

## ORDINANCE No. 188686

\*Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to reimburse the ratepayer at 11619 N. Force Avenue for sewer user fees, paid to the City, in the amount of \$2,736 collected in error (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Bulk Transportation (the ratepayer) assumed utility billing responsibility for 11619 N. Force Avenue (the Property) on August 31, 2004. A utility account with sewer provisions was created upon move-in.
2. In October 2017 the ratepayer discovered, when their bill was affected by a large water leak, that the property is not connected to the public sewer system. BES confirmed that the property is not connected to the public sewer by performing a standard dye test.
3. The ratepayer paid sewer user charges for the Property, to the City, from August 31, 2004 to September 12, 2017, in the amount of \$6,953.63. The Owner did not receive service from the City for these charges.
4. City Code section 17.36.090 A allows the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services to authorize sewer adjustments for billing errors limited to the most recent three years of billing. BES issued a reimbursement of \$4,217.51 for three years (2014 – 2017) of sewer user fees to the ratepayer on October 16, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The Bureau of Environmental Services reimburse Bulk Transportation \$2,736.12 in sewer charges.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists in order to reimburse the Owner for funds that were collected in error. Therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council, NOV 29 2017

Commissioner Nick Fish  
Prepared by: B. Jonas Biery  
Date Prepared: 10/19/2017

**Mary Hull Caballero**  
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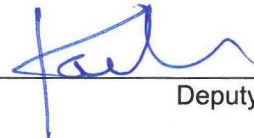
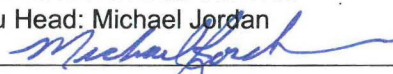
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<b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b> Mayor—Finance and Administration - Wheeler Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman Position 4/Safety - Eudaly	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland  By:  Deputy
<b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b> Bureau: Environmental Services Bureau Head: Michael Jordan  Prepared by: Jonas Biery Date Prepared: 10/19/2017 Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>City Auditor Office Approval:</b> required for Code Ordinances <b>City Attorney Approval:</b> required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter Council Meeting Date <u>11/29/2017</u>	<b>ACTION TAKEN:</b>

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