

RESOLUTION NO. 15-04

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GOVERNANCE CHANGES AT THE TRI-CITY SERVICE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, The Tri-City Service District exists for the sole purpose of providing sewage treatment services in the District to the Cities of Oregon City, West Linn and Gladstone; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the District is currently composed exclusively of the members of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), none of whom reside within the District; and

WHEREAS, no resident or elected official living within the District currently has an opportunity to serve on the District governing body or to directly participate in policy decisions affecting rates, capital projects, management or oversight of the District or its operations; and

WHEREAS, it is a bedrock principle of American government that one must reside within the political boundaries of the area in which one seeks to serve and that our citizens be allowed to participate in political decisions affecting them; and

WHEREAS, The City of Oregon City has respectfully requested that the BCC change the District governance structure to include residents/elected officials from each of the three cities within the District; and

WHEREAS, The BCC has not made the requested changes, stating that it lacked the statutory authority to do so; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE UNDERSIGNED:

- 1) Authorize and support all reasonable efforts of its representatives and citizens to pass the Local Utility Accountability Act – HB2800.**
- 2) Encourage and support its fellow cities within the District in their efforts to improve District governance in a collaborative manner.**
- 3) Encourage the efforts of all citizens, interested groups, the business community, and all rate payers within the District, for so long as necessary, to effect and advance the democratic principles articulated above on behalf of the Cities and the District.**

Adopted, signed and approved at a regular meeting of the City Commission this 4th day of February 2015.

DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor

Attested to this 4th day of February 2015:

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

City Attorney