

TITLE 10

SPECIAL ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS, RULES, POLICIES, AND BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

SUBTITLE 3 — POLICIES

POLICY 2

AUTHORIZATION FOR STAFF AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE LOBBYING

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2.010 Background

(A) In the past, the roles of the Board of Commissioners, staff and advisory committee members may not have been clear in relation to legislative advocacy. As a result, staff and advisory committee members may have advocated, orally or in writing, the support of particular legislation prior to receiving authorization from the Board of Commissioners. That approach to legislative advocacy could result in inconsistent advocacy efforts by the Board of Commissioners and its staff and advisors.

(B) Similarly, the Board of Commissioners has not consistently been apprized of legislative advocacy activities being conducted on behalf of the County.

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2.050 Definitions

As used in this policy, the following definitions apply:

(A) **Advocacy**, means the influencing, or attempting to influence, congressional or legislative action or federal or State agency rule or decision making. Advocacy does not include the provision of purely factual matters at the request of a member on Congress or the Oregon Legislature, or any federal or State agency administrator, or employee of any of the foregoing.

(B) **On Behalf of the County**, means:

(1) advocacy undertaken in the name of the County or while purporting to represent the interest of the County, no matter when the advocacy occurs;

(2) advocacy undertaken without specifically disclaiming such advocacy to be on behalf of the County, when under the circumstances of the advocacy, the entity sought to be influenced would or might be misled as to whether the advocacy was on behalf of the County;

(3) advocacy undertaken during working hours or with the use of County stationary, telephones, or other supplies or equipment.

(C) **Staff**, means any employee of Linn County, and members of advisory committees, excluding the Linn County Assessor, Clerk, District Attorney, Sheriff, Surveyor, Treasurer, Justices of the Peace, and Circuit and District Court Judges, or the employees or advisory committees of any of them.

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2.100 Policy

(A) Whenever possible prior to staff undertaking advocacy on behalf of the County, the Board of Commissioners will be consulted and the concurrence of the Board will be obtained. When prior consultation with the board is not possible, staff will advise the Board as soon after the advocacy has occurred as possible.

(B) Staff will report to the board monthly regarding the time, place and location of advocacy activities that are conducted by the staff or its Advisory Committee members on behalf of the County.

(C) Any correspondence directed to The President, Governor, or any member of the State Legislature or Congress on behalf of the County will be signed by the Board.

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