

RESOLUTION NO. 96-062

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED
CHANGES TO OREGON LOCAL BUDGET LAW**

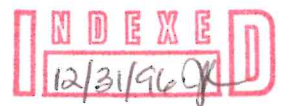
WHEREAS, local budgeting practices in the state of Oregon are governed by ORS 294.305 to 294.565, known as Local Budget Law; and

WHEREAS, Local Budget Law in its entirety has not been reviewed or updated in a number of years, and it now contains a number of ambiguous, outdated and confusing references, does not conform to changes in governmental accounting standards and practices, and does not promote efficient and effective budgeting practices, and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Municipal Finance Officers' Association has brought together a number of budget and finance officers from various local jurisdictions around the state together with staff of the Local Budget section of the Oregon Department of Revenue; accountants, financial advisors and attorneys; representatives of the League of Oregon Cities, the Association of Oregon Counties, the Oregon Special Districts Association, and the Oregon School Boards Association; and staff of the Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission to review and update the provisions of Local Budget Law, and

WHEREAS, this work group has recommended changes to Local Budget Law to improve public access to and understanding of local budgets and local budget process; to provide local officials with the legal tools needed to respond to natural disasters and other emergencies that threaten the public health and safety; to eliminate contradictory, ambiguous, or confusing language; to increase efficiency and avoid unnecessary expense; and to update provisions of law to conform to changes in governmental accounting standards and practices, and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Municipal Finance Officers' Association intends to submit these recommended changes to the 1997 Legislature for consideration and adoption,




NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of The Dalles expresses its support for the proposed changes to Oregon Local Budget Law and it urges the 1997 Oregon Legislature to take swift and favorable action on these proposed changes.

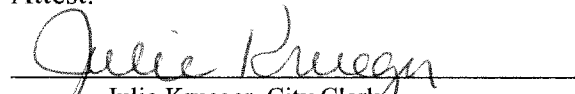
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 23RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 1996

Voting Yes, Councilmembers:	<u>Koch, Briggs, Davis, Hill</u>
Voting No, Councilmembers:	<u>None</u>
Absent, Councilmembers:	<u>Van Cleave</u>
Abstaining, Councilmembers:	<u>None</u>

AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 23RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 1996


David R. Beckley, Mayor

Attest:


Julie Krueger, City Clerk