

Resolution No. 42 for 1996

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF SWEET HOME, OREGON A CHARTER AMENDMENT LIMITING GROWTH OF THE NEW TAX BASE TO 3% PER ANNUM.

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee has recommended establishment of a new tax base beginning in fiscal year 1997-1998 which calls for a tax base in excess of the 6% limitation; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee further recommended the adoption of a companion charter amendment which would limit the growth the of tax base in succeeding years to 3% per annum; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the best interests of the City to levy a larger tax base to provide adequate revenues to finance general governmental activities and the City Council concurs a limitation on growth of the tax base is appropriate to institute prudent fiscal controls on future city expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the measure limiting the growth of the new city tax base will only take effect if voters approve the new tax base at the November 5, 1996 election and also approve a charter amendment limiting tax base growth at the same election;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SWEET HOME DOES RESOLVE:

Section 1. There shall be submitted to the legal voters of the City of Sweet Home, Oregon, for their adoption or rejection the following amendment to the Charter of the City of Sweet Home:

Chapter IX

Section 38. Limitations on Growth of 1996 Tax Base.

- A. The annual growth of the City of Sweet Home tax base shall be limited to three (3%) percent per annum.*
- B. The tax base shall be subject to all other limits of Section 11, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution and laws of the State of Oregon.*
- C. This amendment shall be effective only if voters approve the measure creating a new tax base at the November 5, 1996 general election.*

Section 2. The following Caption, Question and Summary are hereby adopted:

(Caption)

**CHARTER AMENDMENT LIMITING GROWTH OF
THE CITY TAX BASE**

(Question)

Shall the Sweet Home Charter be amended to establish a 3% limit on annual growth of the City's tax base?


(Summary)

The City of Sweet Home has submitted a separate ballot measure to voters to approve a new tax base to finance police, fire, library and general government operations beginning on July 1, 1997. Approval of this charter amendment will limit the growth of the new tax base to 3% per year instead of the 6% annual growth permitted by Section 11, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

This measure will only take effect if voters also approve the tax base measure at the November 5, 1996 general election. If adopted, this charter amendment may not be changed unless a new ballot measure is approved by voters.

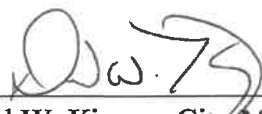
Section 3. The City Council hereby directs that this measure be submitted to the voters of the City of Sweet Home, for their adoption or rejection, at the general election to be held within the city on the 5th day of November, 1996.

Passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor this 27th day of August, 1996.



Robert Whitfield, Mayor

ATTEST:



David W. Kinney, City Manager pro tem - ex officio City Recorder