## ORDINANCE NO. 185608

Renew an agreement for Mutual Aid and Assistance for the Provision of Emergency Services Related to Water and Wastewater Utilities (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- Formal, multi-jurisdictional planning for emergencies and cooperative emergency assistance is a concept supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In fact, FEMA rewards such written agreements by limiting its reimbursement opportunities to entities having signed a formal, mutual aid agreement.
- 2. The attached Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for the Provision of Emergency Services Related to Water and Wastewater Utilities (Agreement) requires use of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) response protocols. Use of these response protocols is supported by FEMA in an effort to create a unified response environment, across jurisdictional boundaries, making it easier for responding entities to do so in a complementary and efficient manner. The benefits from using NIMS include a unified approach to incident management; standard command and management structures; and an emphasis on preparedness, mutual aid and resource management.
- 3. In a time of emergency, the City of Portland may require assistance from other entities, public or private, or may be asked to assist the same in terms of the provision of water and wastewater services to the extent permitted by law. The Agreement will enable Portland to respond to requests for assistance and to make requests for assistance in times of need in terms of its water and wastewater utility services.
- 4. Having a number of entities willing to consider responding increases the benefit to all and therefore this Agreement has already been adopted by several entities and is expected to be adopted by others over time. There are presently 100 water and wastewater utilities that have signed this agreement.
- 5. Provision of such mutual aid raises issues relating to the best way to alert others to the need for assistance and the best way to provide assistance. Assistance may be in the form of personnel, supplies and equipment as the City determines.
- 6. The Agreement does not threaten the City's ability to respond to emergencies of its own as there is no obligation to respond to a request for assistance and assistance may be withdrawn as the City deems necessary.
- 7. The provision of assistance at some future date may have a cost to the City and would be reimbursable, if reimbursement is provided for, by written agreement.

- 8. Any financial impact to the City for providing assistance would be decreased by the fact that reimbursement of costs for personnel, equipment use, materials, supplies, food and shelter, is provided for in the agreement unless otherwise mutually agreed.
- 9. This agreement was first authorized by Council via Ordinance 181138 on July 18, 2007 for a five year term and now requires renewal.
- 10. It is intended that the term of this agreement, attached as Exhibit A, with any entity, shall be perpetual as provided in ORS 190.202(e).

## NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

a. The Administrator of the Portland Water Bureau and Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City, a renewal to the Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for the Provision of Emergency Services Related to Water and Wastewater Utilities, substantially in accordance with the agreement attached to the original of this ordinance and by reference made a part hereof.

Passed by the Council,

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Commissioner Leonard Mary Ellen Collentine August 2, 2012 LaVonne Griffin-Valade

Auditor of the City of Portland By Gayla Jennings Deputy

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Authorize a renewal of an Agreement for Mutual Aid and Assistance for the Provision of Emergency Services Related to Water and Wastewater Utilities (Ordinance)

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Commissioner Leonard	CLERK USE: DATE FILED AUG 3 0 2012
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman	LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By:
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes No C Council Meeting Date September 5, 2012 City Attorney Approval	

AGENDA	FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED		
TIME CERTAIN  Start time:		AS FOLLOWS:	YEAS	NAYS
Total amount of time needed:	1. Fritz	1. Fritz	V	
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)	2. Fish	2. Fish	V	
CONSENT	3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	V	
REGULAR  Total amount of time needed:	4. Leonard	4. Leonard		
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)	Adams	Adams		