

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Declaring a Fiscal Emergency )  
and Modifying Recording Dates under ) Order No. 21-2026  
ORS 205.242 for the Columbia County Clerk )

WHEREAS, ORS 205.242(1) sets forth the days of the week on which the Columbia County Clerk shall receive and certify instruments presented for recording, such days being every day except Saturdays, Sundays and other holidays; and

WHEREAS, ORS 205.242(2) authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to limit the days during which the Clerk shall receive and certify instruments presented for recording, upon adoption of a resolution in which the Board determines that a fiscal emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, during the 2026-2027 budget process, the Board of County Commissioners was forced to implement a furlough schedule due to dwindling resources and increased costs; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Courthouse, Courthouse Annex and John Gumm Building and Civic Center will be closed to the public for County business during five furlough days;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. A fiscal emergency exists in Columbia County which necessitates modification of the days during which the County Clerk shall receive and certify instruments presented for recording.
2. In addition to the days set forth in ORS 205.242(1), the County Clerk shall not receive and certify instruments presented for recording on the following dates:

December 24, 2026

March 12, 2027

April 9, 2027

May 14, 2027

June 11, 2027

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- 3. This Order shall be posted on the County website and shall be sent to all title companies located within Columbia County.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

BY:   
Kellie Jo Smith

BY:   
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

BY:   
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