ORDINANCE NO. 185100

* Authorize application to U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSmart grant (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. The Portland Water Bureau offered high-efficiency toilet grants in 2009 and distributed rebates for 500 toilets to 394 participants. Over 3.9 million gallons of water were saved in the 2009 rebate program.
- 2. Portland Water Bureau customers have the opportunity to reduce water consumption and their water/sewer bills by changing out older, less-efficient toilets with new high-efficiency toilets that use 1.28 gallons per flush or less and are labeled by the EPA's WaterSense program as high-efficiency toilets.
- 3. Federal funding for this program in the amount of \$50,000 is potentially available from a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART program.
- 4. PWB's Water Conservation Program budget will provide the required local matching funds in the amount of \$50,000 in FY 12-13.
- 5. Low-income City utility customers will be the target recipients of this grant program. After marketing to all City utility low-income assistance customers, the grant program will be open to all customers.
- 6. Rebates will be \$75 per toilet, with a limit of two (2) toilets per customer.
- 7. Rebate recipients will be required to recycle their old toilets.

NOW THEREFORE, The Council directs:

- a. The Mayor is hereby authorized to make application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for a grant in the amount of \$50,000.
- b. The Mayor is authorized to provide such information and assurances as are required for the grant period.
- c. The Office of Management and Finance Grants Office is authorized to perform all administrative matters in relation to the grant application, grant agreement or amendments, requests for reimbursement from the grantor, and to submit required online grant documents on the Mayor's behalf.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because the grant must be received no later than January 19, 2012. Therefore this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council,

JAN 11 2012

Commissioner Leonard Judi Ranton LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By 42

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