

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon

In the constitution of the state of Oregon, **add** section 47 to Article I as follows:

Section 47 Right of Local Community Self-Government

(1) As all power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety, and happiness, and the people have at all times the right to alter, reform or abolish their government should it become destructive to their fundamental rights or well-being, therefore the people have an inalienable and fundamental right of local community self-government, in each county, city, town, or other municipality.

(2) That right shall include the power of the people, and the power of their governments, to enact and enforce local laws that protect health, safety, and welfare by recognizing or establishing the rights of natural persons, their local communities, and nature; and by securing those rights using prohibitions and other means deemed necessary by the community, including measures to establish, define, alter, or eliminate competing rights, powers, privileges, immunities, or duties of corporations and other business entities operating, or seeking to operate, in the community.

(3) Local laws enacted pursuant to subsection (2) shall be immune from preemption or nullification by state law, federal law, or international law, and shall not be subject to limitation or preemption under Article IV, section 1(5), Article VI, section 10, or Article XI, section 2 of this constitution, or Oregon Revised Statutes 203.035, provided that:

(a) Such local laws do not restrict fundamental rights of natural persons, their local communities, or nature secured by the Oregon Constitution, the United States Constitution, or international law; and

(b) Such local laws do not weaken protections for natural persons, their local communities, or nature provided by state law, federal law, or international law.

(4) All provisions of this section are severable.