

**CITY OF PHOENIX  
PHOENIX, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 968**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A JACKSON COUNTY ORDER TO INITIATE  
FORMATION OF THE ROGUE VALLEY HERITAGE SPECIAL DISTRICT AND  
CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF CITY TERRITORY WITHIN THE  
BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT**

**RECITALS:**

**WHEREAS**, The Jackson County, Oregon, Board of Commissioners intends to form a county heritage special district under the authority of Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 198.705 to 198.955 and 358.442 to 358.474. The name of the proposed special district is the "Rogue Valley Heritage District" (hereinafter "District"). The proposed District would have the powers generally identified in ORS 358.442 to 358.474 and the powers listed in ORS 358.466, including, without limitation: operating and maintaining heritage sites and structures; acquiring and preserving property of historical interest, historical objects, and materials and documents of historical importance; and establishing and maintaining programs for heritage societies within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, The governing body of the District shall be a board of five members to be elected by the electors of the District as required by ORS 358.448, and the board members shall be elected at large by position number as allowed by ORS 358.456(1)(b); and

**WHEREAS**, The Jackson County Board of Commissioners may initiate the formation of the District by adopting an order under authority of ORS 198.835. The Board proposes to include all county territory within the boundaries of the proposed District; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackson County voters will be asked to establish a permanent property tax rate limit of \$.05 per \$1,000 for the District's operations as authorized by ORS 358.466(4) and 358.468; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to ORS 198.835(3), the territory of the City may only be included within the boundaries of the District if the City Council adopts a resolution approving the proposed County order initiating the formation of the Rogue Valley Heritage District. The proposed County order is attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, Currently, funding sources for the various museums, historical societies and heritage organizations within Jackson County are not stable and are declining. Formation of a heritage district will secure a permanent source of funding for the services, programs and activities provided by these entities to the citizens of Jackson County and the City; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council believes creation of a Jackson County heritage district will benefit all City residents for the following reasons:

- A stable revenue stream will allow museums, historical societies and heritage organizations in Jackson County to continue providing the following services, programs and activities that are important to our community:
  - Jackson County heritage societies and museums preserve and are responsible for over 3 million unique and priceless artifacts, documents and photos reflecting the history of the region;
  - Jackson County heritage societies and museums operate two research libraries used by students, researchers, writers and the general public. The historic books and records preserved by the heritage societies and museums provide important resources for citizens and scholars, making available to the public materials that are not maintained by the County library system or university libraries; and
  - The educational activities and programs of the heritage societies and museums enhance the curriculum of public and private schools and institutions of higher learning; and
- A stable revenue stream will allow museums in Jackson County to increase the hours these facilities are open, giving incentive for visitors to stay longer in the County and increase tourism spending on local goods and services, such as food, lodging and incidentals.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF PHOENIX RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE FORMATION OF THE ROGUE VALLEY HERITAGE SPECIAL DISTRICT AND CONSENT TO THE INCLUSION OF CITY TERRITORY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT.**

This Resolution is effective on JUNE, 2016.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Phoenix and signed in authentication thereof at a regular meeting on the 20th day of JUNE, 2016



Jeff Bellah, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janette Boothe, City Recorder