

ORDINANCE NO. 185410

*Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County for administration of eligibility verification for Water/Sewer Bill Discount and Crisis Assistance Program (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The Water Bureau has an interest in providing financial assistance to eligible low-income households who cannot afford water and sewer payments and has established a Water/Sewer Bill Discount and Crisis Assistance Program to lessen the impact of rising water/sewer utility costs.
2. The Bureau and Multnomah County have been partnering for administration of eligibility verification for the program since 1995 and it was determined that Multnomah County was best suited to provide these administrative services.
3. Multnomah County shall provide eligibility verification in accordance with the policies and procedures to be mutually developed and agreed upon including application intake and review, eligibility determination, and provide regular reporting to the Bureau.
4. The Bureau desires to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to provide administration for the Water/Sewer Bill Discount and Crisis Assistance Program.
5. The total cost shall not exceed \$180,000. Funding of \$90,000 has been requested in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget and funding of \$90,000 shall be requested in the Fiscal Year 2013-14.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. That the Water Bureau Administrator is authorized to execute on behalf of the City an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to provide services for the Water/Sewer Bill Discount and Crisis Assistance Program substantially in accordance with the Agreement attached as Exhibit A.
- b. The Mayor and Auditor are hereby authorized to draw and deliver checks chargeable to the Water Fund when demand is presented and approved by the proper authorities.

- c. That the Water Bureau Administrator is authorized to amend on behalf of the City the Intergovernmental Agreement with such changes deemed to be appropriate in individual circumstances as approved by the City Attorney's Office and not exceeding twenty-five percent of the total compensation of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because the current Intergovernmental Agreement terminates June 30, 2012, and we wish to continue to provide service to low-income families as of July 1, 2012; therefore this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council, JUN 13 2012

Commissioner Leonard
Brad Blake
May 21, 2012

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Auditor of the City of Portland

By

Susan Pearson
Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Commissioner Leonard	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>JUN 08 2012</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman Position 4/Safety - Leonard	LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By: <u>[Signature]</u> Deputy
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Water Bureau Head: David G. Shaff Prepared by: Brad Blake Date Prepared: May 21, 2012 Financial Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required <input type="checkbox"/> Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Meeting Date June 13, 2012	ACTION TAKEN:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Approval	

AGENDA TIME CERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/> Start time: _____ Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Fish	2. Fish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Leonard	4. Leonard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Adams	Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	