

ORDINANCE No. 176251

Refer Children's Levy to City voters as a local option levy for five years commencing in fiscal year 2003-04. (Ordinance; repeal Ordinance No. 176159)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The health and vitality of Portland is linked to the well being of its children and families.
2. Portland's children face a litany of challenges, including widespread poverty, juvenile violence and child abuse and neglect.
3. Targeted investments in children are proven to provide major public safety benefits.
4. Early childhood programs prepare children for success in school, make childcare more affordable, reduce juvenile crime and save money in the long run.
5. Child abuse and neglect lead to long term problems, including juvenile crime, school failure, drug and alcohol abuse and homelessness. Child abuse prevention and intervention programs help prevent crimes before they happen and lead to a safer community.
6. The global economy favors regions with a well-educated workforce, and targeted investments in children are proven to provide improvements to children's academic achievement.
7. Family friendly programs such as after-school activities and affordable childcare will make the City more attractive to families with children, which supports Portland's Public Schools.
8. After school and mentoring programs promote academic achievement, reduce the number of juveniles who become crime victims and help make child care more affordable.
9. Improving public safety, promoting a robust economy, and keeping the City attractive to families with children are part of the City's core mission.
10. Local investments in children can leverage additional investments from state, federal and philanthropic sources.
11. A local option tax at a rate of \$0.4026 per thousand dollars of assessed value will raise approximately \$10 million per year for the five-year period of the levy.

12. The Children's Investment Fund, which this Measure would create, will fund proven programs designed to help children arrive at school ready to learn, provide safe and constructive after school alternatives for kids and prevent child abuse, family violence and neglect.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. An Act, attached hereto as Exhibit A, entitled: "A Measure to create a Children's Investment Fund by directing a five year local option ad valorem tax levy within the City of Portland at a rate of \$0.4026 per thousand dollars of assessed value, outside certain constitutional limitations, commencing in fiscal year 2003-04." be, and the same hereby is, submitted to the legal voters of the City of Portland, Oregon, for their adoption or rejection at the general election in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Clackamas County and Washington County to be held on November 5, 2002. Each voter who votes upon said proposed measure shall vote "yes" or "no" in the space indicated for such vote on the City ballot at said election.
- b. The ballot title and accompanying language are attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- c. The funds collected from the Children's Levy shall be used for the purpose of creating a Children's Investment Fund which will make targeted investments in proven, cost effective early childhood programs, child abuse prevention and intervention and after school and mentoring programs for children. The levy will extend for a period of five years and the estimated amount to be collected and spent for those programs over the five-year period of the levy is \$50,000,000.
- d. The Children's Investment Fund will be subject to annual audits, and administrative expenses for the fund will be limited to no more than 5%.
- e. This ordinance repeals Ordinance No. 176159 adopted on December 19, 2001.

Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Jeff Cogen: JC

January 24, 2002

Passed by the Council: FEB 06 2002

Gary Blackmer

Auditor of the City of Portland

By: /S/ Susan Parsons

Deputy

BACKING SHEET INFORMATION

AGENDA NO. 116, 134-2002

ACTION TAKEN:

JAN 30 2002 PASSED TO SECOND READING FEB 06 2002 9:30 A.M.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION/COUNCIL DOCUMENT NO. 176251

COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
	YEAS	NAYS
FRANCESCONI	X	
HALES	X	
SALTZMAN	X	
STEN	X	
KATZ	X	