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Resolution

Establish City Council committees

Adopted

WHEREAS, Council finds that committees are a critical method to develop legislation and receive public input on policy proposals; and

WHEREAS, the intent of Council is to establish a committee system that allows Councilors to address key questions about our City's future, advances the City's core values, addresses our community's priorities, provides oversight to City operations, and promotes meaningful public engagement that includes all Portlanders; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 2-111 of the Charter of the City of Portland (Charter) provides that Council shall determine its own rules of procedure and may establish committees and subcommittees; and

WHEREAS, Portland City Code (PCC) 3.02.050.A provides that Council, by resolution, may form or terminate committees to assist Council's legislative functions; and

WHEREAS, PCC 3.02.050.A provides that by resolution, the Council establishes the subject matter and duties, and affirms the membership and leadership of each committee; and

WHEREAS, PCC 3.02.050.B provides that committees have the duties delegated to them by Council resolution, and that committees are advisory in nature and make recommendations to Council on matters referred to them; and

WHEREAS, PCC 3.02.050.C provides that committees must be composed of less than a quorum of Council and should generally consist of between four to six Councilors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the committees of the Portland City Council, including their duties, subject matter, membership, and leadership, are established as provided in the attached Exhibit A.

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2025-010

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Requested Agenda Type

Nine-Twelfths

Date and Time Information

Requested Council Date

January 15, 2025

Time Requested

30 minutes

Exhibits and Attachments

 [Exhibit A](#) 203.85 KB

 [Memo to Council](#) 53.76 KB

Impact Statement

Purpose of Proposed Legislation and Background Information

On November 8, 2022, voters approved Portland Measure 26-228. The Measure significantly amended Portland's City Charter. The Measure generally established a mayor-council form of government with a City Administrator, created four new geographic districts with three councilors represented in each district, and called for a new system of electing City officials using Ranked Choice Voting.

On September 27, 2023, the City Council approved Ordinance 191461, "Amend Council Organization and Procedures Code to align with Measure 26-228 (replace Code Chapter 3.02), established operating rules for the new City Council which took effect on January 1, 2025, and on November 20, 2024, the City Commission approved Ordinance 191973, "Amend Code to align with the amended City Charter approved by voters in Portland Measure 26-228 (amend Code Titles 2, 4, 9, 22, 23 and 30, replace Code Titles 3 and 17, and repeal Code Title 8)", affirming these changes to Title 3..

Charter Section 2-111 provides that Council may establish committees and subcommittees. Code Section 3.02.050 Council Committees, states that Council may form and terminate committees by resolution. This resolution forms committees for the Council and outlines their subject matter, membership, and leadership.

Financial and Budgetary Impacts

Not applicable.

Economic and Real Estate Development Impacts

Not applicable.

Community Impacts and Community Involvement

This matter is internal to the City, so there is no community impact and there was no community involvement.

100% Renewable Goal

Not applicable.

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Agenda	Council action
<p data-bbox="115 480 328 516">January 15, 2025</p> <p data-bbox="115 522 289 594">Nine-Twelfths Agenda</p> <p data-bbox="115 611 289 653">City Council</p>	<p data-bbox="354 449 467 480">Adopted</p> <p data-bbox="354 527 472 558">Aye (11):</p> <p data-bbox="354 569 997 640">Avalos, Dunphy, Smith, Ryan, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Pirtle-Guiney</p> <p data-bbox="354 646 537 678">Nay (1): Kanal</p>