

Department: Community Services

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs: 90021

Program Characteristics:
Program Description

The Code Compliance program responds to complaints of possible violations of the County's land use, transportation right-of-way rules and solid waste and recycling regulations. The County and community both benefit from an effective code compliance system that ensures the health and safety of residents and protects the environment. County land use and transportation right-of-way rules cover a broad spectrum of activities. Examples include development regulations and special protections for natural resource areas such as wildlife habitats, sensitive environmental areas, scenic view sheds, wetlands, streams, floodplains, wildfire-prone areas and potentially unstable slopes.

When code violations are discovered, the compliance program focuses first on education and voluntary compliance in an attempt to cooperatively resolve issues. This is a more equitable approach as it attempts to increase awareness first and potentially mitigate bias when people lodge complaints. If voluntary compliance fails, the program can assess civil fines and/or seek a court order or injunction.

The Code Compliance program is also responsible for managing the County's Solid Waste and Recycling regulations in unincorporated areas. State law requires that comprehensive and consistent recycling and garbage services are provided together with education, business information and technical assistance for constituents and residents about waste prevention, reuse and recycling.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	(Revised for FY 2025) Median number of calendar days to investigate complaints received	N/A	N/A	N/A	60
Output	(New for FY 2025) Median number of calendar days to send written notice to respondent on alleged high priority	N/A	N/A	N/A	90

Performance Measures Descriptions

The first output tracks the median number of days the compliance program responds to all complaints, regardless of priority. The second output reports on the median calendar days for the compliance office to contact a respondent with written notice of an alleged violation, for the highest priority cases. N/A refers to measures that commenced in FY 2025 and to previous years' performance measures. Due to changes in software, data on previous years' performance measures is unavailable.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County must adopt, implement and enforce a comprehensive plan that meets state planning goals and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Management Plan, including implementing regulations as provided under ORS 92, 195, 196, 197, 215 and 390. The County is responsible for solid waste and recycling regulatory mandates originating from Metro Code Title V, specifically 5.10 Regional Waste Plan and ORS 459A and Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 340-090, appoint a Planning Director and employ staff necessary to carry out these responsibilities.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$288,103	\$0	\$303,888	\$0
Contractual Services	\$2,589	\$0	\$2,589	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$1,260	\$0	\$1,260	\$0
Internal Services	\$25,930	\$0	\$27,105	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$317,882	\$0	\$334,842	\$0
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Program FTE	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$35,034	\$0	\$35,035	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$15,666	\$0	\$15,500	\$0
Total Revenue	\$50,700	\$0	\$50,535	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

The County General Fund supports the Code Compliance program. The division estimates roughly \$35,035 in revenue in FY 2026 from licensing fees paid by local, private trash and recycling haulers. Metro provides additional annual support of approximately \$15,500 to assist with the administration of the Rural Waste Hauler and Rural Recycle-at-Work programs.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 90020 Land Use Planning (LUP) Code Compliance