

RESOLUTION NO. 3745

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY GOVERNING THE USE OF CITY RESOURCES FOR THE REMOVAL OF STORM OR GROUND WATER ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, record rainfall events in 1996 and associated flooding of Northwest rivers resulted in numerous pockets of standing water throughout the Mid-Willamette Valley; and

WHEREAS, among its responses to the needs of city residents, the City of Albany expended considerable public resources in an effort to assist private property owners in their efforts to minimize damage to private property; and


WHEREAS, among its efforts, the City of Albany dedicated manpower and equipment to the removal of standing water from several areas in North Albany; and

WHEREAS, these water removal efforts were only marginally successful due to the high ground water table, the continuing nature of the rainfall events, and the limited locations to which standing water could be lawfully pumped; and

WHEREAS, in times of limited financial resources, City funds must be conserved for expenditure on public projects of general benefit to the City as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it shall be the policy of the City of Albany that, while the City will generally take action to remove standing water from City streets, it is the policy of the City that public resources not be expended to remove storm or ground water from private property or to protect private property from exposure to such waters.

DATED THIS 12 DAY OF February, 1997.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Recorder

