



**RESOLUTION NO. 26-009
APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE
SANTIAM HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, the Santiam Heritage Foundation is a nonprofit corporation that owns property within the City of Stayton commonly known as the Brown House; and

WHEREAS, the property has historically been granted a property tax exemption under **ORS 307.115** for public park and recreation purposes and through Stayton County Resolution No. 784 in November 2006; and

WHEREAS, the original exemption period has expired, and the Santiam Heritage Foundation has submitted a timely application to the Marion County Assessor for renewal of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to **ORS 307.115(4)(b)**, the City of Stayton is the appropriate granting authority and must determine whether to approve or deny the application within 60 days; and

WHEREAS, in making such determination, the City must weigh the benefits to the general welfare of granting the exemption against the potential loss of tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that continuation of the exemption provides significant public benefit, including but not limited to:

- Enhancing recreation opportunities;
- Preserving a historic site; and
- Providing community value consistent with public park and recreational purposes; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF STAYTON RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby approves the application of the Santiam Heritage Foundation for property tax exemption under ORS 307.115.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is directed to provide written notice of this decision to the Marion County Assessor and the Santiam Heritage Foundation as required by ORS 307.115

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

ADOPTED BY THE STAYTON CITY COUNCIL THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL 2026.

CITY OF STAYTON

Signed: 4-20, 2026

BY: 
Brian Quigley, Mayor

Signed: 4-20, 2026

ATTEST: 
Julia Hajduk, City Manager