BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 09-104

Directing the Multnomah County Health Department to Assess the Condition of Residential Rental Properties in Unincorporated Multnomah County

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

a. The Board is adopting a county Residential Rental Property Maintenance Code (RRPMC) to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

b. Enforcement of the RRPMC is complaint driven. The Board wishes to assess the condition of rental properties in order to determine whether it is necessary to broaden the enforcement scope.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Health Department is directed to conduct an external assessment of a statistically significant sample of the residential rental properties in unincorporated Multnomah County for the following purposes:

   (a) Assessment of the overall condition of the residential rental stock in relation to the standards of the RRPMC and MCC Chapter 29, Building Regulations; and

   (b) Determination of the general risk to the health and welfare of persons occupying residential rental properties in unincorporated Multnomah County based upon the assessment.

2. Effective October 5, 2009, for any property identified in the external assessment phase specified above as posing an imminent danger to the health and safety of the occupants, the director shall issue a notice of violation to the property owner and follow the appropriate notice and abatement processes provided for by County ordinance.

3. The Health Department will report to the Board no later than May 1, 2010, with its recommendation regarding whether the Board should institute a non-complaint driven enforcement process to address violations of the RRPMC.

ADOPTED this 20th day of August 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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