**RESOLUTION NO. 2575**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES UNDER ORS 307.540 TO ORS 307.548 FOR Rain Garden Limited partnership, A LOW-INCOME APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT OWNED AND OPERATED BY CARITAS COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION.**

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

WHEREAS, Caritas Community Housing Corporation, a not-for-profit organization, constructed the Rain Garden Apartments, an affordable housing development located at 29197 SW Orleans Avenue, Wilsonville OR; and

WHEREAS, the Rain Garden Apartments includes 29 residential units for people with very low income; and

WHEREAS, Caritas Community Housing Corporation is currently seeking to preserve Rain Garden Apartments as affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, a property tax exemption is of critical importance to Caritas Community Housing Corporation 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, Caritas Community Housing Corporation has requested a property tax exemption for its Rain Garden 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 the Caritas Community Housing Corporation development at Rain Garden Apartments; and

WHEREAS, Caritas Community Housing Corporation has received an exempt status from the West Linn-Wilsonville School District for the Rain Garden 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: Caritas Community Housing Corporation and its affordable housing development, Rain Garden Apartment development, 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 Autumn Park 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 Autumn Park 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 thereof 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 -