

**Testimony by Wilsonville Mayor Tim Knapp
in Support of HB 2564:
Repeal of the State Pre-Emption on Optional
Local Community Use of Inclusionary Zoning**

For Public Hearing Scheduled on Feb. 23, 2015, Before the
House Committee on Human Services and Housing

**To Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice-Chairs Piluso and Stark, and Members of the
Committee:**

The City of Wilsonville supports HB 2564, which lifts the current state pre-emption on optional local community use of inclusionary zoning.

The Wilsonville City Council has sought to lift this pre-emption of municipal authority since unanimously adopting in February 2007 Resolution No. 2039, “A Resolution of the City of Wilsonville Supporting the Lifting of the Pre-Emption that Prohibits Local Communities from the Use of Inclusionary Zoning as a Tool in the Provision of Affordable Housing.”

Nothing in Oregon law compels a community to adopt “inclusionary zoning” ordinances. Rather, this legislation lifts a pre-emption by the State that prohibits local communities from the use of inclusionary zoning as a tool in the provision of affordable housing.

The overriding issue from a local government’s perspective is a desire to remove this State preemption and to restore local autonomy on matters more rightfully decided by a community, rather than by the State.

The City of Wilsonville urges a DO-PASS vote by the House Committee on Human Services and Housing on HB 2564.

Sincerely,



Tim Knapp, Mayor
City of Wilsonville