## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**<u>Relative Information</u>**: The general form for taking action on business items involves the passing of motions. In certain situations the Board may find the need to adopt an ordinance or a resolution.

An ordinance is an authoritative rule or law adopted by the Board in conjunction with State Law. The District adopts ordinances that include the adoption of a fire code, collection of fees, formation of a contract review board, prohibition of volunteers and employees from being Directors, requirements for insurance of public firework displays, and medical and fire stand-bys at certain events. Oregon Law provides specific procedures that must be followed in the advertisement and adoption of ordinances. Ordinances are effective until repealed.

A resolution is a formal motion that expresses formal opinion. The District adopts resolutions in the same manner as all main motions. In general, the District utilizes resolutions when required by law or when the proposal is lengthy and/or highly important. Resolutions are usually prefaced with *whereas* statements, that state the reasons for the resolution. Resolutions remain in force until rescinded or for the length of time specified in the resolution.

**Policy Statement:** It is the policy of the Board of Directors to utilize Ordinances and Resolutions in accordance with their intended purpose and to review, amend and/or delete as may be indicated.