



# Support Local Food Rights

*Our Food, Our Future*

## Local Food System Ordinance of Lane County

Establishing Food and Farm Rights for Lane County

### What is the Local Food System Ordinance of Lane County?

The Lane County Local Food System Ordinance is a proposed law drafted by residents of Lane County. A citizens' petitioning campaign, led by Support Local Food Rights, is seeking to put this measure to a vote of the people on the November 2014 ballot. This local food system ordinance would create a healthy locally controlled food system in Lane County by:

- Recognizing residents' right to a local food system that ensures our ability to grow and produce food while protecting nature.
- Prohibiting genetically modified crops in Lane County.
- Protecting our right to save and share seed, free from patents.
- Placing the rights of the community over corporate agribusiness powers and privileges, which agribusiness routinely uses to override local efforts aimed at establishing economic and environmental health and autonomy.

### Why is a Local Food System Ordinance Necessary?

The Lane County food system is vibrant and keeping it so is vital to our community. It is a pillar of our local economy, fundamental to our health and well-being and inextricably linked to sustaining the environment in which we live.

Corporate agricultural practices are damaging to the people of Lane County and to nature. The use of genetically modified seeds and crops as well as their accompanying pesticides are real threats to protecting a healthy, viable local food system in Lane County. The sad reality is that harmful agricultural practices are generally protected by laws adopted at the state and federal levels. Corporate "rights" routinely override the rights of Lane County residents and the self-determination of farmers.

The Lane County Local Food System Ordinance seeks to use the powers of local lawmaking to put an end to abusive corporate agribusiness' agricultural practices in the county, while supporting locally controlled food systems.

The Lane County Local Food System Ordinance would further a healthy, sustainable and democratic Lane County by securing rights for people, our communities and the natural environment—rights that corporations and government must respect. If they don't, the ordinance gives the people of Lane the legal muscle to make sure they do so.

### How does this Ordinance achieve these goals?

By lawfully using our initiative system to enact this ordinance, the people as the foundational body of government of this local jurisdiction will be exercising their constitutional rights to ensure the future health and integrity of our local food system.

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