ORDINANCE No. 183828

Increase commercial solid waste fees, effective July 1, 2010 (Ordinance; amend Code Section 17.102.250).

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. Chapter 17.102 is the means by which the City complies with the statutory directives that encourage waste prevention and recycling under ORS Chapter 459A. Portland carries out these efforts through residential franchising, issuing permits to commercial solid waste haulers, and requiring all businesses to participate in recycling.
- 2. The commercial tonnage fee charged to commercial permitees is assessed on each ton of garbage collected from commercial accounts in the City. The commercial tonnage fee supports the commercial waste and recycling programs operated by the City. An increase in this fee is needed to provide sufficient resources to provide and operate public recycling containers throughout downtown Portland, including the transit mall.
- 3. Availability of public recycling containers will result in more materials being recycled instead of being disposed of as garbage and will increase overall public awareness of recycling. In turn, this will help the City to achieve its recycling goals as set in ORS Chapter 459A.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

a. City Code Section 17.102.250, Commercial Tonnage Fee, is amended as follows:

Commercial Permittees shall, when invoiced quarterly by the Director, pay a tonnage fee to the City. Fees shall be assessed up to \$56.80 per ton of commercial Solid Waste collected within the City and deposited in disposal facilities authorized by Metro. Payments shall be made within 30 days of the date of the invoice. Interest shall accrue at 1% per month on balances which remain unpaid as of 30 days after the date of invoice, compounded daily from the due date.

Section 2. The amendments under this Ordinance to City Code Section 17.102.250, Commercial Tonnage Fee, shall be effective on and after July 1, 2010, to coincide with the change-over in the City's fiscal year and with annual renewal of commercial solid waste collection permits.

Passed by the Council: MAY 26 2010

Mayor Sam Adams Prepared by: Babe O'Sullivan Date Prepared: May 11, 2010

LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland Deputy

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