

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING	)	RESOLUTION NO. 26-5552
THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO	)	
GRANT AN EASEMENT TO WASHINGTON	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
COUNTY AT WACHLINE PROPERTY	)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
NATURAL AREA	)	Council President Lynn Peterson
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WHEREAS, Metro owns the Wachline Property Natural Area along Beaverton Creek;  
and

WHEREAS, the 1.9-acre property was purchased in 2003 using 1995 Open Spaces Bond funds to protect fish and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the natural area is managed by the City of Hillsboro as part of the greater Rock Creek greenway; and

WHEREAS, Washington County requested an aerial easement for public utility lines (the "Easement"), required to support a bridge replacement project (the "Project") within the SW 205<sup>th</sup> Avenue right of way, adjacent to the natural area; and

WHEREAS, Metro Parks and Nature Department staff evaluated the Easement request according to the criteria set forth in Metro Council Resolution No. 97-2539B, "For the Purpose of Approving General Policies Related to the Review of Easements, Right of Ways, and Leases for Non-Park Uses Through Properties Managed by the Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department", adopted on November 6, 1997 (the "Easement Policy"), as further set forth in the staff report for this resolution; and

WHEREAS, staff have recommended that the Easement request be granted as the Project minimally impacts the natural area, removes fish passage barriers and hydraulic restrictions, improves ecological conditions and the riparian corridor, restores streambank and native vegetation, promotes wildlife connectivity within a widened riparian corridor, and improves bike and pedestrian facilities along SW 205<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and the Easement will have no adverse impacts to the natural area or management operations;

WHEREAS, the Easement Policy and Metro Code requires that the Metro Council review easement requests; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to grant an aerial public utility line easement to Washington County at the Wachline Property Natural Area as described and depicted in Exhibits A and B to this resolution, on terms approved by the Office of Metro Attorney.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney