

RESOLUTION NO. 4 FOR 2001

A RESOLUTION URGING THE OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE TO OBSERVE THE RIGHT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR OREGON CITIES AND TO REFRAIN FROM PRE-EMPTING LOCAL CONTROL ON ALL MATTERS BEST DECIDED BY LOCAL SELF-DETERMINATION.

WHEREAS, Oregon cities have the utmost ability to assure that local needs are fulfilled by local people working with their local elected officials, and important local decisions that affect cities and their citizens are best made locally than at the state level; and

WHEREAS, observance and enforcement of laws is much more effective and efficient for locally crafted laws than for state laws, which by their very nature cannot address the unique characteristics of each community, and the "one size fits all" type of state legislation rarely fits locally; and

WHEREAS, the local educational and political process that accompanies passage of local legislation ensures that these laws are tailor-made to succeed in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, unless issues are of statewide concern which can only be legislated on a statewide basis, state government should not pre-empt local governments from doing what is right for their local communities; and


WHEREAS, state legislation that pre-empts local control reinforces the perception of many citizens that their voices are not being heard, and this perception is particularly intensified when state pre-emption legislation is driven and dictated by special interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sweet Home City Council that the Oregon State Legislature is urged to observe and honor the constitutional right of local self-determination for cities. The Legislature must refrain from pre-empting decisions by local governments best suited to be made by local people working within the framework of their locally elected governments. Only in extreme cases of statewide concern, which can best be resolved by statewide legislation, should local pre-emption be legislated.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2001.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder