

May 2, 2013

Members of the Oregon Senate
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Members of the Oregon Senate:

Thank you for scheduling a hearing on HB 3479. This bill is of particular interest to us because we are property owners in The Dalles and have been unable to partition our property due to an ordinance passed by the City Council which would require us to pay a fee of \$52,111.00 to do the partition. This fee is excessive and serves as a barrier to development of an additional single family dwelling on our existing property.

Our attempt to do a Minor Partition requires that a survey be completed and that you either pay the amount stated above into a local improvement fund, the complete cost of installing streets, gutters, and sidewalks or have it done yourself. **But** you cannot do the work yourself (hire a contractor) if the City hasn't engineered all parts of the "infill" along the street, which of course have not done. Therefore, the only way you can divide or partition your land is to pay into the fund because the City won't let you record your partition without paying into the fund for a non-guaranteed project.

We respectfully urge the Senate to pass HB 3479 which will allow the citizens adversely affected by this City Ordinance to re-engage with the City Council under statutory protections and build solutions that will benefit property owners and achieve mutually beneficial outcomes for future development.

Sincerely,



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