

ORDINANCE NO. 1734

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, ESTABLISHING
CRITERIA FOR CITY OF MILWAUKIE SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS
AND HEREBY ADDING TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF MILWAUKIE
SECTION 2.44.**

The City of Milwaukie does ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, the Sister City movement in the United States was inaugurated by President Eisenhower in 1956 as the "People-to-People Program" whose purpose was to establish greater friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and the peoples of other nations through direct contact; and

WHEREAS, all succeeding U.S. Presidents have endorsed the program to be conducted for the broad purposes of exchanging ideas and people between citizens of the United States of America and the peoples of other nations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Affiliation Association of the U.S., Inc. has requested Milwaukie and other American communities to affiliate with cities in other nations of similar characteristics and mutual interest; and

WHEREAS, there is an abundance of requests by cities wishing to affiliate with Milwaukie as a sister city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukie wishes to maximize the diversity of cultures represented in its sister city relationships, as well as to manage the number of cities chosen for this program in order to heighten the significance of its purpose; and

WHEREAS, criteria for establishing sister city relationships are needed to ensure that the benefits of the Sister City Program reach the greatest number of people in an orderly manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs that:

Criteria for the establishment, funding, and administration of sister city relationships shall conform to those listed in Exhibit A, which is attached to this ordinance and by this reference made a part thereof.

Section 1. 2.44.010 Selection Criteria

- A. All cities chosen to affiliate with the City of Milwaukie as a sister city must be located in a country that has established diplomatic relations with the United States.
- B. Preference shall be given to the city requesting a sister city relationship with the City of Milwaukie where such city has no other sister city in the United States.
- C. The City of Milwaukie shall establish a sister city relationship with only one (1) city per country.
- D. The City of Milwaukie shall give preference to cities in those nations that maintain a consulate or trade mission office in the United States.
- E. The City of Milwaukie and the proposed sister city shall be of similar size and role, either absolutely or in relation to their regions.
- F. The City of Milwaukie shall have cultural, educational, economic, governmental, and social interests in common with the proposed sister city.

Section 2: 2.44.020 Requirements for Independent Funding and Citizen Involvement

- A. There exists in the Milwaukie community substantial long-term, broad-based interest in establishing the relationship, interest that transcends political or social concerns and that reflects ongoing community involvement with the sister city's region or people.
- B. An association has been formed as a non-profit entity under Oregon laws and is prepared to undertake the financial and staffing requirements necessary to properly administer such a relationship.
- C. The association has presented a plan of action for the first year of such a relationship that demonstrates, whether through volunteer or professional time commitment, the ability to respond in a timely fashion to requests from the sister city organizations, in furthering the relationship, and to represent the City of Milwaukie with competence and integrity.
- D. The association has demonstrated a financial capability sufficient to fully fund its operations and the various visits, receptions, delegations, and other similar functions such a relationship entails, without financial contribution from the City. Financial capability need not mean exclusive cash in hand, but may include commitments to contribute materials, services, or time.

- E. Every December each association shall submit an annual summary of programs held and a plan of action for the next year to the Mayor's Office. The report will include such data as may be requested by the City.
- F. Failure to meet requirements of Section 2, paragraphs A through E above, shall result in the revocation of sister city status.

Section 3: 2.44.030 Recognition as Advisory Board

Each Association formed under Section 2 of this ordinance shall be recognized as an advisory committee to the City for international relations.

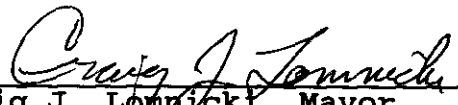
Section 4: 2.44.040 No Retroactive Effect

Existing sister city relationships shall continue in force and need not pass through the initial approval process set forth herein. They are, however, subject to all other requirements of the ordinance.

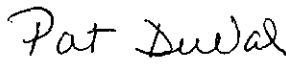
Read for the first time on March 2, 1993, and moved to second reading by unanimous vote of the City Council.

Read the second time and adopted by the City Council on March 2, 1993,

Signed by the Mayor on March 2, 1993,


Craig J. Lonnicki, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pat DuVal, Recorder/Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


O'Donnell, Ramis, Crew & Corrigan