Justification as a Defense.

Oregon Revised Statutes; §161.190. http://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/161.190 https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors001.html

In any prosecution for an offense,

justification,

as defined in ORS 161.195 to 161.275,

<u>is a defense</u>.

Justification Described.

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(1) Unless inconsistent with other provisions of chapter 743, Oregon Laws 1971, defining justifiable use of physical force, or with some other provision of law, <u>conduct which would otherwise constitute an offense is justifiable</u> and not criminal <u>when it is required or authorized by law</u> or <u>by a judicial decree or</u> is performed <u>by</u> <u>a public servant in the reasonable exercise of official powers, duties or functions</u>.

(2) As used in subsection (1) of this section, <u>laws and judicial decrees</u> <u>include</u> but are not limited to:

(a) Laws defining duties and functions of public servants;

(b) Laws defining <u>duties of private citizens to assist public servants in the</u> <u>performance of certain of their functions;</u>

(c) Laws governing the <u>execution of legal process</u>;

(d) Laws governing the military services and conduct of war; and

(e) Judgments and orders of courts.