

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Conditionally exempt the creation of certain mass shelters and short-term housing facilities from Parks and Recreation, Environmental Services, Transportation and Water systems development charges (Ordinance).

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to waive systems development charges (SDCs) for mass shelter and short-term housing facilities. The waiver recognizes that there are an insufficient number of emergency shelter and affordable permanent housing options to accommodate the number of people experiencing homelessness and to provide safe and habitable shelter for vulnerable populations.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The systems development charge waiver would apply to the limited number of mass shelter and short-term housing facilities currently proposed or in the permitting stage as well as any future proposals. City Commissioners overseeing the Parks and Recreation, Water, Transportation and Environmental Services (the bureaus that assess SDCs) already generally agree to waive SDC fees for mass shelter and short-term housing facilities but on a project by project basis. Therefore, the proposal to codify the SDC waiver in City Title should not result in any new financial impact. Furthermore, a waiver of SDC fees for mass shelters that have leases of at least 10 years already exists and will, in effect, be replaced by the broader waiver that does not specify a minimum 10-year lease; only that the proposed mass shelter or short-term housing facility has a working agreement with the Joint Office of Homeless Services.

Community impacts and community involvement:

There currently are an insufficient number of mass shelters and short-term housing facilities in Portland. The waiver of SDC fees is one tool available to help encourage the creation of new mass shelters and short-term housing as there is an insufficient number of these facilities to accommodate the number of people experiencing homelessness and to provide safe and habitable shelter for vulnerable populations.

100% Renewable Goal:

The ordinance and overall program to waive system development charges for mass shelter and short-term housing facilities does not relate to energy use, renewable or otherwise.

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