



RESOLUTION 2022-012

EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO CERTAIN MINING ACTIVITIES IN THE VICINITY OF ROCK CREEK

WHEREAS, there are a number of existing and planned quarries in the vicinity of Rock Creek; and

WHEREAS, the act of mining a quarry and subsequently filling the quarry can have significant off-site environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge and our many natural resources are part of the Sherwood identity and any project that negatively impacts these resources is of concern to the City; and

WHEREAS, blasting required for mining operations subjects the land and residents to long term impacts that can affect ground water and livability; and

WHEREAS, there are many sites within the area where aggregate can be obtained that do not require going below the water table and potentially creating long term social and environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, while the City of Sherwood supports activities consistent with traditional development, the impact of a quarry has significantly more opportunity for negative externalities.

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

Section 1. The City Council expresses its opposition to any permit to mine aggregate in the Rock Creek area that involves going below the water table or beyond grading requirements for normal development (including roads and utilities).

Section 2. The City Manager and staff are authorized and directed to share Council's position as needed and appropriate with permitting agencies, applicants, and the public.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective upon its approval and adoption.

Duly passed by the City Council this 15th of February 2022.



Keith Mays, Mayor

Attest:



Sylvia Murphy, MMC, City Recorder