RESOLUTION NO. 204

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING BALLOT MEASURE #5.

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure #5, a property tax limitation measure appearing on the November 1990 general election ballot, creates sweeping changes to the current property tax system in the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the property tax limitation measure contained in Ballot Measure #5 contains an arbitrary formula for determining each local taxing unit's share of the limited property tax dollars and does not permit the citizens of this community to apportion their tax dollars on the basis of their priorities; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure #5, if passed, would require that cities, counties and school districts COMPETE DIRECTLY for available tax dollars, rather than encouraging cooperation and development of viable priorities among them; and

WHEREAS, the complexity of the revisions sought to be imposed by Ballot Measure #5 will make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to predict the actual effect of the property tax limitation on this city's ability to provide essential services on a continuing basis; and

WHEREAS, this city may be forced by the competition for property tax dollars to ELIMINATE OR REDUCE services WITHOUT regard to the importance of those services to the members of this community; and

WHEREAS, this city will be forced by the property tax limitation to eliminate or reduce services already provided in this community because of a decrease in available funding; and

WHEREAS, the Aurora City Council finds and determines that the interests of the citizens of this community are not well served by the inability to make accurate financial predictions, by the inability to allocate funding on the basis of their priorities, and by the increased competition among local taxing units expected to result from Ballot Measure #5; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL that the City of Aurora actively opposes the property tax limitation measure contained in Ballot Measure #5.

ADOPTED by the Aurora City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof on the 9th day of October, 1990.

Susan E. Engels - Mayor

ATTEST:

Janica N. Vlcek - City Recorder