

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL
NO. 190

WHEREAS, the fiscal problems of the City of Brookings continue to increase, despite efforts to hold the line on new programs and services, improve productivity and achieve economies and efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings has in preparing its budget for fiscal year 1976-77 been forced to cutback programs, services and personnel as follows:

Street improvements and maintenance projects; limiting of other
public works programs that cannot be funded with available
revenues; possible deletion of municipal swimming pool ; and

WHEREAS, local revenue sources are limited by the Oregon Constitution and a combination of other factors, and projections for the two year period 1977-79 indicate for the City of Brookings a revenue shortfall of \$ 49,800.00 in 1977-78 and \$ 60,000.00 in 1978-79; and

WHEREAS, statewide analysis has indicated that factors beyond the control of cities, such as growth, inflation, and state and federal mandates, add significantly to the fiscal burden of cities; and

WHEREAS, cities urgently need access to income tax revenues, the one significant untapped source of revenue for cities, because of its unique ability to respond to growth and inflation in a manner that no other revenue source now available to cities can accomplish; and

WHEREAS, statewide collection of income tax revenues with allocation to cities on a formula basis is a far superior means of giving cities access to this revenue source when compared to development of a crazy-quilt pattern of numerous local income taxes with their resulting tax payer inconvenience, possibilities for overlapping and double taxation and higher administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs has prepared a bill which provides for the allocation of income tax revenues to cities in Oregon according to a distribution formula which takes into account need and local tax effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the council of the City of Brookings does earnestly petition that the State of Oregon, by legislative and concurring executive action, enter into a program for sharing state income tax revenues with Oregon cities as the most practical means of helping to alleviate the critical fiscal crisis of Oregon cities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State, to each of the legislators representing the House and Senate districts which include this city, and to the League of Oregon Cities.

Adopted by the Council on this 16th day of June 1976.

Signed Robert F. Kern
Mayor

Attest Marjorie B. McKernan
City Recorder