

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-\_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND RECOMMENDING  
RESOLUTION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE CITY OF ASHLAND AS PART OF  
ADOPTION OF THE GREATER BEAR CREEK VALLEY REGIONAL PROBLEM  
SOLVING PLAN.**

Recitals:

- A. WHEREAS Pursuant to *former* ORS 197.654 (1) (2007), Jackson County and the cities of Medford, Ashland, Central Point, Eagle Point, Phoenix and Talent, entered into a collaborative regional problem-solving (RPS) process; and
- B. WHEREAS the City of Ashland (City), as a participant in RPS, having signed a Participants' Agreement identifying a regional land use problem, establishing goals addressing the problem, creating mechanisms for achieving such goals, and a system for monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of the those goals ; and
- C. WHEREAS the Greater Bear Creek Valley Regional Problem Solving Plan (the "RPS Plan") contemplated by the Participants' Agreement has been proposed under the provisions of *former* ORS 197.654(1) and *former* 197.656(2), which remain applicable to this RPS process; and
- D. WHEREAS Jackson County is the local government charged with adopting the final RPS Plan; and
- E. WHEREAS the RPS process must include: (a) An opportunity for involvement by other stakeholders with an interest in the problem; and (b) Efforts among the collaborators to agree on goals, objectives and measures of success; and
- F. WHEREAS the City has been requested to make recommendation(s) to Jackson County concerning the contents and adoption of the final RPS Plan, including associated maps and findings; and
- G. WHEREAS the City's Planning Commission discussed and took comments on the RPS Plan on April 27, 2010 and the City Council conducted a public meeting on the RPS Plan on June 15, 2010, 2010; and
- H. WHEREAS, all requirements for legal notices and advertisements have been fulfilled and public testimony accepted and recorded; now, therefore,

THE CITY OF ASHLAND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 – RPS PLAN. The City Council of Ashland hereby recommends Jackson County's adoption of the "**Greater Bear Creek Valley Regional Plan**", attached as **Exhibit "A"**, and associated findings as amended with the following provisions:

1. **Population** – That the population allocation be reviewed and adjusted accordingly prior to adoption. Specifically, the Regional Problem Solving Plan should be amended to reflect a 2040 population projection consistent with an approximate 1.06 average annual growth rate (AAGR), and a 2060 population projection consistent with an approximate 0.91 average annual growth rate for Ashland over the respective planning horizons. While Jackson County’s Population Element is expected to be revisited in 2012 (JC Ord. 2007-3), it should be amended prior to final adoption of the RPS Plan. The Population Element should be revised based on the 1.06 percent annual growth rate through the 2020 planning horizon, and the 0.91 percent annual growth rate through the 2040 planning horizon. Population estimates should be corrected to reflect these projected growth rates, or alternate growth rates based upon an accepted, empirically based population projection methodology.
2. **Efficient Land Use and Transportation Planning/Implementation** – That the Regional Problem Solving Plan incorporate a commitment to Transit Oriented Development and/or a commitment by the participating cities to a higher density (lower land need) planning scenario of at least 7.26 dwelling units per acre (as suggested by DLCD) which would provide densities more conducive to supporting a successful regional transit system. The plan shall include measures to verify compliance with these commitments through any proposed urban growth boundary expansion, by preparation of a conceptual development plan specifying anticipated target residential and/or employment densities.
3. **Urban Fringe** – That the Regional Problem Solving Plan be amended to provide some formal assurance that the ten-acre minimum lot size requirement, as outlined in Oregon Administrative Rule 660-004-0040(8)(c), will remain in place within Ashland’s urban fringe until Ashland identifies urban reserve areas and an urban reserve management agreement between Ashland and Jackson County is signed.
4. **Jurisdictional Transfer** - Jurisdictional transfer of County roads within existing city limits as suggested in John Vial’s June 4, 2010 letter should not be tied to the adoption and acknowledgement process for the RPS Plan. This issue, only recently raised by the County, may have significant budgetary implications which need to be further considered by the Cities and the County.

SECTION 2. This resolution takes effect upon signing by the Mayor.

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Barbara Christensen, City Recorder

SIGNED and APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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John Stromberg, Mayor

Reviewed as to form:

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Richard Appicello, City Attorney