

RESOLUTION NO. 721

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF STAYTON'S OPPOSITION TO HB 3977 WHICH REQUIRES PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS ("PSAP") TO CONSOLIDATE TO ONE PSAP PER COUNTY BY JULY 2003.

WHEREAS, ORS 401.710 - 790 authorizes 911 emergency service as now provided by the Santiam Canyon Communications Center (SCCC) in Stayton;

WHEREAS, Oregon Legislature's HB 3977 requires Public Safety Answering Points ("PSAP") to consolidate to one PSAP per county by July 2003;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the SCCC would be eliminated and the PSAP for Marion County would be located in the City of Salem;

WHEREAS, consolidating PSAP to one per county will add another step to processing calls, causing a possible life threatening delay in emergency response time;

WHEREAS, during the last Oregon legislative session, funds originally intended to facilitate the consolidation of PSAP have now been reallocated to other state budget needs;

WHEREAS, Stayton and the Santiam Canyon local PSAP user fees will increase significantly without 911 telephone tax funds; and

WHEREAS, the Stayton City Council opposes HB3977 and supports local operation of PSAP to provide citizens with immediate and necessary emergency dispatch service.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Stayton opposes the Oregon Legislature's HB 3977 requiring consolidation of Public Safety Answering Points ("PSAP") because:

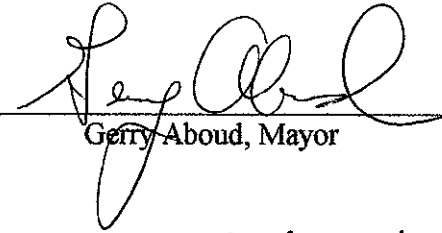
1. The processing of emergency calls through the City of Salem would take life threatening additional time.
2. Funds are no longer available to underwrite consolidation of PSAP.
3. Without 911 telephone tax funds, PSAP user fees will increase significantly.

This resolution shall become effective upon the adoption by the Stayton City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE STAYTON CITY COUNCIL this 3rd day of February, 2003.

CITY OF STAYTON

Signed: 2/5/03 2003

By: 
Gerry Aboud, Mayor

Signed: 2/6, 2003

ATTEST: 
Chris Childs, City Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


David A. Rhoten, City Attorney