**RESOLUTION NO. 2573**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES UNDER ORS 307.540 TO ORS 307.548 FOR CHARLESTON APARTMENTS, A LOW-INCOME APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT OWNED AND OPERATED BY NORTHWEST HOUSING ALTERNATIVES, INC.**

WHEREAS, maintaining Wilsonville’s existing affordable housing supply is necessary for its continued health and growth; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Housing Alternatives (NHA), a not-for-profit organization, constructed the Charleston Apartments, an affordable housing development located at 11609 SW Toulouse St., Wilsonville OR; and

WHEREAS, the Charleston Apartments includes 15 units reserved for people with chronic mental illness and the 36 units designated as affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, NHA is currently seeking to preserve the Charleston Apartment’s as affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, a property tax exemption is of critical importance to Charleston Apartment’s continuation as affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, ORS 307.540 to 307.548 authorizes property tax exemptions for affordable housing owned by not-for-profit corporations and occupied by low-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville wishes to adopt and/or ratify the policy set forth in those sections; and

WHEREAS, NHA has requested a property tax exemption for its Charleston Apartment development, pursuant to ORS 307.543(2); and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville and West Linn-Wilsonville School District property tax levies jointly comprise more than 51% of the total combined rate of taxation on Charleston Apartments; and

WHEREAS, NHA has received an exempt status from the West Linn-Wilsonville School District for the Charleston Apartments for property taxation arising under its jurisdiction unless and until terminated pursuant to ORS 307.548;

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

Section 1: The City of Wilsonville adopts the provisions of ORS 307.540 to 307.548.

Section 2: NHA and its affordable housing development, Charleston Apartments, qualify for a property tax exemption pursuant to ORS 307.540 to 307.548.

Section 3: The Finance Director is directed to request the Clackamas County Assessor to exempt Charleston Apartments from taxation by all taxing jurisdictions pursuant to ORS 307.543(2), commencing on the first day of the tax assessment year beginning July 1, 2016.

Section 4: This Resolution shall take effect upon the occurrence of the following:

1. Submission, to the City of Wilsonville’s City Manager, of an application conforming to the requirements of ORS 307.545 requesting a property tax exemption for Charleston Apartments.

Section 5: This Resolution is to remain in effect unless and until termination occurs pursuant to ORS 307.548.

Section 6: This resolution is effective upon adoption.

 ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a regular meeting there of this 21st day of March 2016, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this date.

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 Tim Knapp, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sandra C. King, MMC, City Recorder

SUMMARY OF VOTES:

Mayor Knapp -

Council President Starr -

Councilor Fitzgerald –

Councilor Stevens –

Councilor Lehan –