

RESOLUTION No. 37439

Refer amendment to the City Charter regarding Emergency Mutual Aid Agreements (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the City has an obligation to ensure the reliable provision of safe drinking water to Portland residents and neighboring cities; and

WHEREAS, the City's drinking-water infrastructure could be vulnerable in the event of a major earthquake or other catastrophic event; and

WHEREAS, both natural and man-made emergencies may threaten the City's ability to maintain its drinking-water infrastructure and provide safe drinking water to customers; and

WHEREAS, the growth of climate change and human activity has major impacts nationwide on the environment, and human health and safety; and

WHEREAS, there has been a nationwide rise in natural disasters for which immediate mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions, including tribal entities, are needed to prioritize maintaining basic infrastructure and human life; and

WHEREAS, in an emergency that disrupts the City's drinking-water infrastructure, the City will likely require technical aid and workforce from other jurisdictions or tribal entities to assist the City in restoring water service to customers; and

WHEREAS, emergency mutual aid agreements ensure that member jurisdictions can request assistance – including technical expertise, workforce, or equipment – from other members during emergencies on particular terms that typically include reimbursement of costs; and

WHEREAS, by participating in emergency mutual aid agreements and funding associated activities from the Water Fund, the City would position itself to receive emergency aid from other jurisdictions following a disaster in the Portland area to support the restoration of drinking-water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Portland voters should be allowed to engage in decisions that impact our main water source and health and safety by voting on a ballot measure to authorize City participation in emergency mutual aid agreements; and

WHEREAS, a referral to the ballot on this issue on November 5, 2019, would allow for all Portland voters to provide input on emergency preparedness in a timely manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council submits a Measure for an Act amending the City of Portland Charter, Chapter 11, attached hereto as Exhibit A, to the legal voters of the City of Portland, Oregon, for their adoption or rejection at the election in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Clackamas County and Washington County to be held on November 5, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council submits the ballot title for the November 5, 2019 ballot, attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, the Portland Water Bureau shall report annually to the Council all Water Fund expenditures/in-kind donations associated with mutual aid to/from partner jurisdictions, and that this is Binding City Policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council directs the City Auditor to publish the ballot title as shown in Exhibit B in accordance with City Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sponsoring elected official may submit an explanatory statement to the City Auditor for publication in the Voters' Pamphlet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Auditor is directed to forward to the Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas County Elections Offices all material necessary to place this measure on the November 5, 2019 election ballot.

Adopted by the Council: JUN 26 2019

Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Prepared by: Cristina Nieves
Date Prepared: June 6, 2019

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland



Deputy

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<p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Commissioner Fritz</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>JUN 18 2019</u></p>
<p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz <i>Handwritten initials</i></p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Eudaly</p>	<p>Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Deputy</p>
<p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: Office of Commissioner Fritz</p>	
<p>Prepared by: Cristina Nieves Date Prepared: June 19, 2019</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
<p>Impact Statement</p> <p>Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: <i>MKH</i> required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date June 26, 2019</p>	

AGENDA
<p>TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>(2/3)</i></p> <p>Start time: <u>10am</u></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: <u>.....</u> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p>CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: <u>.....</u> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Hardesty	3. Hardesty	—	
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly	✓	
Wheeler	Wheeler	—	