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Salem Ranked in National Best-Performing Large Cities List

Salem’s Rank Increases Significantly Since 2015

Salem, Ore. – In the 2016 Best-Performing Large Cities list, Salem, Ore. was ranked 45 out of 200 cities; 27 rankings above its highest ranking in previous years.

In the Large Cities list, Salem, Ore. is compared to significantly larger cities including Phoenix, Dallas, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Salt Lake City, and Seattle. In 2015, Salem was ranked 72.

“We are very proud of Salem’s national ranking, especially when we are compared to cities that are significantly larger, with resources that we do not have like a large workforce, a research university, a commercial airport, and a well-established tech cluster. Salem’s hard work is paying off,” said Kristin Retherford, Salem’s Urban Development Director.

The 2016 Milken Institute Best-Performing Cities Index ranks U.S. metropolitan areas by how well they are creating and sustaining jobs and economic growth. The components include job, wage and salary, and technology growth. Data on each city is available at www.best-cities.org.

For specific questions regarding economic development in Salem, please contact Kristin Retherford at kretherford@cityofsalem.net or 503-540-2486. Si necesita ayuda para comprender esta información, por favor llame 503-588-6178.

The City of Salem’s Urban Development Department is committed to enhancing community prosperity through an array of programs in its four major service areas: Real Property Services, Housing and Social Services, Economic Development and Downtown Revitalization. The Urban Development Department: manages City’s Urban Renewal Areas (URAs) and redevelopment projects within the URAs; administers federally funded block grant and housing programs; provides loans and grants to eligible businesses, homeowners, and renters; and manages leases, acquires, and sells properties for the City.

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