

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

EXECUTIVE RULE NO. 429

Declaration of Emergency Due to Extreme Heat

1. Multnomah County is authorized under ORS 401.305 to act as an emergency management agency, including the authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and directing responsibilities during emergencies.
2. Multnomah County has enacted a local ordinance, Multnomah County Code § 25.410 *et seq.*, pursuant to the authority granted by ORS 401.025 *et seq.* and the Multnomah County Charter, that provides for executive responsibility in times of emergency and specifically delegates authority to declare a state of emergency to the County Chair.
3. The Chair is authorized, pursuant to Multnomah County Code § 7.007, to adopt Executive Rules to implement and enforce provisions of the Multnomah County Code and to carry out the Chair's duties under the Charter.
4. The following conditions have caused a state of emergency:
 - A. Nature of the emergency: Multiple weather forecasting models indicate elevated temperatures for an extended period of time, which could impact the health, safety, and welfare of Multnomah County residents and result in widespread injury, adverse health outcomes, and loss of life.
 - B. Geographic boundaries of the emergency: All of Multnomah County will be impacted.
 - C. Preliminary damage assessments: The inclement weather has yet to cause significant injury or damage. Such assessments shall continue for the duration of the emergency.
 - D. The known emergency equipment and supplies needed to accomplish emergency tasks: In collaboration with other local government partners, Multnomah County will open cooling shelters in Multnomah County, which will be available to those members of the public who need cooling shelters, and will include other necessary operational equipment and supplies. All local resources have not been expended at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, the following Executive Rule is adopted:

5. The Chair formally declares a state of emergency for Multnomah County,

effective at 12:00 p.m., August 22, 2025 and continuing through 9:00 a.m., August 25, 2025, unless rescinded or further extended.

6. The following additional actions are authorized per Multnomah County Code Chapter 25:
 - A. The Director of the Multnomah County Department of Emergency Management, or designee, shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate a response and recovery from this emergency, including, but not limited to, requesting assistance from the State of Oregon.
 - B. Price gouging is prohibited; the value received for goods and services sold within the designated disaster area may not exceed the prices ordinarily charged for comparable goods and services in the same market area at, or immediately before, the time of the emergency.
 - C. The Director of County Management, or designee, is authorized to suspend purchasing rules and to direct the Multnomah County purchasing manager to make or authorize others to make procurements of goods and services under the authority provided in the County's Public Contracting Review Board Rule 47-0280 and ORS 279B.080.
 - D. The Director of County Management, or designee, is authorized to suspend or modify personnel rules and administrative procedures or enter into memorandums of agreement or exception with union partners if compliance with such provisions would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency or pose hardship on the communities we serve or employees of Multnomah County.
 - E. The Chief Operating Officer, or designee, may direct County officers and employees to perform or facilitate emergency services.
7. The Chair reserves and does not waive all other emergency powers, as authorized by MCC 25.440 *et seq.*, ORS 401, and any other applicable legal authority. Accordingly, the Chair may supplement this Executive Rule with additional measures or orders as she deems necessary and appropriate.

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By: 

Jessica Vega Pederson, Multnomah County Chair

Approved as to form:
/s Robert E. Sinnott, Sr. Assistant County Attorney