

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-15

**RESOLUTION OF THE FOREST GROVE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING WASHINGTON COUNTY'S
ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PAY FOR \$77 MILLION IN CAPITAL COSTS
FOR EMERGENCY AND 9-1-1 EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, Washington County has a population of over 570,000 residents and is expected to continue growing over the next 20 years, creating additional demand and stress on the current 911 system; and

WHEREAS, the current emergency communications system is built on obsolete technology reaching the end of its serviceable life; and

WHEREAS, manufactures of equipment used in the current system have stopped making key parts because they have transitioned to newer technology; and

WHEREAS, all county first responders plus additional users such as schools, public works departments, and hospitals rely on the emergency communications system; and

WHEREAS, there is a nationwide push to move all 911 dispatch centers to a standard digital technology that would allow interoperability between emergency communications systems, and more efficient use of the radio spectrum reserved for emergency communications; and

WHEREAS, the current emergency communications system equipment and facilities need to be strengthened to improve reliability during severe weather, major earthquakes and other hazards; and

WHEREAS, alternate funding mechanisms, such as individual user agencies paying a proportionate share of the \$77 million in capital costs, would have placed an untenable financial burden on these user agencies and their cities; and

WHEREAS, the projected levy rate is not expected to exceed 8¢ of assessed value.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Forest Grove does hereby endorse its support and urges the passage of the Washington County Emergency Communications System Bond Measure on the ballot May 17, 2016, Primary Election.

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon its enactment by the City Council.

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 8th day of February, 2016.



Attested: Anna D. Ruggles, City Recorder

APPROVED by the Mayor this 8th day of February, 2016.



Peter B. Truax, Mayor