

RESOLUTION No. 201

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PROPOSE A REFERENDUM TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OREGON PROHIBITING THE DOUBLE TAXATION BY COUNTIES OF CITIZENS OF INCORPORATED CITIES.

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Laws of the State of Oregon provide that tax revenues within each tax district shall be collected equally on the basis of assessed values; and,

WHEREAS, the Counties may expend these County-wide tax funds by providing municipal services in unincorporated urban areas at the expense of citizens in the incorporated cities; and,

WHEREAS, said foregoing circumstances result in a "double-tax" being paid for municipal services by citizens of incorporated cities who pay their County for services which are not then provided by the County; and,

WHEREAS, Multnomah County Financial Planning Report #8 and subsequent reviews by Portland State University specifically calculate this double-tax on citizens of the cities of Multnomah County to be around \$11.5 million in fiscal year 1976-1977; and,

WHEREAS, this double tax by the County on the citizens of Troutdale can be calculated at around \$140,000 for fiscal year 1977-78, which is an amount greater than the total City tax for that same year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE THAT:

1. The State Legislature realize that a primary element in tax reform is to assure reasonable tax equity between taxes levied and services rendered; and,
2. That consistent with Oregon Home Rule tradition, county government should not be authorized to tax city residents for services which the county does not provide to them, and which the citizens prefer to have provided through their city; and,
3. That, a system of separating county-wide services and taxes from municipal services and taxes similar to that of the State of Florida should be considered by the Legislature. Specifically that the following provision should be proposed to the people of Oregon in a manner consistent with the Oregon Constitution and State laws:


"Property situate within municipalities shall not be subject to taxation for services rendered by the county exclusively for the benefit of the property or residents in unincorporated areas."
(Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1.h).

4. And, further, that this resolution is to be introduced at the League of Oregon Cities Annual Convention, and that copies of this resolution are to be sent to the State Representative and State Senator representing the citizens of Troutdale.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE THIS 7th
DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1978.

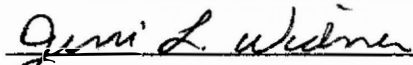
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R. M. Sturges, Mayor

ATTEST:



Terri L. Widner
City Recorder/Finance Director