

**ORDINANCE NO. 1589
WEST LINN, OREGON**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A PROCEDURE TO ALLOW TWO-YEAR EXTENSIONS TO APPROVED
LAND USE DECISIONS**

WHEREAS, applicants must complete the improvements required by the original land use approval within three years of the approval date or the approval is voided; and

WHEREAS, the past 18 months have seen the collapse of the housing market, the unwillingness of lending institutions to provide loans to construct improvements such as roads and utilities necessary for final platting land divisions; and

WHEREAS, many cities in the Metro area allow extensions for land use approvals under specific circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Linn provided legislative notice pursuant to Community Development Code Chapter 98; and

WHEREAS, the West Linn Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 20, 2009 and a meeting on October 7, 2009 and recommended approval of the amendments to allow a two-year extension subject to specific criterion; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on December 14, 2009 and subsequently adopted findings of fact and conclusions justifying its decision.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WEST LINN ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The West Linn Community Development Code is hereby amended to read as identified in Exhibit __ (attached hereto).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF DECEMBER 2009.

PATTI GALLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

TINA LYNCH, CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY