

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the NW Portland Sanitary Sewer Extensions Project No. E11128, for an estimated amount of \$1,020,000 (Ordinance)

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

The purpose of the legislation is to authorize a construction contract for project no. E11128, to construct nine sewer extensions to resolve non-conforming sewer connections for 21 properties in NW Portland. This project focuses on constructing sewer extensions to serve properties that have a signed public sewer utility waiver (PSUW). PSUWs were sent out between 2008 and 2012 and offered properties with non-conforming sewers the opportunity to “lock-in” the branch fee owed for the fiscal year the PSUW was signed. The design is complete, and the project is currently scheduled to advertise for construction bids in February 2021. There will be no change to the overall CIP program or City policies.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

The legislation authorizes a contract and provides payment for the construction of the NW Portland Sanitary Sewer Extensions project. It does not affect current or future staffing levels or appropriations. It does not affect current or future City revenue. The level of confidence in the construction cost estimate of \$1,020,000 is optimal.

**Community impacts and community involvement:***Community Description:*

The project area is in the Northwest Portland neighborhood and is roughly bordered by NW Roosevelt St to the north, NW Northrup St to the south, NW 21<sup>st</sup> Ave to the west, and NW 30<sup>th</sup> Ave to the east. The project area consists of a mix of zones, including general industrial, residential multi-dwelling, and single-family residential.

Per the 2018 ACS Census information, the project area zip code, has a median income of \$79,696 per household. This is above the Multnomah county median income of \$64,337 per year. The project area zip code is 90.4% white, 3.1% Black, 1.4% American Indian, and 6.4% Asian.

*Outreach:*

Environmental Services has conducted extensive community outreach and public involvement activities in the project area. During the design phase of this project, the following outreach and public involvement initiatives have been used:

- Multiple project mailings and informational flyers sent to homes throughout the area
- Web, email, and social media updates
- Multiple personal letters sent directly to impacted properties
- On-site visits and consultations with impacted properties
- Distribution of sewer lateral branch maps to coordinate locations of sewer service laterals to every impacted resident

Joe Tursi and Tina Wilson of Environmental Services have been the primary contacts for community outreach and public involvement during design and will remain the contacts through construction.

*Significant Concerns:*

Per 17.33.050, Converting Nonconforming Sanitary Sewer Connections, properties must convert or abandon nonconforming sewers within 180 days of the date on the notice of sewer availability. Given the Oregon state of emergency for COVID-19, enforcement of connection timelines has been delayed.

Property owners must pay or finance the sewer conversion charges prior to connecting. For a typical residential property, the sewer conversion charge is \$7,103 for fiscal year 20/21 and increases each July 1. BES has made an effort to distribute information regarding our financial assistance loan programs that can be used to finance sewer connection fees and private plumbing costs.

*Positive Outcomes:*

Although there is a financial impact to affected residents, resolving non-conforming sewers through sewer extensions provides positive benefits. Many of the non-conforming sewers in the area are aging and some have failed. Maintenance of non-conforming sewers, particularly private lines in the right-of-way can be cumbersome and expensive. Providing BES-maintained sewers to these properties is a long-term benefit.

**100% Renewable Goal:**

- This action does not increase or decrease the City's total or renewable energy use.
- This action neither contributes nor takes away from the City's goal of meeting 100 percent community-wide energy needs with renewable energy by 2050.

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**Does this action change appropriations?**

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

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount