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Office of Mayor Charlie Hales City of Portland

Date: May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

To: Commissioner Nick Fish Commissioner Amanda Fritz Commissioner Steve Novick Commissioner Dan Saltzman

From: Chad Stover - Office of Mayor Charlie Hales

RE: Amendment request for Council Agenda Item 481 – Extend a street closure pilot program in the Old Town Entertainment District through parts of NW 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues between W Burnside and NW Everett on certain days and during certain hours (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Hales)

Due to an oversight, the following changes are needed in the Council Directive c and in Sections 2, and 5.

## NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

c. During the street closure period, the Mayor's Office will work closely with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI), the PPB, PBOT the Oldtown/Chinatown Neighborhood Old <u>Town/Chinatown Community</u> Association, <del>Chinese Community</del> <u>Chinese Consolidated</u> <u>Benevolent Association</u>, Portland Business Alliance (PBA), bar and restaurant owners in the Oldtown/Chinatown neighborhood, business owners, and social service providers to explore and develop options to help improve the overall quality of life in the entertainment district area. This may include, but is not limited to:

And

Section 2. The Portland Police Bureau (PPB) and the Portland Bureau of Transportation proposed a street closure pilot program in December 2012 to expand the pedestrian-only entertainment area to enhance public safety by reducing certain incidences.

Section 5. The Portland Bureau of Transportation and the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) propose extending a street closure pilot (Extended Program) extension to expand the pedestrian-only entertainment area to enhance public safety by reducing certain incidences.

Sincerely,

To Have

Charlie Hales Mayor of Portland

This document was substituted with a revised version. See final document: 186072

## **ORDINANCE NO.**

Extend a Street Closure Pilot Program in the Old Town Entertainment District through parts of NW 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues between W Burnside and NW Everett on certain days and during certain hours.(Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. The Old Town Neighborhood generates a high volume of calls for police service within the area between W Burnside and NW Everett on certain days and during certain hours, as well as the surrounding areas of this zone. Prior to the pilot street closure, police response to many of these calls was delayed by conflicts with vehicles.
- 2. The Portland Police Bureau (PPB) and Portland Bureau of Transportation proposed a street closure pilot program in December 2012 to expand the pedestrian-only entertainment area to enhance public safety by reducing certain incidences.
- 3. During the months of the pilot program, there were significant public benefits such as crime reduction and less congestion. There were 3 town hall discussions between the Mayor of Portland and the Oldtown/Chinatown Neighborhood Association, the Chinese Community, business owners, bar owners, and social services providers. Their input regarding the original street closure pilot were documented and taken into consideration. The Mayor also participated in two neighborhood walks during the hours of the street closure to learn about prominent concerns in the area. Members from the community were invited to join the Mayor to express their concerns.
- 4. The general consensus of feedback from the neighbors, community associations, businesses, and bar owners indicated that the majority of stakeholders are in favor of continuing to experiment with new ideas to improve the quality of life in the Oldtown/Chinatown Neighborhood, both in and around the entertainment district.
- 5. The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) and the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) propose extending a street closure pilot (Extended Program) extension to expand the pedestrian-only entertainment area to enhance public safety by reducing certain incidences.
- 6. The Extended Program will include the same boundaries as laid out in Ordinance 185833, portions of NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave from W Burnside to NW Everett St, NW Couch from NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave to NW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, and NW Davis from 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave to NW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave between 10:00 pm and 3:00 am on Fridays, Saturdays, and other event dates specified by the Police Bureau.

- 7. The area will continue to include dedicated taxi, limo, and pedi-cab zones to facilitate safe transportation into and out of the area. These zones will help maintain safe and orderly pedestrian traffic flow and allow officers to address concerns of illegal tax activity.
- 8. In order to maintain public safety and monitor the Pilot Program, PPB will continue dedicate four officers and a sergeant to the District throughout the course of the extended Pilot Program to provide enhanced police presence.
- 9. To address reasonable accommodation for emergency residential services and any necessary access for disabled residents, police will allow emergency vehicles special access to the street area, and any necessary access for disabled residents.
- 10. It is in the best interests of the public for Council to assess the data and public comments as to the success or failure of the Extended Program, and decide whether to terminate or extend the Program in the best interests of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The Portland Police Bureau and the Portland Bureau of Transportation are authorized to implement a street closure substantially in accordance with the plan as specified in this Ordinance.
- b. The Extended Program will begin on the weekend of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and will end on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- c. During the street closure period, the Mayor's Office will work closely with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI), the PPB, PBOT, the Oldtown/Chinatown Neighborhood Association, Chinese Community, Portland Business Alliance (PBA), bar and restaurant owners in the Oldtown/Chinatown neighborhood, business owners, and social service providers to explore and develop options to help improve the overall quality of life in the entertainment district area. This may include, but is not limited to:

-Improving the signage and education pertaining to the street closure, as well as parking enforcement;

-Finding innovative ways to improve the aesthetic appearance of the street closure itself;

-the establishment of a non-profit organization assigned with the task of overseeing the street closure of the entertainment district;

-developing ongoing sources of revenue to cover the extraordinary costs of services associated with the management of the district and the street closure

d. The PPB, ONI, and PBOT will work with the Mayor's Office to evaluate the Extended Program and report back to Council by the end of the year.

Passed by the Council: Mayor Charlie Hales Prepared by: Chad Stover Date Prepared: 05/16/2013

## LaVonne Griffin-Valade

Auditor of the City of Portland By Deputy

## Agenda No. ORDINANCE NO.

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Title

Extend a street closure pilot program in the Old Town Entertainment Districts through parts of NW  $2^{nd}$ ,  $3^{rd}$ , and  $4^{th}$  Avenues between W Burnside and NW Everett on certain days and during certain hours. (Ordinance)

INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Charlie Hales	CLERK USE: DATE FILED MAY 17 2013		
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman	LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By:		
Position 4/Safety - Novick BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Office of the Mayor Bureau Head: Charlie Hales	ACTION TAKEN: MAY 22 2013 CONTINUED TO MAY 29 2013 2 P.M.		
Prepared by: Chad E. Stover Date Prepared:05/14/2013			
Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed X Amends Budget			
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes No X			
Council Meeting Date 05/227/2013 City Attorney Approval:			

AGENDA

TIME CERTAIN X Start time: 2:00 PM

Total amount of time needed: 1/2 hrs (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

CONSENT

**REGULAR** Total amount of time needed: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
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2. Fish	2. Fish	×	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman		
4. Novick	4. Novick		
Hales	Hales		4

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