

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1295**

An Ordinance Relating to County Organization: Amending Multnomah County Code Chapter 25 and Creating a Chapter 22 for the Joint Office of Homeless Services.

(Language ~~stricken~~ is deleted; underlined language is new.)

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

- a. The Office was created as a Non-Departmental unit on June 23, 2016, when the Board of County Commissioners amended Multnomah County Code Chapter 25.
- b. Inclusion of the Office as a Non-Departmental unit was deemed necessary following the approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Multnomah County and the City of Portland that centralized the homeless services funding, policy, and planning efforts of both jurisdictions.
- c. The Office was situated within Non-Departmental to provide adequate administrative infrastructure and ensure successful development of the new office.
- d. Since incorporation within Non-Departmental, the Office has relied on central County administrative functions, including human resources and other operational support, provided by the Department of County Assets and the Department of County Management.
- e. In May of 2020, Metro district services area voters passed Metro Measure 26-210 (the "Supportive Housing Services Measure"), establishing two new taxes, a business income tax and a personal income tax, to fund supportive housing services for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness.
- f. The Metro district service area includes portions of Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties (the "Counties"). Revenues from the Supportive Housing Services Measure will be distributed to the Counties to fund new programs and services for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness (the "Programs and Services"). Metro estimates that Multnomah County will receive \$52.1 million in Supportive Housing Services revenue in Fiscal Year 2022 and approximately \$100.0 million per year at full revenue collection.
- g. The Office will be responsible for the ongoing planning, contracting, financial administration, reporting, and regional coordination required to carry out the provision and delivery of the Programs and Services.
- h. Supporting the provision and delivery of the Programs and Services, in addition to the existing homeless services programs and services funded by Multnomah County, the City of Portland, and the state and federal governments, will more than double the Office's budget to over \$170 million per year and require substantial organizational growth, including in administrative infrastructure.

- i. With the ongoing and planned future growth of the Office, the administrative needs of a significantly expanded Office cannot be effectively accommodated by the centralized Non-Departmental services. That system is designed to serve multiple much smaller, less complex entities, rather than the needs of an organization that is at the scale and complexity of a department.
- j. Multnomah County, the Office, and the public's interest in visibility will be better served by the Office being moved from Non-Departmental and incorporated as a Department within the organizational structure.

**Multnomah County Ordains as Follows:**

**Section 1. MCC 25.710 is deleted as follows:**

**~~§ 25.710 OFFICE ESTABLISHED.~~**

~~- A Multnomah County Joint Office of Homeless Services is established. The Office shall be responsible to procure and administer contracts for direct services to single adults, families, youth and victims of domestic violence in need of housing support. The Director of the Office is appointed by the Chair and reports directly to the Chair.~~

**Section 2. MCC 25.720 is deleted as follows:**

**~~§ 25.720 DUTIES.~~**

~~- The Director will:~~

~~— (A) Administer all aspects of the Joint Office of Homeless Services;~~

~~(B) Advise the Board of County Commissioners and the Portland City Council on matters of concern to the Joint Office;~~

~~(C) Manage Joint Office staff, budget and compliance; and~~

~~(D) Convene the Policy & Budget Alignment Committee (PBAC) established by Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Portland.~~

**Section 3. MCC Chapter 22, Joint Office of Homeless Services is created as follows:**

**§ 22.100 OFFICE ESTABLISHED.**

- A Multnomah County Joint Office of Homeless Services is established. The Office shall be responsible to procure and administer contracts for direct services to single adults, families, youth and victims of domestic violence in need of housing support. The Office shall lead community-based planning and oversight and serve as the Lead Agency for the local Continuum of Care. The Director of the Office is appointed by the Chair and reports directly to the Chair.

**§ 22.110 DUTIES.**

- The Director will:

- (A) Administer all aspects of the Joint Office of Homeless Services;
- (B) Advise the Board of County Commissioners and the Portland City Council on matters of concern to the Joint Office;
- (C) Manage Joint Office staff, budget and compliance; and
- (D) Convene the Policy & Budget Alignment Committee (PBAC) established by Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Portland.

FIRST READING:

5.20.2021

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:

5.27.2021



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