

RESOLUTION NO. 5373

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER REQUIRING RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION.

WHEREAS, thousands of people continue to die in residential fires each year; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms do not, in some cases, wake people from sleep; and

WHEREAS, providing fire suppression services for residential structures is the responsibility of local government; and

WHEREAS, property owners within local government jurisdictions are entirely responsible for bearing the cost of providing fire suppression services; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of local government act on behalf of and represent the persons who bear the cost of providing fire suppression services; and

WHEREAS, residential fire sprinkler systems, in addition to saving lives, are also proven to result in significant reductions in the frequency and severity of the need for fire suppression resources; and

WHEREAS, the authority to require residential fire sprinkler systems in new construction is held by the Building Codes Division (BCD) of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS); and

WHEREAS, cities and counties are not currently authorized to require residential fire sprinkler systems because DCBS has not extended that decision making authority to them; and

WHEREAS, local government, being responsible for the costs of providing fire suppression services, should be able to enhance life safety in residential fires and reduce those costs within their fire service areas by requiring installation of residential fire sprinkler systems in new construction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council hereby petitions the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services and the Administrator of the Building Codes Division to adopt an administrative rule authorizing local government, cities and counties, to consider and adopt local regulations requiring residential fire sprinkler systems in new residential construction; and

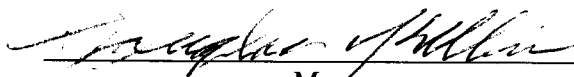
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Director of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, to the Administrator of the Building Codes Division, and to such other persons as the Mayor deems appropriate.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 24TH DAY OF JANUARY 2007.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Mayor