

**RESOLUTION No. 37029**

Call upon the United States Food and Drug Administration to reverse their longstanding prohibition on gay men donating blood (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the City Council encourages nondiscrimination against individuals on the basis of actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity and expression; and

WHEREAS, the current federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) policy, passed in 1985, prohibits any man who has had sex with another man since 1977 from donating blood for the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, the FDA has periodically reconsidered this issue but voted to keep the policies in 2010, while continuing to study the issue further; and

WHEREAS, the FDA has still not completed their review and has not released a timeline for when a decision will be made regarding modification of the existing policy; and

WHEREAS, despite the FDA's lifetime ban on men who have sex with men (MSM), nationally, an individual needs a life saving blood transfusion once every 3 seconds; and

WHEREAS, while 60 percent of Americans are eligible to donate blood, on average less than 5 percent of people actually donate; and

WHEREAS, the United States faces a critical blood supply shortage, endangering public health; and

WHEREAS, numerous public health groups including the American Red Cross (ARC), the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), America's Blood Centers (ABC), the American Medical Association (AMA), the Gay Men Health Crisis (GMHC) and leading LGBT organizations have urged that the FDA's lifetime restriction be reversed; and

WHEREAS, blood banks are required to follow the FDA guidelines, which consequently are in conflict with state nondiscrimination policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Portland calls upon the United States Food and Drug Administration to reverse its longstanding prohibition on gay men donating blood, and that a letter be sent to the FDA and our Congressional delegation requesting the reversal of the prohibition.

Adopted by the Council: SEP 11 2013

Commissioner Amanda Fritz  
Prepared by: Jasmine Wadsworth  
Date Prepared: 09/05/13

**LaVonne Griffin-Valade**  
Auditor of the City of Portland

By *Ganga Jennings*  
Deputy

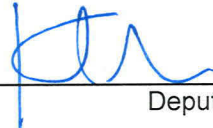
851 --

✓140

Agenda No.  
**RESOLUTION NO.**  
Title

**37029**

~~Resolution calling~~ upon the United States Food and Drug Administration to reverse their longstanding prohibition on gay men donating blood. (Resolution)

<p><b>INTRODUCED BY</b> Commissioner/Auditor: Commissioner Amanda Fritz</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>SEP 06 2013</u></p>
<p><b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz <i>Ama Fritz</i></p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Novick</p>	<p>LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By:  Deputy</p>
<p><b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Bureau: Fritz Bureau Head: Fritz</p>	
<p>Prepared by: Jasmine Wadsworth Date Prepared: 09/05/13</p>	
<p>Financial Impact &amp; Public Involvement Statement</p> <p>Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><b>City Auditor Office Approval:</b> required for Code Ordinances</p>	<p><b>ACTION TAKEN:</b></p>
<p><b>City Attorney Approval:</b> required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date <b>09/11/13</b></p>	

<b>AGENDA</b>
<p><b>TIME CERTAIN</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Start time: 9:30 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>15 minutes</b></p> <p><b>Total amount of time needed:</b> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p><b>CONSENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>REGULAR</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Total amount of time needed:</b> _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Novick	4. Novick	✓	
Hales	Hales	✓	