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ORDINANCE NO. 98-16

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF BLIGHTED AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF SANDY, ELECTING TO HAVE THE POWERS OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SANDY BE EXERCISED BY THE SANDY CITY COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

THE CITY OF SANDY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> There are hereby declared to be blighted areas existent in the City of Sandy. There is further declared to be a need for an Urban Renewal Agency to function in the City of Sandy, which Urban Renewal Agency shall be deemed to have all powers provided by ORS Chapter 547. For purposes of this declaration, blighted areas are deemed to be areas which by reason of deterioration, faulty planning, inadequate or improper facilities, deleterious land use or the existence of unsafe structures, or any combination of these factors, are detrimental to the safety, health, or welfare of the City of Sandy. The term "blighted areas" is more particularly defined in ORS 457.010 and those definitions are incorporated herein by reference.

<u>Section 2.</u> The powers of the urban renewal agency of the City of Sandy as set forth in ORS Chapter 457 shall be exercised by the Sandy City Council, acting as the urban renewal agency of the City of Sandy. Any act of the Sandy City Council acting as the urban renewal agency shall be considered the act of the urban renewal agency only and not of the Sandy City Council.

<u>Section 3.</u> Inasmuch as this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace and safety of the citizens of Sandy, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS ______ DAY OF ______ NOVEMBER ______, 1998.

Linda K. Malone, Mayor Date Signed:

ATTEST:

Carol A. James City Recorder



City of Sandy Staff Report

DATE: October 13, 1998

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Scott Lazenby, City Manager

RE: ORDINANCE 98-16 CREATING AN URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

The Urban Renewal Advisory Committee has held two meetings to date, and the goal is to recommend creation of an urban renewal district to the City Council in December.

A necessary first step under state law is to have an "urban renewal agency." Ordinance 98-16 creates this agency. This is all it does; this ordinance <u>does not</u> by itself adopt an urban renewal plan, adopt a district boundary, or implement tax increment financing. It simply creates an "agency."

This ordinance also identifies the City Council as the governing board of the agency, which is common among Oregon cities.

Based on state law requirements, the ordinance declares that areas of the city are "blighted." We're in good company, though: Clackamas County has had to declare Government Camp and Clackamas Town Center "blighted" in order to create urban renewal districts in those areas.

The ordinance has an "emergency" clause to make sure it is in effect prior to receiving the Advisory Committee's recommendation on adoption of a plan and creation of a district. We do have time for first and second readings of the ordinance at separate meetings. Adoption of Ordinance 98-16 shouldn't be a controversial action, since creation of the "agency" only enables, but does not create, an urban renewal district.

Recommendation: Accept the first reading of Ordinance 98-16.