



CITY OF MILWAUKIE

"Dogwood City of the West"

Resolution No. 46-2016

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON,
DECLARING A HOUSING EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO.
2117**

WHEREAS, the City Council is authorized to declare a housing emergency in order to immediately address housing needs affecting the health, safety and welfare of city residents; and

WHEREAS, the Portland metropolitan region had the lowest residential vacancy rate in the nation as of the fourth quarter of 2015, estimated at 2.4%; and

WHEREAS, the region's low vacancy rate has resulted in significant rent increases over the last several years, including a 11.3% yearly increase as of the fourth quarter of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukie's proximity to Portland has resulted in increased gentrification and displacement of residents in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the combination of high rents and low vacancy rates has resulted in heightened housing uncertainty for many Milwaukie residents; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2016, the City Council heard a panel of housing experts discuss the state of housing in the region and its impacts on the community; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2016, the City Council continued to discuss and gather information on the shortage of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, local residents have expressed concern to the Mayor and City Council over the lack of affordable housing and the rent increases of up to 25% with only 30 days' notice; and

WHEREAS, based on the information, evidence and concerns expressed by residents, it is appropriate for the City Council to declare a housing emergency to address the affordable housing crisis in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has authority under Ordinance No. 2117 to declare a housing emergency for the public health, safety and welfare of the City's residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, that:

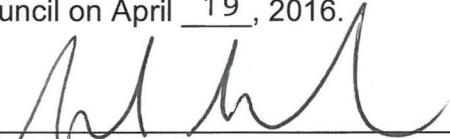
Section 1. There is an immediate need to address the shortage of affordable housing in order to avoid human suffering, therefore a housing emergency is declared within the City of Milwaukie.

Section 2. The duration of the housing emergency shall be for a period of one year from the effective date of this resolution, unless extended by the City Council pursuant to Ordinance No. 2117 or terminated sooner by the City Council.

Section 3. The City Council may exercise the legislative authority granted by Ordinance No. 2117 to enact legislation to address the housing crisis and protect the public health, safety and welfare of city residents.

Section 4. This resolution is effective immediately.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on April 19, 2016.



Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jordan Ramis PC



Pat DuVal, City Recorder



City Attorney