ORDINANCE No. 189409

* Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to reimburse the property owner at 5936 NE 32nd Place for sewer user fees paid to the City in the amount of \$2,931 (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

- Section 1. The Council finds:
 - 1. Christi Sisemore (the Owner) has been the ratepayer at the property located at 5936 NE 32nd Place (the Property) since July 1, 1978. Since July 1, 1993, sewer user fees have been billed to Portland ratepayers who cause or permit the discharge of sanitary sewage from a property in their possession into sewer facilities owned or maintained by the City. The Owner was billed sewer user fees for the Property from July 1, 1993 until December 12, 2018.
 - 2. On October 8, 2018 the Owner discovered, through an inspection of the sanitary system on their property which was performed by a private contractor, that the property is not connected to the City sanitary sewer system. The Bureau of Environmental Services reviewed documentation provided by the Owner and reviewed City plumbing records to confirm that the property is not connected to the City sanitary sewer system.
 - 3. The Owner paid sewer user fees for the Property, to the City, in an amount estimated to be \$3,840.00 from July 1, 1993 to December 12, 2018. The Owner did not receive sanitary sewer service from the City for these user fees.
 - 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. The Bureau of Environmental Services issued a reimbursement of \$909.00 to the Owner, for the most recent three years of sewer users fees collected from the Owner, on January 29, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

 a. The Bureau of Environmental Services to reimburse the Owner, Christi Sisemore, \$2,931.00 in sewer user fees collected in error by the City, from the Owner, from July 1, 1993 to December 14, 2015.

Section 2.

The Council declares that an emergency exists in order to reimburse the Owner as expeditiously as possible. Therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council: Commissioner Nick FishMAR 0 6 2019

Prepared by: Eli Rosborough Date prepared: January 29, 2019 Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland By

Deputy

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