

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** \* Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to reimburse property owner at 2634 NE Columbia Blvd. for sewer user fees, paid to the City, in the amount of \$4202.85 (Ordinance)

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

The Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) protects public health, water quality and the environment. It provides sewer and stormwater collection and treatment services to accommodate Portland's current and future needs. BES protects the quality of surface and ground water and conducts activities that protect and restore our watersheds. The services provided by BES are paid by our ratepayers through user fees approved annually by Council.

Bromley Development Co./Matt Bromley has paid sewer user fees for the property located at 2634 NE Columbia Blvd. from July 1, 1991 to January 19, 2016. On February 27, 2019, BES was notified by Matt Bromley that the property is not, and has not been, connected to the public sewer system. BES has confirmed that Matt Bromley was the property owner, the property is not connected to the public sewer system, and sewer user fees were billed and collected in error from 1991 to 2016. PCC 17.36.090 A does not allow BES to grant adjustments, waive fees, or pay refunds prior to the most recent three years.

This ordinance facilitates fair and equitable sewer billing by ensuring the ratepayer is not charged for services that the City has not provided. This ordinance authorizes BES to estimate sewer user fees which were billed to and paid by Matt Bromley in error between July 1, 1991 and January 19, 2016 and to refund those fees to the ratepayer.

This ordinance is requested on an emergency basis so that funds that were charged and collected in error can be provided to the ratepayer in a timely manner.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

No budget changes or additional costs are expected to result from this ordinance.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

The proposed ordinance will benefit BES ratepayers by ensuring equitable, accurate and appropriate sewer user billing.

**100% Renewable Goal:**

This action has no positive or negative impact on the City's goal of meeting 100 percent of community-wide energy needs with renewable energy by 2050.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

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Does this action change appropriations?

- ☐ YES: Please complete the information below.
- ☒ NO: Skip this section

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