

ORDINANCE NO. 695

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE REPEALING
ORDINANCE 693**

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2011, the City Council of Wilsonville adopted Ordinance No. 693 which approved the SW 95th Avenue Urban Renewal Plan and Report, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Urban Renewal Plan (“Plan”) was to enhance economic development in the Urban Renewal District (“District”) by facilitating the redevelopment of a warehouse in the District by SoloPower, a firm that produces “thin-film” solar panels and siding products; and

WHEREAS, the group “Stop Urban Renewal Giveaway” lead by Vince Alexander (hereinafter “Petitioners”) filed a Referendum Petition with the city to refer the creation of the Plan and District to the voters of Wilsonville, and

WHEREAS, circulation of the petition sharpened the tension between the two cardinal positions on the Plan as it was considered by the City Council, pitting the interests of those seeking a public vote on the issue against the interests of those, including SoloPower, for the exercise of decisive leadership, and

WHEREAS, the ephemeral nature of SoloPower’s offer was confirmed when, on ___the company announced its intention to locate in Portland rather than Wilsonville, and

WHEREAS, the loss of the principle purpose of the Urban Renewal Plan, and the pursuit of a the Referendum of the Plan has little to commend it; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2011, the Wilsonville City Council, recognizing that none of the pubic interests that characterized the debate leading up to Ordinance 693 would be served by a vote on the Ordinance, acted in collaboration with Petitioners to set and provide public notice for a June 6, 2011 consideration of an ordinance repealing Ordinance 693; and

WHEREAS, in response, the Petitioners filed a formal withdrawal of the Referendum Petition on May 17, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the council appreciates the appearance and importance of the Petition’s withdrawal; and

WHEREAS, the council appreciates the appearance and importance of the repeal of Ordinance 693; and

WHEREAS, it appearing to council that the repeal of the Ordinance is otherwise in the public interest of the community:

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City of Wilsonville Ordinance No. 693 is repealed.

SUBMITTED to the Wilsonville City Council and read for the first time and second time at a regular meeting thereof on the 6th day of June, 2011, at the hour of 7 p.m. at the Wilsonville City Hall, 29799 Town Center Loop East, Wilsonville, Oregon.

SANDRA C. KING, MMC, City Recorder

ENACTED by the City Council on the 6th day of June 2009, by the following votes:

Yes: _____ No: _____

SANDRA C. KING, MMC, City Recorder

DATED and signed by the Mayor this _____ day of June 2011.

TIM KNAPP, MAYOR

SUMMARY OF VOTES:

Mayor Knapp _____
Councilor Starr _____
Councilor Goddard _____
Councilor Nunez _____
Councilor Hurst _____