TITLE 4

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

CHAPTER 470

CASCADE WEST REGIONAL CABLE COMMUNICATIONS (CWRCC) COMMISSION CODE

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470.005 Title

This Chapter, LCC 470.005 to 470.050, shall be known and may be cited as the "Linn County Cascades West Regional Cable Communications Commission Code" or simply as the "Cascades West Regional Cable Communications Commission Code" or "Cable Communications Commission Code." [Adopted 98-526 §16 eff 12/16/98]

470.010 Definitions

As used in this Chapter:

(A) "Commission" means the Cascades West Regional Cable Communications Commission created by an intergovernmental agreement under ORS 190 and ratified pursuant to this chapter.

(B) "**Initial members**" means the cities of Albany, Adair Village, Corvallis, Harrisburg, Lebanon, and Linn and Benton Counties.

(C) "**Members**" local governments with cable franchising authority within the boundaries of Linn and Benton Counties and other government entities with an interest in intergovernmental communications which enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement.

[Adopted 94-536 §1 eff 1/18/95; amd 98-526 §16 eff 12/16/98]

470.020 Declaration of intent

It is the intent of the county of Linn to create a regional cable television and communications commission by intergovernmental agreement. The regional cable television commission shall be known as the Cascades West Regional Cable Communications Commission. Linn County hereby ratifies the creation of the Cascades West Regional Cable Communications Commission by enacting this Chapter. [Adopted 94-536 §2 eff 1/18/95]

470.030 Effective date of the intergovernmental agreement

Pursuant to ORS 190.085, the intergovernmental agreement establishing the Commission shall become effective upon the adoption of the agreement by ordinance by all the initial members. [Adopted 94-536 §3 eff 1/18/95]

470.040 Public purposes

The Commission is created to improve the cost effectiveness, efficiency, and responsiveness of cable regulation and the advancement of intergovernmental communications by consolidating the regulatory responsibilities of several entities into one body, thereby avoiding duplication of staff training and simplifying citizen and government impact on cable and communications systems.

[Adopted 94-536 §4 eff 1/18/95]

470.050 Powers, duties and functions

The Commission shall have all powers, rights, and duties possessed by its members and necessary to carry out its purposes, except as specifically reserved in the intergovernmental agreement or the franchises of the region and individual members. By way of illustration, without limiting the foregoing, the Commission shall have the power to:

(A) Negotiate a regional franchise agreement with one or more cable communications providers;

(B) Act on behalf of its members, jointly or separately, and on its own behalf, to oversee and regulate any cable communications system operated pursuant to the franchises;

(C) Develop Public Access services for the benefit of its members and their communities;

(D) Regularly communicate to the member's elected bodies and others the actions and activities of the Commission as well as issues addressed on behalf of cable customers and the general community. Such communications shall be guided by the Commission regarding content, method and frequency;

(E) Take any action necessary to enforce or administer the franchises;

(F) Enter into contracts and agreements as it deems necessary or appropriate to obtain funds or accomplish the purposes of this chapter and the intergovernmental agreement;

(G) Own or lease equipment and other property in its own name;

(H) Adopt a budget indicating the receipts and expenditures of the Commission, and establish the annual assessment for each member;

(I) Make, adopt, and amend Rules of Procedure and/or Bylaws consistent with this chapter and the intergovernmental agreement;

(J) Employ staff, retain consultants, and obtain the personal services of individuals or

employees of the member agencies or other public agencies;

(K) At the request of a member or members, undertake community-specific services in return for payment by the communities benefitted; and

(L) Take any other action necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the purposes of this chapter and the intergovernmental agreement described in this chapter.

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Statutory References and Other Authorities: ORS 203

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