Support the addition of a Deputy District Attorney and re-establishment of the Walking Beat Program for arrest and prosecution of drug crimes in Illegal Drug Impact Areas (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the City of Portland finds that improving the livability of residential and commercial environment in areas of Portland that have been degraded by regular and persistent open air drug related crimes is a critical priority;

WHEREAS, the City of Portland finds that active arrest, prosecution and court supervision of drug possession cases with a focus on treatment alternatives has an immediate and lasting impact on drug activity; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's office and Police Bureau have, due to budget constraints, not been able to consistently focus on drug possession cases, resulting in fewer arrests and, in many of those cases where an arrest occurs, those cases being assigned to Community Court where they are generally reduced to violations payable by a fine with no treatment alternatives provided; and

WHEREAS, re-establishing the Walking Beat Patrol Program in areas that have been degraded by regular and persistent open air drug related crimes will result in increased arrests of those engaged in such activities;

WHEREAS, assigning a committed Deputy District Attorney to prosecute drug possession cases will allow an actual conviction and court supervision to take place; and

WHEREAS, requiring defendants convicted of drug related crimes in Illegal Drug Impact Areas to comply with special terms of probation including refraining from the use of intoxicants, actively participating in and successfully completing substance abuse treatment, not associating with illegal drug users and dealers, engaging in other court ordered services, and geographical restrictions prohibiting the offender from entering Illegal Drug Impact Areas, will provide an immediate and lasting impact on drug activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City supports the addition of a Deputy District Attorney and the re-establishment of the Walking Beat Program for arrest and prosecution of drug crimes in Illegal Drug Impact Areas and to increase referrals to ensure treatment for drug users; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Financial Planning is directed to add a total of \$250,000 of contingency funding that will be allocated between the Portland Police Bureau's FY 2010-11 and 2011-12 budgets to support the payment of a Deputy District Attorney and re-establishment of the Walking Beat Patrol Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portland Police Bureau is directed to complete negotiations with Multnomah County to develop an intergovernmental agreement for the provision and payment of a Deputy District Attorney.

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Adopted by the Council:

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Mayor Sam Adams

Prepared by: Amreet Sandhu Date Prepared: April 14, 2011

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