

**Statement of the Salem City Council Affirming Salem an Inclusive City
and Support of Oregon sanctuary law**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem is committed to fostering a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community for all residents, regardless of language, gender identity, sexual preference, marital status, disability, income, citizenship status, or religion or perceived national origin; and

WHEREAS, Salem embraces the values of dignity, compassion, and respect, recognizing that the strength and vibrancy of our city are rooted in the diversity of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the City affirms that trust between residents and local government is essential for public safety, public health, and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, policies that create fear among immigrant and refugee communities undermine safety and weaken neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Salem is committed to ensuring that no city resources or personnel are used to enforce federal civil immigration law as prohibited by Oregon law; and

WHEREAS, Oregon law (ORS 181A.820 – 181A.829) prohibit the City from using City resources to enforce federal immigration law; or

- deny services, benefits, privileges or opportunities to an individual in custody, or on parole, probation or post-prison supervision, on the basis of known or suspected immigration status, the existence of an immigration detainer, hold, notification or other related federal immigration request or a civil immigration warrant;
- Inquire into or collect information about an individual's immigration or citizenship status or country of birth, except as required by law, or
- Provide information about an individual in the custody of the public body or law enforcement agency to a federal immigration authority for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement, except as may be required by a judicial subpoena; and

WHEREAS, affirming Salem as an Inclusive City and affirming the City's compliance with and support of Oregon sanctuary law strengthens community trust and affirms that every person deserves safety, opportunity, and protection of their rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Salem City Council hereby affirms that Salem is an Inclusive City and complies with and supports Oregon sanctuary law.

DATED this 24th day of November, 2025.

ATTEST: _____

City Recorder