

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-25

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A LIMITED DURATION LIEN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WHO CORRECT THEIR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE VIOLATIONS

Whereas, actions by the City to enforce established minimum requirements and standards for structures and premises serve to promote the protection of life safety, and for safe and sanitary maintenance of residential and nonresidential premises; and

Whereas, it is the policy of the City to work with property owners to obtain voluntary compliance to correct Property Maintenance Code violations, reserving the imposition of penalties and fees to situations where voluntary correction does not occur, or where the violation was knowing or intentional, a repeat of a similar violation, where the violation involves a derelict structure, or where the violation cannot be corrected; and

Whereas, monetary civil penalties and derelict structure fees are placed in the City Lien Docket where they accumulate penalties, fees, and interest if they are not timely paid; and

Whereas, the City recognizes that longstanding liens may inhibit that ability of property owners to restore, repair, or transfer ownership of distressed structures and premises; and

Whereas, the City Council desires, on a temporary basis, to provide lien relief to property owners who correct all Property Maintenance Code violations on their property.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON,
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City's Lien Forgiveness Program for property owners who correct all Property Maintenance Code violations on their property is established as set forth in Attachment A.

Section 2. Resolution No. 2025-25 is hereby adopted.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2025

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Approved by City Attorney: _____

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