

RESOLUTION No. 202

A RESOLUTION REGARDING BUILDING CODES, AND THE PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR'S PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, the City of Troutdale, as a small community presently experiencing rapid growth and the associated difficulties of retaining local control with limited resources,

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

1. Attachments "A" and "B" are forwarded to the League of Oregon Cities for their consideration, and
2. These same Attachments "A" and "B" are to be forwarded to the State Senator and State Representative for the people of the Troutdale community.

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:



Jerri L. Widner
Finance Director/City Recorder

RESOLUTION No. A, REGARDING BUILDING CODES.

WHEREAS, the Oregon Supreme Court has ruled that cities may pass and enforce building codes which exceed the minimum standards set forth in the building code promulgated by the Department of Commerce; and,

WHEREAS, the cities of the State of Oregon have in many instances found a need to pass and enforce specific building codes to supplement the Uniform Building Code as promulgated by the Department of Commerce; and,

WHEREAS, under the present status of the law, a proper balance exists which protects the public from unreasonable variations in code enforcement while providing flexibility to adapt to local needs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, THE LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES recommends that the Legislature of the State of Oregon neither amend or make any law which prohibits cities from passing building codes more stringent than the building codes promulgated by the Department of Commerce.

RESOLUTION No. B
REGARDING PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTION'S CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce has established standards for the certification of plumbing inspectors and electrical inspectors which are not appropriate or necessary.

WHEREAS, the standards for an electrical inspector include 4 years of work experience as a journeyman electrician, plus two years experience as a supervising electrician or an electrical engineering degree or the equivalent experience or training.

WHEREAS, the standards for a plumbing inspector includes 3 years of work experience as a journeyman plumber or a mechanical engineering degree with 2 years experience in plumbing design or 5 years experience in inspection or equivalent.

WHEREAS, a person may be trained to be a competent plumbing or electrical inspector with less work experience than now required if provided appropriate training.

WHEREAS, the current standards have made it almost impossible for the same person to perform plumbing, electrical and structural inspections or any combination of such inspections.

WHEREAS, the need for a separate person for plumbing, electrical and structural inspections increases the expense of inspections in particular smaller jurisdictions.

WHEREAS, the use of a single inspector for more than one inspection can reduce the cost of inspections which will result in more efficient delivery of government services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the League of Oregon Cities recommends that the Legislature of the State of Oregon amend ORS 456.805 to 456.835 by specifying how building officials and inspectors may be certified on the basis of merit and proficiency examinations and not apprenticeship or trades affiliation; and that such requirements shall be designed to permit local governments to efficiently and inexpensively administer the building codes while reasonably safeguarding the public safety and welfare.