## **ORDINANCE No.** 183965

Amend Permit Fees Code to provide true cost recovery for public works engineering and superintendence (Ordinance; amend Code Section 17.32.015)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. Beginning in 2005, the Bureau of Environmental Service, in cooperation with other public works and development bureaus, undertook reforms to recover the true engineering and superintendence costs associated with public sewer and drainage improvement projects.
- 2. The Bureau has pursued an adaptive management approach to its cost recovery efforts with the intent of increasing fairness, transparency, accuracy and ease of administration.
- 3. Recent improvements to the City's central accounting system necessitate additional adjustments to the methods used by the Bureau to effectively recover costs while advancing the Bureau's process reform goals.
- 4. The Bureau recommends amendments to City Code Section 17.32.015B to improve cost recovery, while increasing fairness, transparency, accuracy and ease of administration

NOW, THEREFORE, the council directs:

- a. The Council directs the following amendment to City Code Section 17.32.015 B:
  - B. Public Sewer or Drainage Improvement Permits. The City shall recover the <u>true</u> costs of engineering and superintendence services in connection with public sewer or drainage improvement projects in accordance with hourly labor rates established by general ordinance and rules adopted by the Director <u>based on City records of time, materials</u>, <u>services, overhead and indirect costs incurred to provide the services</u>. The Bureau shall recover the costs of engineering and superintendence for all public sewer or drainage improvements, whether performed by contract in the name of the City, by private contract between a permittee and a contractor, or directly by the permittee.

Passed by the Council, JUN **30** 2010 Dan Saltzman Commissioner of Public Affairs

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