

RESOLUTION NO. 393

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING LEGISLATIVE CHANGES REGARDING
JUVENILE OFFENDERS

WHEREAS, the Canby City Council has been addressed both formally and informally with regard to juvenile problems experienced by residents and business operators; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature in 1983 enacted a law which for all practical purposes prohibited the prehearing incarceration of juveniles with the exception of those accused and likely to commit serious felonies; and

WHEREAS, the 1985 Legislature made modest changes in that law but still the law does not enable the justice system to remove repeat offenders from the community or to post bail; and

WHEREAS, the Canby Police Department has reported arresting a few juveniles many times and finding that their only alternative is to hold the individual for three hours and then release them back on to the streets; and

WHEREAS, there is a concern that if juveniles are allowed to burglarize, arson and thief at will that a state of terrorism will exist and the likelihood of vigilante activity will increase.

NOW THEREFORE, the members of the Canby City Council do hereby resolve:

That the State must reverse its current direction towards downsizing and eliminating bedspace at the MacLaren Juvenile Facility.

Further, that the State should continue to provide bedspace in Clackamas County for offenders who do not respond to other counseling and rehabilitation efforts; and

Further, that the State provide Legislation which will require either the juvenile or a parent or guardian to be responsible at least financially for the acts of a juvenile; and

Further, that the Criminal Justice System including the State, keep in mind that there must be consequences for criminal acts and that that tenet be considered in preparing policy and administrative direction for the Criminal Justice System specifically the Juvenile System; and

Further, that "Electronic House Arrest" be used as one deterrent for repeat offenders.

ADOPTED by the Canby City Council for the City of Canby, Oregon this 17th day of September, 1986.

ATTEST:

Denied
2-4-87

William F. Pulver, Mayor

Marilyn K. Perkett, City Recorder

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