

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-26**

**A RESOLUTION TO CONSERVE OREGON WHITE OAKS ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF SALEM**

**Whereas**, the City of Salem established the Salem Business Campus, formerly the Salem Renewable Energy and Technology Center, in 2008; and

**Whereas**, the City of Salem, as owner of the property, has prepared the property at the Salem Business Campus for sale for traded sector uses,

**Whereas**, the property is home to a stand of mature Oregon white oaks (*Quercus garryana*),

**Whereas**, Oregon white oak habitat in the Willamette Valley has greatly declined and Oregon white oaks are designated as “significant trees,” and may only be removed if certain requirements are met under Salem Revised Code (SRC) Chapter 808,

**Whereas**, SRC Chapter 808 allows removal of Oregon white oaks where removal is necessary in connection with construction of a commercial or industrial facility,

**Whereas**, the City Council desires to preserve the Oregon white oaks on the Salem Business Campus.

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

Section 1. In regard to the Oregon white oaks at the Salem Business Campus, it is the policy of the City that the greatest amount of oaks on property owned by the City within the Campus shall be preserved and maintained to the greatest extent feasible, and that the land where the oaks are located be withheld from development.

Section 2. The Director of Urban Development is authorized to take appropriate action to implement this policy, consistent with this resolution, including applying to reconfigure the lots within Salem Business Campus to create lots that will serve to protect and conserve the Oregon white oaks.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Approved by City Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by: T. Banford