



CITY OF MILWAUKIE

"Dogwood City of the West"

Resolution No. 55-2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 246, AUTHORIZING THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A LOW-INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM TO COMPLETE ON-SITE SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIRS, REPLACEMENTS, UPGRADES, CONNECTION TO A PUBLIC SYSTEM OR EVALUATIONS.

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that as many as 25% of septic systems in Oregon are in need of repair or replacement, the Oregon Senate is considering Senate Bill (SB) 246, introduced by former Governor Kitzhaber on behalf of the Department of Environmental Quality, to create a loan fund to help Oregon communities manage the costs of septic system replacement; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Cities of La Pine and Bend, the Oregon Environmental Council and the Association of Oregon Counties have all testified in favor of SB 246; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukie has, since 2010 operated the Northeast Sewer Extension program to provide sewer services to annexing properties near the City's boundaries, which includes over 100 residences which have yet to connect to the sewer system; and

WHEREAS, there are an unknown number of residents within the City of Milwaukie's Urban Growth Management Area, including properties in the Johnson Creek and Kellogg/Mt. Scott Creek watersheds, for whom replacement of their septic systems via connection to the sewer system would present significant financial challenges; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukie has no current capacity for evaluating whether these septic systems pose a hazard to public health or the environment.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, that the City of Milwaukie urges the Oregon State Legislature to enact SB 246 to authorize creation of the low-interest loan program for septic system repairs, replacements, upgrades, and connection to a public system or evaluations.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on **May 19, 2015.**

This resolution is effective immediately.

Wilda Parks, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jordan Ramis PC

ATTEST:

Pat DuVal, City Recorder

City Attorney