ORDINANCE No. 188808 As Amended

*Authorize the City Engineer to waive City Code upon receiving evidence to support an application to rename SW Stark Street to SW Harvey Milk Street and allow the Portland Bureau of Transportation to process the application in good faith (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. Harvey Milk was a leader for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) civil rights, a human rights advocate, a Navy veteran, a politician who became, in 1977, one of the first openly gay elected officials in the United States, and a prominent figure of national significance who meets all criteria for street renaming in Portland City Code Subsection 17.93.010.
- Prior to Harvey Milk's assassination in 1978, his work and activism extended far beyond San Francisco where Milk was an activist, community organizer, and elected City Supervisor, including successful efforts to defeat anti-LGBTQ legislation such as the Briggs Initiative in California and Measure 51 in Eugene, Oregon.
- 3. Harvey Milk was outspoken on state and national issues of interest to LGBTQ people, women, racial and ethnic minorities and other marginalized communities.
- 4. The City of Portland has consistently worked with community members to rename city streets after prominent civil rights leaders and figures of local and national prominence such as César E. Chávez, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Bill Naito, and Rosa Parks.
- 5. No memorial or street renaming of equivalent scope in the City of Portland exists to honor the LGBTQ community.
- 6. Portland City Code Subsection 17.93.020 specifies that renamed streets must start and terminate entirely within City boundaries and that renaming portions of a street shall not be permitted.
- 7. Stark Street is non-contiguous, with its SW and SE segments separated by Tom McCall Waterfront Park and the Willamette River.
- 8. Applicants seek to rename only the SW portion of Stark Street, consisting of 13 blocks from W Burnside Street to SW Naito Parkway, to SW Harvey Milk Street.

- 9. SW Stark Street, including where it intersects with W Burnside Street, once known as the "Pink Triangle," was once a gathering place and sanctuary for members of a growing LGBTQ culture and community in Portland going back to the 1960s. The triangular set of city blocks housed a combination of LGBTQ-friendly businesses such as restaurants, bars, shops, housing, and social services. The LGBTQ community has since grown more inclusive, and spread far beyond the borders of SW Stark, but the values of equity, inclusion and social justice for all LGBTQ people is still reflected among SW Stark's LGBTQ-owned or allied businesses.
- 10. Applicants have already received endorsements from 9 abutting property owners, 33 businesses addressed on SW Stark St, and over 60 local, state and national LGBTQ organizations, leaders, artists and advocates, including Basic Rights Oregon and Stuart Milk, nephew of Harvey Milk and the founder and President of the Harvey Milk Foundation.
- 11. Applicants have stated their intent to use this street renaming process as an opportunity to work with the Portland Bureau of Transportation to find additional ways to memorialize the fight for dignity, visibility and equal rights for LGBTQ community members in Portland and the Pacific Northwest.
- 12. The Portland Bureau of Transportation wishes to process the application in good faith, with Code defined outreach procedures, signature gathering, historian panel, and City Planning & Sustainability Commission input to make the determination if the street can be renamed under Portland City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Council directs:

a. The City Engineer shall, upon receiving evidence to support a proposal to rename SW Stark Street to SW Harvey Milk Street waive Portland City Code Subsections 17.93.020 B and 17.93.020 C, if the submittal complies with all other criteria outlined in Section 17.93, issue and consider application materials in accordance with the Code.

Section 2. The Council declares an emergency exists to accelerate the process to determine if there is sufficient community support to go forward; therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council,

FEB 07 2018

Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Prepared by: Stacy Brewster

Date Prepared: January 30, 2018

Mary Hull Caballero

Auditor of the City of Portland

By Suran Parsons

Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner: DAN SALTZMAN	CLERK USE: DATE FILED JAN 30 2018	
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL	Mary Hull Caballero	
Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler	Auditor of the City of Portland	
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish	By: Deputy	
Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman	ACTION TAKEN:	
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Transportation Development, Permitting & Transit Group Division Mgr: Christine Leon Assistant Director: Chris Warner		
Prepared by: Stacy Brewster Date Prepared: January 30, 2018		
Impact Statement		
Completed Amends Budget		
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document.		
Yes □ No ⊠		
City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances		
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter		
Council Meeting Date February 7, 2018		

AGENDA	
TIME CERTAIN Start time:	
Total amount of time needed:(for presentation, testimony and discussion)	
CONSENT	
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Total amount of time needed: 20 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)	

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
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1. Fritz	1. Fritz	//	
2. Fish	2. Fish		
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	V	
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly	V	
Wheeler	Wheeler	/	