

RESOLUTION NO. P.C. 12-81

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF THE DALLES RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #19-81 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16.040 OF GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 80-986 (CITY OF THE DALLES' ZONING ORDINANCE) BY INCREASING THE SIZE OF REQUIRED CLEAR VISION AREAS FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT STREET INTERSECTIONS.

I. Recitals.

- (A) On September 21, 1981 the City Council received a recommendation from the Traffic Safety Commission to review the existing clear vision requirements in the City of The Dalles' Zoning Ordinance due to the fact the existing requirements appear to be inadequate to promote sufficient clear vision areas for properties located at street intersections.
- (B) Section 21.060 (B) of the City of The Dalles' Zoning Ordinance permits the Council to amend the ordinance, provided the amendment is referred to the Planning Commission for study, hearing and recommendation.
- (C) The City Council of the City of The Dalles on September 21, 1981 moved unanimously to refer the request to the Planning Commission for their consideration.
- (D) The Planning Commission of the City of The Dalles on October 1, 1981 met in an open meeting to discuss clear vision areas at intersections. At the conclusion of the meeting the Planning Commission directed staff to prepare an ordinance for consideration at a public hearing.
- (E) The Planning Commission of the City of The Dalles has heretofore on October 15, 1981 conducted a public hearing to consider Zoning Ordinance Amendment #19-81, an ordinance amending Section 16.040 of General Ordinance No. 80-986 (City of The Dalles' Zoning Ordinance) by increasing the size of required clear vision area dimensions for properties located at street intersections.

II. RESOLUTION. Now, therefore, be it FOUND, DETERMINED, and RESOLVED by the Planning Commission of the City of The Dalles as follows:

- A. In all respects as set forth in Recitals, Part 'I' of this Resolution.
- B. The existing Vision Clearance Section 16.040 of the City of The Dalles' Zoning Ordinance is inadequate for providing sufficient clear vision areas on lots located at street intersections.

- C. The Traffic Safety Management Program adopted in 1981 by the City Council of the City of The Dalles, recommends that the City adopt a comprehensive vision clearance ordinance that would allow the City to remove vision problems on private property.
- D. The Traffic Safety Management Program made the following findings:
 - 1. Traffic accidents are created partially by driver error.
 - 2. The errors are usually due to the driver not receiving enough information to make proper decisions.
 - 3. Improving the vision clearance requirements will result in providing adequate sight distance at intersections; drivers will then have sufficient time to see a hazard and make a decision to proceed or stop and thereby reduce the accident potential.
- E. The proposed amendment will further the goals established in State Wide Goal No. 12 - Transportation, which are to provide and encourage safe, convenient and economic transportation systems.
- F. The Planning Commission hereby recommends that the City Council adopt Zoning Ordinance Amendment #19-81.
- G. The Secretary of the Commission shall (a) certify to the adoption of this Resolution and (b) forthwith transmit a copy of said Resolution to the City Council of the City of The Dalles.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 29th DAY OF October, 1981.



CHAIRMAN, PLANNING COMMISSION

I, Greg Scoles, Secretary to the Planning Commission of the City of The Dalles, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed at a Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of The Dalles, held on the 29th day of October, 1981.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Donnell, Byrne, Matthew, and Honald.
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: Northrop and Elliott
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: None

ATTEST: 

Secretary, Planning Commission