

IMPACT STATEMENT

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Legislation title: * Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services to execute certain easements needed for private sewer laterals (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Bureau of Environmental Services currently manages multiple properties with pre-existing sewer laterals crossing them. Current practices for acquisition would treat a similar situation as an encroachment, and require the removal of the sewer lateral, or grant an easement to the owner for continued use. Given how BES is charged with providing sewer infrastructure to City of Portland residents, in all but extreme circumstances the likely result would be for an easement to be granted. Considering current practices for these properties historically acquired by the bureau, BES would like to grant easements to the property owners with sewer laterals encroaching on BES property. This is also necessary as City Code requires all sewer connections crossing adjacent property to have a permanent private sewer easement for ongoing protection of the sewer lateral, these sewer laterals are currently considered non-conforming and will prevent the property owner from obtaining building or plumbing permits. Because these are pre-existing conditions prior to BES ownership, BES does not feel it's necessary to charge a market rate for easements, as would likely be the case if this was new development requesting a sewer easement.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

No financial or budgetary impacts anticipated

Community impacts and community involvement:

This ordinance is expected to streamline interactions with BES for certain members of the community that currently have non-conforming sewers.

100% Renewable Goal:

Not applicable

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- ☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.
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