

Portland, Oregon  
**FINANCIAL IMPACT and PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STATEMENT**  
**For Council Action Items**

(Deliver original to Financial Planning Division. Retain copy.)

1. Name of Initiator Linda Meng, City Attorney		2. Telephone No. 34047	3. Bureau/Office/Dept. City Attorney's Office
4a. To be filed (hearing date): Filed 9/29/11 for 10/5/2011 Agenda	4b. Calendar (Check One) Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5ths <input type="checkbox"/>		5. Date Submitted to Commissioner's office and FPD Budget Analyst:
6a. Financial Impact Section: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial impact section completed		6b. Public Involvement Section: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public involvement section completed	

**1) Legislation Title:** Approve Outside Counsel Contract with McKool Smith

**2) Purpose of the Proposed Legislation:** This ordinance authorizes the City Attorney to enter into a contingency agreement with the law firm of McKool Smith by which McKool Smith will pursue recovery of past due transient lodging taxes against online travel companies.

**3) Which area(s) of the city are affected by this Council item? (Check all that apply—areas are based on formal neighborhood coalition boundaries)?**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City-wide/Regional | <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest | <input type="checkbox"/> North |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Northeast             | <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest | <input type="checkbox"/> East  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central City                  |                                    |                                    |                                |

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**4) Revenue:** Will this legislation generate or reduce current or future revenue coming to the City? If so, by how much? If so, please identify the source. If successful, the litigation for which McKool Smith is hired will bring \$5 million to \$8 million in past due taxes into the general fund (minus 30% for the lawyer's contingency fee) and increase annual future revenues by approximately \$750,000 to \$1 million.

**5) Expense:** What are the costs to the City as a result of this legislation? What is the source of funding for the expense? (Please include costs in the current fiscal year as well as costs in future years. If the action is related to a grant or contract please include the local contribution or match required. If there is a project estimate, please identify the **level of confidence**.)

City costs under this contract will be zero if the litigation is successful. The chances of success are rated moderate to high. If the litigation is not successful, the City will owe litigation costs,

the current estimate of which is \$400,000. These expenses will not, in any case, be due for two to three years, at the close of litigation.

**6) Staffing Requirements:**

- **Will any positions be created, eliminated or re-classified in the current year as a result of this legislation?** *(If new positions are created please include whether they will be part-time, full-time, limited term, or permanent positions. If the position is limited term please indicate the end of the term.)* No
- **Will positions be created or eliminated in future years as a result of this legislation?**

No

*(Complete the following section only if an amendment to the budget is proposed.)*

**7) Change in Appropriations** *(If the accompanying ordinance amends the budget please reflect the dollar amount to be appropriated by this legislation. Include the appropriate cost elements that are to be loaded by accounting. Indicate "new" in Fund Center column if new center needs to be created. Use additional space if needed.)*

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

**[Proceed to Public Involvement Section — REQUIRED as of July 1, 2011]**

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

**8) Was public involvement included in the development of this Council item (e.g. ordinance, resolution, or report)? Please check the appropriate box below:**

☐ **YES:** Please proceed to Question #9.

☒ **NO:** Please, explain why below; and proceed to Question #10.

This is a litigation decision not typically subject to public involvement.

**9) If "YES," please answer the following questions:**

**a) What impacts are anticipated in the community from this proposed Council item?**

**b) Which community and business groups, under-represented groups, organizations, external government entities, and other interested parties were involved in this effort, and when and how were they involved?**

**c) How did public involvement shape the outcome of this Council item?**

**d) Who designed and implemented the public involvement related to this Council item?**

**e) Primary contact for more information on this public involvement process (name, title, phone, email):**

**10) Is any future public involvement anticipated or necessary for this Council item? Please describe why or why not.** No



APPROPRIATION UNIT HEAD (Typed name and signature)