

RESOLUTION 99-787

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SHERWOOD, OREGON, OPPOSING LEGISLATION CREATING A NEW STATE BOARD TO REGULATE BUILDING CODE ACTIVITIES IN THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA, AND SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO ENHANCE CONSISTENCY AND SERVICES IN BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT.

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that the 1999 Legislature enact a law creating a new State Board to coordinate building code activities in the Portland metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, based upon the described duties and authority of such a State Board, the City of Sherwood believes that the detrimental effects of the proposed legislation will outweigh its benefits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to go on record as opposing such legislation which includes provisions which are detrimental to the interests of the City of Sherwood and the public it serves; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the concept of an intergovernmental agreement among jurisdictions in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties to enhance consistency and services in building code enforcement;

BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Sherwood that:

Section 1. The City Council opposes any legislation creating a new State Board to regulate building code activities within the Portland metropolitan area, to the extent that such legislation:

- a. Creates another layer of government relating to building code regulation;
- b. Decreases local control of building code administration and erodes the ability of local jurisdictions to provide development services;
- c. Increases building permit costs to subsidize the operations of another State Board;
- d. Affects the authority of local jurisdictions to set fees to meet local needs;
- e. Creates a second entity with authority to license inspectors and plan examiners; or
- f. Creates a second code interpretation board within the state.

Section 2. The City Council supports the concept of an intergovernmental agreement among jurisdictions in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties, having the objective of:

- a. Developing common building permit application forms and information packets on plan submittal requirements, together with common "job card" for on-site inspections;
- b. Developing standardized minor label forms, a standard database for tracking labels and procedures for directing labels to the appropriate jurisdiction;
- c. Establishing a tri-county plan review training program;
- d. Creating a timely, responsive dispute resolution process; and
- e. Pursuing other means of enhancing consistency and services in building code regulation.

Considered and enacted at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sherwood on the 9th day of February, 1999.



Walt Hitchcock, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jon Bormet, City Manager-Recorder