

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Grant a revocable permit, valid from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022, to Metro to close SW Main Street between SW Broadway and SW Park Ave East to accommodate specified temporary uses and activities within the right of way and waive fees (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Through an intergovernmental agreement between Metro, a metropolitan service district organized under the laws of the State of Oregon and the Metro Charter, and the City of Portland, the Portland's 5 Centers for the Arts venues are operated under the governing authority of the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC). MERC is an appointed Commission of Metro and is granted its authority from the Metro Council through Title VI of the Metro Code.

Since the late 1980s when operations in the Schnitzer Concert Hall and Antoinette Hatfield Hall began, the Portland's 5 Centers for the Arts (previously known as the Portland Center for the Performing Arts) has routinely closed SW Main Street between SW Broadway and SW Park Avenue East to improve public safety during events at these venues and for special events held in the right-of-way. To do so, they currently operate under the authority of multiple previous ordinances and revocable permits. Because of the complexity of applying these multiple permits and because operational needs have changed over time, the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) has determined that updating the conditions of the permits and consolidating all of them into a single permit is beneficial for PBOT, Portland's 5 and is in the public interest.

The Spectator Venues Program at OMF is responsible for oversight of the three City-owned performance arts buildings operated by the Portland's 5 (Antoinette Hatfield Hall, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall and Keller Auditorium). Staff from the program worked with PBOT, the Portland Fire Bureau, Portland Police Bureau, and Portland's 5 to prepare this ordinance and its exhibits.

This ordinance grants a revocable permit to Metro (replacing all prior permits and Council actions), valid for five years, to allow and establish clear procedures, rules and restrictions for the closure of SW Main Street between SW Broadway and SW Park Ave East.

The consolidated permit will not change any specific City policies.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

As the City owns the facilities, it is in the City's long-term financial interest that the venue operators (Metro/Portland's) are successful. Portland's will continue to see a positive financial impact associated with events held in the closed street.

Consolidating existing and potential future revocable permit needs into this single permit, valid for five years, will reduce the ongoing administrative workload associated with street closure permitting both at Portland's and the City. The ordinance waives PBOT's standard permit fees. If Portland's holds the maximum number of events allowed under the terms in this revocable permit, the estimated lost revenue in permit fees to PBOT is approximately \$1,200 per year.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Portland's is an important part of the cultural fabric of the city of Portland. Their venues, resident companies, and events provide opportunities for community engagement, dialogue, expression, and have great benefit for the community. Being able to close SW Main for enhanced public safety, mobility, or to host events such as Music on Main is important and is a key element of the community's experience of these events. However, the community will not be directly impacted as this revocable permit should not create any noticeable changes in the way the street closure functions, rather it clarifies the process between Portland's and the City saving time and expense for both. There was no community involvement in drafting this legislation, but no substantive change to current operations is proposed.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**

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