MULTNOMAH COUNTY
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 8/18/11)

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Meeting Date:	4/26/12
Agenda Item #:	R.2
Est. Start Time:	9:38 am
Date Submitted:	4/4/12

Agenda Title: **Public Hearing and First Hearing to Consider ORDINANCE Amending MCC §7.402 and Updating and Codifying Provisions Relating To Forfeiture of Redemption Right for Tax Foreclosed Property and Repealing Ordinance 630**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date:	April 26, 2012	**Time Needed:**	15 Minutes
Department:	County Management	**Division:**	Assessment Recording and Taxation/Special Programs
Contact(s):	Sally Brown and Becky Grace		
Phone:	503-988-3326 **Ext.** 22349	**I/O Address:**	503/2/Special Programs
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):	Randy Walruff, Division Director/Assessor		

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

The Assessor is requesting the Board to amend Multnomah County Code 7.402 by removing the County's self imposed obligation to give additional written notice to former owners of tax foreclosed property immediately after the end of the two year redemption period. The Assessor is requesting approval for updating and codifying provisions relating to forfeiture of redemption rights for tax foreclosed property and repealing Ordinance 630.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Under the existing MCC 7.402 (A), the County self imposed an obligation to give written notice to former owners of tax foreclosed property after the end of the tax foreclosure redemption period. This has not been an effective tool to reduce the inventory of properties taken in through tax foreclosure. The ongoing cost to undertake the process cannot be justified.

Repealing Ordinance 630 enacted in 1989 authorizing forfeiture of redemption for tax foreclosed property upon abandonment or waste, requiring the tax collector to deed property to the County after hearing, and permitting affected persons to appear or redeem to avoid forfeiture of their redemption right.

The Assessor would like to update provisions relating to forfeiture of redemption rights for tax foreclosed property and add them to the Multnomah County Code.

This would affect program offer 72051 by reducing the redemption period of properties being abandoned and wasting, and places property into county ownership more efficiently and then back onto the tax rolls.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

By obtaining abandoned and wasting property before the maintenance costs become exorbitant.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

No legal issues are expected.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Protection of the health, safety and welfare of citizens, the preservation of housing, the prevention of exterior deterioration, and neighborhood livability.

Required Signature

Elected Official or Department Director: Karyne Kieta **Date:** 4/4/12