# **IMPACT STATEMENT**

Legislation title:	*Amend City Code to provide for towing of abandoned or derelict vessels from parks and municipal docks, subject to appeal to the Code Hearings Officer (Ordinance, amend PCC 19.16.060)
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## Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

- The City's municipal boat landings are intended for short-term use by recreational boaters, and, except as allowed under PCC 19.16.060, PCC 20.12.160 prohibits the tying of any boat upon any Park property along the Willamette and Columbia Rivers.
- There are persistent problems created by people who either disregard the rules, particularly the time limitations, governing use of the municipal boat landings, or who leave abandoned or derelict vessels attached to the City's municipal boat landings.
- In order to fully address the impacts of abandoned and derelict vessels at the docks, PP&R requests authority to tow and store such vessels as authorized by ORS 830.908 to 830.948. In addition, a person whose vessel is towed should have an opportunity to challenge the validity of the tow via the Codes Hearing Process.

#### Financial and budgetary impacts:

- No revenue is projected as a result of this change.
- Historically, PP&R must tow one to two derelict boats per year. The cost of towing ranges based on the boat size and its condition during the tow. Generally speaking, boat towing can range from \$3,000 to \$5,000 dollars per vessel.
- The cost of towing and storage has been absorbed by PP&R maintenance team. Assuming that the need for towing increases, this financial plan should be reevaluated.

### Community impacts and community involvement:

- It is necessary to the public health, welfare and safety to provide for the towing, storage and disposal of abandoned or derelict vessels attached to the City's municipal boat landings and/or in City Parks, as authorized by ORS 830.908 to 830.948.
- PP&R receives hundreds of complaints per year about abandoned and derelict boats left at its docks.
- PP&R has been flagged by the state and the fire bureau for having derelict vessels left at its facilities.
- No community involvement plan is in place at this time. This amendment simply aligns PP&R practices with the state law.

# **Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**Does this action change appropriations? YES:** Please complete the information below.  $\boxtimes$  NO: Skip this section

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