

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-46

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT HOUSING PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, the Department of Land Conservation and Development's (DLCD) Housing Planning Assistance Grant Program offers a competitive funding opportunity to support planning efforts that increase housing production, affordability, and choice; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of updating the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance to comply with Statewide Land Use Planning Goal 10: Housing; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has submitted a Housing Planning Assistance Grant request to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to support the preparation of hearings-ready development code amendments that address permitting and land use barriers to housing production; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Rockaway Beach believes that the award of grant funding will help ensure that our housing policies reflect thoughtful planning, equitable access and long-term sustainability for our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council formally supports the Planning Department's Housing Planning Assistance Grant request, and authorizes the Mayor to sign the letter of support, attached as Exhibit A.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THE 20TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

APPROVED



Charles McNeilly, Mayor

ATTEST



Melissa Thompson, City Recorder



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RE: City of Rockaway Beach Housing Planning Assistance Grant Request - Development Code Amendment

To Whom It May Concern:

The City Council of Rockaway Beach is pleased to offer its strong support for the Planning Department Housing Planning Assistance Grant request to prepare a hearings-ready development code or recommendations for comprehensive plan and development code amendments to comply with housing laws, address permitting and land use barriers to housing production, and facilitate housing production, affordability, and choice. This funding is critical to updating our comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance to meet Statewide Land Use Planning Goal 10: Housing.

Rockaway Beach, like many small cities in Oregon, is experiencing increasing housing pressures. This project seeks to prioritize changes to our comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance that facilitate housing production, affordability, and choice via a code audit and subsequent amendments. The successful adopting of updated Middle Housing zoning regulations on June 11, 2025, was a vital first step in addressing our community's changing housing needs. Further targeted and comprehensive changes are needed to simultaneously decrease the unnecessary complexity of our code and further clear and objective standard requirements (per ORS 197A.400).

The City of Rockaway Beach looks forward to building on work that we have already begun in collaboration with Tillamook County. We are eager to continue this momentum, leveraging state support to ensure that our housing policies reflect thoughtful planning, equitable access and long-term sustainability for our residents.

Sincerely,

Charles McNeilly
Mayor of Rockaway Beach