

RESOLUTION NO. 2698-92

RELATING TO A HOME RULE CHARTER FOR THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT (METRO)

WHEREAS in November, 1990, the voters of Oregon amended the State Constitution to allow for the enactment of home rule charters for metropolitan service districts; and

WHEREAS a Charter Committee has been appointed by METRO, the State Legislature, and cities and counties to draft a home rule charter for a metropolitan service district in the tri-county area; and

WHEREAS the Charter Committee has stated its intention to complete the Charter in the spring of this year and place it on the November, 1992, ballot for consideration by the voters of this region; and

WHEREAS 23 cities, two counties, and 13 special districts of this region have formed the Regional Governance Committee (RGC) for the purpose of developing consensus on the most efficient and effective system of regional governance and working cooperatively with the Charter Committee, other public agencies, the private sector, and the public on these issues; and

WHEREAS the Regional Governance Committee has developed a proposed outline for a Charter for the Metropolitan Service District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON, that:

Section 1. The City of Tualatin endorses the following general principles for regional governance and offers continued support to the Regional Governance Committee in its efforts to ensure that these principles are included in the Charter:

- In order to best serve the changing long-term needs of the region, the regional government should have a general grant of authority to address matters of metropolitan concern which may arise in the future;
- Any future expansion of METRO's current planning and service delivery functions should be subject to a decision making process which includes:
 - decision criteria to determine when a "matter of metropolitan concern" exists;

- identification of regional and local government roles;
 - a strategy for financing and managing the activity; and
 - either a collaborative decision-making process with local governments or a direct vote of the people.
- On-going consultation with local governments as planning and service delivery functions are executed should be required;
 - The primary function of the regional government at this time should be the regional aspects of growth management;
 - The regional government should be pro-active in the area of growth management, including creating regional goals, objectives and performance standards;
 - Local plans should be consistent with regional standards using methods and tools that local governments decide are best suited to meet unique local needs;
 - All existing planning and service delivery functions of METRO should be maintained;
 - The regional government should be structured to promote accountability and efficiency, with an effective policy-making Council and professional management; and
 - Oversight mechanisms, including collaboration with local governments when appropriate, should be established for budget, taxing and rate setting decisions of the regional government to promote efficiency and accountability.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 1992.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY

St. S. S.
Mayor

ATTEST:

BY

Stephen A. Rhodes
City Recorder