



CITY OF MILWAUKIE

"Dogwood City of the West"

Resolution No. 48-2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, SUPPORTING A CARBON PRICING POLICY FOR THE STATE OF OREGON.

WHEREAS, the City Council is compelled by the scientific consensus that carbon dioxide emissions from human activities are the primary cause of global climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that climate change is already having an effect in Oregon and is a crisis demanding immediate measures to reduce its negative effects; and

WHEREAS, climate change is a threat to public health, national security, food security, and business supply chains. These have costs to our society that are not reflected in the price of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that assigning a cost to carbon dioxide emissions is one of the most efficient ways to decrease carbon pollution, discourage consumption of fossil fuels and encourage development of alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the *2013 Tax and Shift: How to Make it Work for Oregon's Economy* report published by the Portland State University (PSU) Northwest Economic Research Center and the December 2014 report to the State Legislature on the feasibility of a fee or tax on greenhouse gas emissions, also by the Northwest Economic Research Center, conclude that imposing a price on carbon within the State of Oregon would have relatively small impacts on the economy and would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

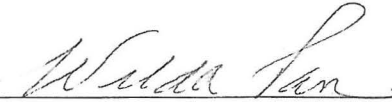
Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, that the City of Milwaukie requests that the Oregon State Legislature carefully craft legislation to impose a carbon pricing policy according to the most credible climatological and economic research, with special attention for mitigating adverse impacts on low income families; and

Be it Further Resolved that the City of Milwaukie will transmit copies of this Council Resolution to United States Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, United States Congressman Kurt Schrader, Governor Kate Brown, to State Senator Diane Rosenbaum, State Representative Kathleen Taylor, and to all members of the Oregon State Legislature actively proposing carbon dioxide price legislation; and

Be it Further Resolved that passage of this Council Resolution shall not preclude the City of Milwaukie from further lobbying efforts as deemed appropriate.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on **4/21/2015**.

This resolution is effective immediately.



Wilda Parks, Mayor

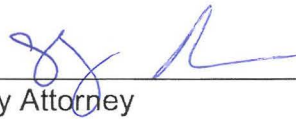
ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jordan Ramis PC



Pat DuVal, City Recorder



City Attorney