator and additional signatures should not be collected on this sheet once the certification has been signed and dated. I hereby certify that I witnessed the signing of the signature sheet by each individual whose signature appears on the signature sheet, and I believe each person is a voter qualified to sign the petition (ORS 198.750, 221.031, 250.165, 250.265, 255.135). I also hereby certify that compensation I received, if any, was not based on the number of signatures obtained for this petition.

Circulator Signature

Date Signed mm/dd/yy

Sheet Number
Completed by
chief petitioner

Printed Name of Circulator

Circulator's Address street, city, zip code

County Elections Officials provide a separate certification to attach to the petition.

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Electronic Signature Sheet | Local**Initiative****Referendum**Petition ID MultCoInit-15☒ **SOME** Circulators ☐ **NO** Circulators for this petition are being paid.

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Certification I certify that I personally printed a copy of this sheet or requested a separate person print a copy so that I may sign it. I request this petition be placed on the ballot for approval or rejection by the voters.

Signature

Date Signed mm/dd/yy

Print Name

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Sheet Number

Completed by chief petitioner

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 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.

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.

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Explanatory Statement:

New Requirement: County to Compensate Individuals and Entities for Property Damage and Bodily Injury from Property Crimes Committed within Multnomah County

This measure would amend the County Charter to require the County to compensate individuals and entities, including property owners or lessors of property, for property damage and bodily injury as a result of a property crime committed within the County.

A crime qualifies as a property crime subject to the compensation provisions of the measure if:

- It involves conduct prohibited by state criminal law (ORS Chapters 131 to 169)
- It is committed by a third party against a crime victim, meaning an individual or entity who sustains injury to property as a result of a crime
- There is probable cause that a crime has occurred, even if no charges are brought
- The crime is reported to a law enforcement agency, and
- The crime victim agrees to cooperate in any civil or criminal proceeding against the perpetrator.

The maximum amount of any claim is \$2500 per occurrence, with that amount adjusted annually for inflation based on the consumer price index. The County would have the right to seek reimbursement from a perpetrator to the extent of any claim paid, but the County would not have a right of subrogation against a crime victim's insurer.

The County's compensation obligation would exist even if a crime victim has commercial insurance or an existing right to indemnification.

County Board to Establish Crime Victims' Compensation Office

The Board of County Commissioners would be required to establish by ordinance a Crime Victims' Compensation Office to design claim forms, make those forms available to crime victims, administer claims, investigate suspected fraudulent claims, and pay claims within 60 days of presentation by crime victims.

The claims and related information would be treated as submitted in confidence under state public records law. The County could release reasonably anonymized claims data aggregated by geography or demographics.

Prohibition on New Tax to Fund New County Obligations

The County would be prohibited from imposing new taxes on County residents, property located within the County, or persons doing business within the County to finance the County's obligations under the measure.

Suspension of County Compensation Obligation Upon Certain Conditions

After December 31, 2026, the County's compensation obligations would be temporarily suspended and inoperative for one calendar year if published Federal Bureau of Investigation statistics showed the incidence of reported crimes of theft, auto theft, and burglary for the last immediate calendar year are below those reported by the FBI in calendar year 2014.

Enforcement and Severability

Crime victims could enforce the County's obligations and seek damages, declaratory relief, injunctive relief, or other remedies. Prevailing crime victims would be entitled to recover costs and reasonable attorney fees.

Any portion of the amendment held invalid would not affect remaining provisions.