

RESOLUTION NO. 1359

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF CASCADE LOCKS' CONCERNS AND OPPOSITION TO RAIL TRANSPORTATION OF CRUDE OIL THROUGH THE CITY OF CASCADE LOCKS AND THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor are concerned about the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Cascade Locks;

WHEREAS, the City has determined that rail transport of crude oil is contrary to the health, safety and general welfare of citizens of Cascade Locks and the Columbia Gorge;

WHEREAS, the railroad tracks run in close proximity to the City's downtown area, creating a potentially catastrophic hazard to the City in the event of derailment such as the June 3, 2016, derailment in the City of Mosier; and

WHEREAS, crude oil train derailment poses a significant hazard to the rivers and watersheds in and around the City.

THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CASCADE LOCKS, HOOD RIVER COUNTY, OREGON, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City opposes rail transportation of crude oil through the City of Cascade Locks and the Columbia River Gorge.
2. The City strongly urges the Governor of Oregon to use the powers of the state to oppose rail transport of crude oil rail through the Columbia River Gorge.
3. The City strongly urges the Federal Government to halt rail transport of crude oil through the Columbia River Gorge.
4. The City insists on the immediate implementation of safety regulations regarding train speeds and rail car designs.
5. The City insists that Union Pacific submit an emergency environmental clean-up plan in case of a derailment affecting our community, local economy, watersheds and recreational areas; and the City further insists that all carriers of crude oil be fully insured against the risk of catastrophic fire and explosion, loss of life and property, environmental destruction and damage and any other harm connected with a derailment or accident; and
6. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 13th day of June, 2016 .

APPROVED by the Mayor this 13th day of June, 2016.

Bobby Walker, Council President

ATTEST:

Kathy Woosley, City Recorder