

## RESOLUTION NO. 1303

### A RESOLUTION OPPOSING MEASURE 97

WHEREAS, Measure 97, which is on the November 8, 2016 general election ballot in Oregon, if passed, would impose a 2.5% tax on gross sales of goods and services by companies earning over \$25,000,000 annually in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the Prineville City Council ("Council") does not support the citizens of Prineville paying higher consumer prices to cover the cost of tax increases due to Measure 97; and

WHEREAS, the Council does not support a tax on gross sales, which some Prineville businesses would be required to pay regardless of whether or not they make profits; and

WHEREAS, the revenue from taxes generated by Measure 97 would be paid to the State general fund and are not guaranteed to fund schools, health care, or other needed services; and

WHEREAS, supporting Measure 97 would impose a tax that will reduce income, employment, and population growth in Prineville; and

WHEREAS, a new tax on gross sales will encourage entities considering investing in Oregon and in Prineville to invest elsewhere and will slow the creation of private sector job growth; and

WHEREAS, Measure 97 is a regressive tax that will heavily burden lower and middle income families, and Prineville is comprised of a large number of lower and middle income families;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the Prineville City Council opposes a tax on gross sales and opposes Measure 97.

Dated: October \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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Betty J. Roppe, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Morgan, City Recorder