

RESOLUTION NO. 2539

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE PROPOSED SOUTH HILLSBORO HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDING PARTNERSHIP.

WHEREAS, according to the United States Energy Information Administration, buildings consume approximately 40% of the total energy consumed in the U.S.; and,

WHEREAS, increases in human population, energy costs, and resource constraints require energy efficiency and conservation action; and,

WHEREAS, the potential for disruptive natural disasters and climate-change related stresses on current and future energy systems require greater resiliency; and,

WHEREAS, the Hillsboro Environmental Sustainability Task Force has established environmental sustainability goals for the Hillsboro community and tracks progress toward established goals; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hillsboro is updating its Comprehensive Plan to include goals and policies for energy use reduction, renewable energy generation, and climate change mitigation and adaptation; and,

WHEREAS, high performing homes – those built to a standard that exceeds the base Oregon Energy Code – reduce energy use and costs, increase occupant comfort, and benefit the natural environment; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hillsboro, the Energy Trust of Oregon, and other partners provide financial and other incentives to increase energy efficiency, renewable energy use, and other high performance building techniques and tools; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hillsboro is working with the Energy Trust of Oregon, Earth Advantage, the Oregon Department of Energy, Portland General Electric, and SolarWorld to develop a one-stop high performance building incentive program for new construction in South Hillsboro; and,

WHEREAS, Hillsboro's Community Development Code (CDC) subsection 12.50.930.C provides the public benefit guidelines relating to Energy Use Efficiency and Reduction; and,

WHEREAS, Planned Unit Development proposals containing adjustments to CDC development standards must include public benefit standards such as Energy Use Efficiency and Reduction techniques; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hillsboro and its partners have developed innovative concepts to deliver incentives and regulatory flexibility to developers and builders so that homes in South Hillsboro are built to a third party-verified high performance standard.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HILLSBORO RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:


Section 1. The City envisions homes in South Hillsboro to have extraordinary comfort, efficiency, low utility bills, and to include cutting-edge building system technology that enhances efficiency.

Section 2. The City is committed to work with its partners to package existing incentives and to create new incentives, as well as offer Community Development Code development flexibility through approvals of Planned Unit Developments which integrate said innovative concepts where possible to support developers in South Hillsboro to build to a third party-verified high performance standard.

Section 3. The City is committed to support its local renewable energy industry by prioritizing the use of renewable energy technology in new construction, and by encouraging and incentivizing developers to incorporate renewable energy at the time of construction.

Section 4. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

Approved and adopted by the Hillsboro City Council at a regular meeting held on the 16th day of August 2016.


Jerry Willey, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Amber Ames, City Recorder