

**ORDINANCE No. 189881**

\*Amend the Open and Accountable Elections Program to permit the Director to reduce the total public contribution for special elections if the amount in the Open and Accountable Elections Fund is insufficient (Ordinance; amend Code Section 2.16.090)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Council adopted the Open and Accountable Elections program in December 2016.
2. The Open and Accountable Elections program provides candidates who demonstrate broad community support by collecting many small qualifying contributions with matching dollars from the City's Open and Accountable Elections Fund for small contributions from Portland residents if they agree to lower contribution limits.
3. The intention of the program is to: (1) allow candidates to engage with individuals from a variety of backgrounds and neighborhoods, which will ensure that the priorities and concerns of all individuals have the opportunity to be heard, and (2) increase the participation of all Portlanders by increasing the value of small donations.
4. Special elections are not anticipated, and therefore funds may not be sufficient for them the regular budgeting process.
5. If the amount appropriated to the Open and Accountable Elections Fund is insufficient to cover the cost of the program in the special elections, it may be less disruptive to campaigns, more predictable to the program, and easier for the public to understand if the program lowers the total public contribution to certified candidates in the special election than to lower the rate at which donors are matched for contributions to special election candidates.
6. Community input was solicited and received from the public, candidates, the Open and Accountable Elections Commission, and the Voice for All Portland coalition.

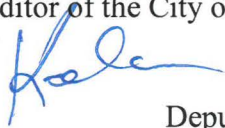
NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. Portland City Code Section 2.16.090 is amended as shown in the attached Exhibit A.

Section 2. Council declares that an emergency exists in order promptly ensure the sufficiency of the Open and Accountable Elections Fund for the upcoming special election. Therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by Council.

Passed by the Council: MAR 04 2020

Commissioner Amanda Fritz  
Prepared by: Susan Mottet  
Date Prepared: February 21, 2020

**Mary Hull Caballero**  
Auditor of the City of Portland  
By   
Deputy

Title

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<p><b>INTRODUCED BY</b> Commissioner/Auditor: <b>Fritz</b></p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>FEB 25 2020</u></p>
<p><b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Mayor—Finance &amp; Administration - Wheeler</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz <i>RF</i></p> <p>Position 2/Works - Vacant</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>Mary Hull</i></u> Deputy</p>
<p><b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Bureau: Commissioner Fritz Bureau Head: Commissioner Fritz</p>	<p><b>ACTION TAKEN:</b></p>
<p>Prepared by: Susan Mottet Date Prepared: 2/21/2020</p>	
<p>Impact Statement</p> <p>Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>✓ <b>City Auditor Office Approval:</b> required for Code Ordinances <i>Diane/aw</i></p>	
<p>✓ <b>City Attorney Approval:</b> <i>MKH</i> required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date <b>3/4/2020</b></p>	

<b>AGENDA</b>
<p><b>TIME CERTAIN</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Start time: _____</p> <p>Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p><b>CONSENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>REGULAR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: <b>15 minutes</b> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

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