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# MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON EXECUTIVE RULE NO. 268

# **Energy Conservation**

#### a. Goals:

- Multnomah County buildings will be models of energy efficiency and will practice energy conservation where practical
- The countywide goal is to reduce energy consumption by an additional 10% by the year 2010 from 2000 consumption levels.
- b. Coordination and management of conservation:
  - The Department of Business and Community Services (DBCS) Facilities Division will coordinate countywide energy conservation in County owned and leased facilities.
  - DBCS Facilities Division will track countywide energy consumption and evaluate progress toward meeting County goals.
  - All capital construction, remodel, and maintenance projects will be evaluated by DBCS Facilities Division for opportunities to save energy.
    - The target is to exceed Oregon energy code by 30% on new construction and 10% percent on retrofits.
    - Departments will support opportunities for energy efficiency and DBCS review of capital projects.
  - County managers will encourage and assist employees to conserve and prevent energy waste.

# c. Lighting:

- Overhead and task lighting will be optimized consistent with Illuminating Engineering Society North America (IESNA) Guidelines and State of Oregon energy conservation requirements.
- The use of dual level lighting controls, occupancy sensor controls, daylight dimming, time clock controls, photo sensor controls, etc. are encouraged.
- All task lighting will be fluorescent including light fixtures employees bring from home.
- Incandescent and halogen lighting sources are prohibited for task lighting.
- Whenever an area will be vacant for an extended time, occupants will turn the lights off provided doing so does not compromise health, safety or productivity.
- Areas identified by employees as being over-lit should be reported to DBCS Facilities Division Dispatch.
- Employees are encouraged to report noticeable malfunctions in automatic lighting controls that cause auto shut off lights to remain on to DBCS Facilities Division Dispatch.
- After hours lighting (does not include facilities that operate 24/7) will be the minimum needed to meet emergency lighting code requirements.

### d. Heating and Cooling:

- DBCS Facilities Division will optimize hot and chilled water temperatures to conserve both energy and water.
- For mechanically heated spaces, a minimum space temperature for heating of 68 degrees and maximum mechanical heating of 70 degrees for all occupied workspaces will be maintained as the County Standard.
- County Standard mechanical heating and cooling will be locked out between 70 and 75 degrees.
- For mechanically cooled spaces, a maximum space temperature for cooling of 77 degrees and minimum mechanical cooling of 75 degrees for all occupied workspaces will be maintained as the County Standard.
- While no mechanical heating will be provided above 70 degrees, temperature may drift to 75 degrees before mechanical cooling will occur. Because temperatures may vary throughout a day and building, employees should dress appropriately for optimum comfort.
- Space temperatures will be maintained for regular scheduled occupied hours only and only when a building is fully occupied.
  - For continuous, small, off-hours shifts, departments should request localized HVAC.
- Space heaters are not allowed in heated areas of building.
  - Space heaters are safety hazards to buildings and occupants.
  - Space heaters disrupt building controls causing reduced heating to other occupants.
- Non-radiant foot-warmers of 150 watts or less are permitted, but only in areas where temperature control within County standard is not possible and only after pursuing reasonable energy-free options.
  - Non-radiant foot-warmers are not a DBCS Facilities Division base service provided option.

#### e. Appliances:

- Departments must ensure appliances are appropriate and energy efficient.
- Personal fans will be rated at 0.5 amps or less (equivalent to 60 watts.)
- DBCS Facilities Division will optimize vending machine energy consumption where cost-effective.
- Any new or replaced appliances will be Energy Star® or equivalent products when available.

#### f. Personal computers:

- Employees should shut down their computers at the end of each workday.
- The desktop support group within IT Services will phase in a configuration of the power settings for computer monitors to power off after a period of inactivity. Notifications will be made prior to implementation.

- g. Custodial and Other Small After-hours Crews:
  - Where practical, custodial services will be performed by day. If necessary to temporarily work crews after-hours, HVAC will not be operated and crews are requested to use minimum lighting necessary without compromising health, safety or productivity.

#### g. Waivers:

- County government should be a model of energy conservation. However, any required measure may be waived by the County Chair.
- Requests for exceptions to this mandate must be submitted in writing to the Chair's Office for approval.
- Where possible and before requesting a waiver from the Chair, departments should attempt alternative measures to offset any measure they feel must be waived.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2002.

Diane M. Linn, Multnomah County Chair

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