

## IMPACT STATEMENT

### Legislation title:

Reappoint Jennifer Alger and Jennifer Nye to the Building Code Board of Appeal for 3-year terms to expire March 31, 2021 and reassign Jennifer Nye from the alternate architect position to the regular architect position on the board (Report)

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### Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

These reappointments will fill one vacant position on the Building Code Board of Appeal, and renew a regular member position as required by Portland City Code Title 24.

### Financial and budgetary impacts:

The Board appointments are citizen-volunteer positions, so no revenue or expenses are incurred by these positions.

### Community impacts and community involvement:

There has been active on-going recruitment for members and alternate members of the Building Appeal Board. Past Board members notified their constituent groups of the vacant positions, and BDS included information about the vacancy in multiple issues of its *Plans Examiner* newsletter. The *Plans Examiner* is widely distributed electronically to BDS customers and stakeholders, as well as, neighborhood associations and community groups. A link to the *Plans Examiner* is available on the BDS website. An interested applicant files an application for membership with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI). Once ONI receives the applications and conflict of interest forms, it forwards those documents to Terry Whitehill in BDS for review.

### 100% Renewable Goal:

This legislation appoints a citizen volunteer to serve on the Building Code Board of Appeal, and will therefore have no impact on the City's energy use. This legislation neither contributes to nor detracts from the City's goal of meeting 100 percent of community-wide energy needs with renewable energy by 2050.

## Budgetary Impact Worksheet

### Does this action change appropriations?

YES: Please complete the information below.

NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount



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**From:** Rebecca Esau, Director *RE*  
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**Subject:** Appointment to the Building Code Board of Appeal

**Recommendations**

Portland City Code 24 requires that the Building Board of Appeal have 3 members and 3 alternates appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council. All members must be qualified by experience and training to make decisions on matters pertaining to building code issues. One member and one alternate member shall be Oregon licensed architects, one member and one alternate shall be competent builders, and one member and one alternate shall be members of the public at large.

There are currently 2 members of the Building Board, and 2 alternates – Sam Rodriguez, Jennifer Alger, Jennifer Nye, and Thomas J. Juon. There are currently 2 vacant alternate positions on the board. One of the Building Board members, Dave Spitzer, has completed his 2<sup>nd</sup> term as of February 21, 2018, creating a vacancy.

**I am recommending Jennifer Alger be reappointed as a regular member of the board, in the builder position, and Jennifer Nye be reappointed and reassigned from the architect alternate position to the regular architect position on the board.** Their second, 3-year terms will be from April 1, 2018 and will expire March 31, 2021.

**Jennifer Alger** – Jennifer has over 20 years of experience in the construction industry. She has an engineering background in education combined with the practical knowledge of building structures. During her career, she has been involved in numerous projects, such as the Gus Solomon Courthouse in downtown Portland and an addition to the Chemeketa Community College Health Sciences Complex in Salem. Jennifer has been a member of the board as a builder for the past 3 years.

**Jennifer Nye** - Jennifer has over 15 years of experience as an architect in the Portland area. She has worked on both commercial and single family projects, ranging from single story buildings to high-rises. She has a good understanding of the building code and is used as a code resource within her office. Jennifer has been an alternate member of the board as an architect for the past 3 years and will be reassigned to the regular architect position for her 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

The tables below list the recommendation:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
Jennifer Alger	Regular Builder position	2 <sup>nd</sup> full term, ending March 31, 2021
Jennifer Nye	Alternate Architect position	2 <sup>nd</sup> full term, reassign to regular architect position, ending March 31, 2021

With these proposed appointments to the board, there are two vacant alternate positions on the Building Code Board of Appeal. We will continue our outreach efforts to fill these positions.