

Resolution No. 2002-013

A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF URGING AMENDMENT OF ORS 233.297, ET SEQ. RELATING TO IMPACT FEES AND SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES TO INCLUDE FACILITIES FOR POLICE, FIRE, LIBRARIES AND SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, growth can create significant fiscal impacts on the citizens and governments of our community; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of ORS 223.297 to ORS 223.314, the system development charges statues, serve to provide a uniform framework for establishing SDCs by local governments; and

WHEREAS, ORS 223.299 (1)a currently excludes facilities for police, fire, libraries, and schools from the list of urban capital improvements for which local jurisdictions may collect impact fees or system development charges; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting communities from being able to collect the full costs of providing for police, fire, library and school facilities is a tax on existing residents; and

WHEREAS, inequity can occur when broad-based taxes paid by all residents of a community are used to fund facilities and services that primarily benefit new development; and

WHEREAS, subsidy of new development can distort the balance of supply and demand and cause overproduction or overbuilding; and

WHEREAS, providing a free market without government subsidies that mask the true costs of population growth can help to establish a carrying capacity process for our community and region,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That ORS 223.229(1) should be amended to add police, fire library, and school facilities to the list of capital improvements for which local jurisdictions may collect impact fees and system development charges.

Mark O. Cottle, Mayor

Duly passed by the Sherwood City Council this 23rd day of April 2002.

ATTEST:

C.L. Wiley, City Recorder

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