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ORDINANCE No. 189309

Clarify the required placarding and tenant notification requirements for unreinforced masonry buildings (Ordinance; amend Code Chapter 24.85)

The City of Portland Ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. On June 13, 2018, the City Council passed Resolution No. 37364 that, among other actions, directed City staff to develop a placarding and tenant notification ordinance applicable to all unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings that are not retrofitted to a level expected to prevent collapse in an earthquake.
- 2. On October 10, 2018, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 189201 that, among other actions, requires property owners of URM building to post a placard in a conspicuous place on the exterior of the main entrance and notify future tenants or lessors of the building that the unreinforced masonry building may be unsafe in the event of a major earthquake.
- 3. While Portland City Code 24.85 and legislative history would clearly demonstrate that the placarding and notice requirements apply to circumstances when an owner has not applied for a building permit, a third party questioned the application of this provision.
- 4. This ordinance removes the alleged ambiguity, so that the placarding and notification provisions in PCC 24.85.065.C-I clearly apply when an unreinforced masonry building has not been retrofitted to a level expected to prevent collapse in an earthquake, and that a building permit is not required to trigger these provisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

a. Portland City Code Chapter 24.85 is amended as set forth in Exhibit A.

Passed by the Council: DEC 19 2018

Mayor Ted Wheeler Prepared by: Tony García, CAO Date Prepared: November 30, 2018

Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland By

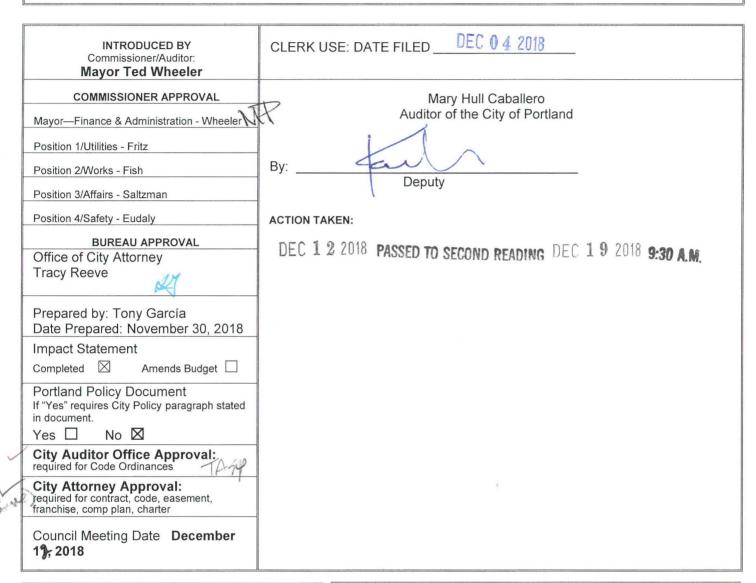
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	2. Fish	2. Fish	~	
CONSENT	3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	~	
REGULAR	4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly		
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