

RESOLUTION No. 3 6 9 7 4 As Amended

Recognize five ecodistricts for sustainability initiatives and direct Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and Portland Development Commission to support efforts and strategies that promote Healthy Connected City concepts and economic prosperity and affordability (Resolution)

WHEREAS, ecodistricts are neighborhoods or districts where residents, community institutions and businesses join with city leaders and utility providers to co-develop innovative projects that advance ambitious sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, officially designated ecodistricts, and other districts that seek ecodistrict status, commit to recruiting and convening stakeholders in a collaborative and coordinated process; establishing clear performance goals and identifying actions to advance those goals; connecting projects to the City's sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS ecodistricts offer opportunities to engage diverse communities in planning and prioritizing projects and enjoy the benefits that the Portland Plan strategies envision; and

WHEREAS, ecodistricts help to guide and measure neighborhood-scale sustainability projects, with an emphasis on integrating buildings, infrastructure, community action, and behavior programs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, ecodistricts offer a promising opportunity to build public-private partnerships to implement the Portland Plan (the City's 25-year strategic plan), including two of its strategies, specifically Healthy Connected City and Economic Prosperity and Affordability; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Connected City strategy aims to improve human and environmental health by creating complete neighborhoods, encouraging active transportation, integrating nature into neighborhoods, and enhancing watershed health; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Prosperity and Affordability strategy aims to expand economic opportunities to support a socially and economically diverse population by prioritizing business growth, a robust and resilient regional economy and broadly accessible household prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the City relies on many different tools to implement the Portland Plan and other City policies and goals, including the Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative, Portland Recycles!, the Stormwater Management Manual, Portland Bicycle Plan for 2030, Streetcar Master Plan, Economic Development Strategy, Parks 2020 Vision, and the 2009 Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, City bureaus convene regularly to coordinate infrastructure investments and produce the City's Capital Improvement Plan, Asset Management Report, and Citywide Systems Plan, and ecodistricts offer an opportunity to optimize City infrastructure investments at a district scale; and

WHEREAS, sustainable development practices address existing neighborhood needs, while creating broad community-based and regional economic opportunities for Portland and Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to retain its leadership and advance efforts in active transportation, community development, ecosystem services, energy, green building and infrastructure, and waste reduction; and

WHEREAS, Portland is committed to maintaining its competitiveness in urban development and the next generation built environment, with the City providing a living laboratory to create new opportunities for clean technology firms developing the next wave of sustainable products and services; and,

WHEREAS, the City and many Portland businesses, residents, and community organizations have invested significant financial and staff resources into creating and implementing the ecodistrict initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Sustainability Institute, with funding from the Portland Development Commission and in partnership with businesses, residents, and technical experts, developed a framework for ecodistricts and a set of tools to assist districts in establishing goals, prioritizing actions, and governing themselves; and

WHEREAS, pioneering Portland developments such as the Brewery Blocks and South Waterfront Central District have demonstrated the potential for district-scale efforts to create vital urban spaces, create economic opportunity, and achieve performance well beyond what any individual building can accomplish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the following five districts (further described in Exhibit A) are formally designated as ecodistricts as a result of their commitments and exemplary efforts to implement the City's sustainability goals:

- Foster Green
- Growing Gateway
- Lloyd EcoDistrict
- South Waterfront
- South of Market; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council directs the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to:

- Act as a primary point of contact for ecodistricts seeking assistance
- Coordinate with other bureaus to respond to requests for project involvement and to identify opportunities for integrated district-scale strategies, including infrastructure

- Identify and adapt relevant City programs to help implement district scale projects
- Provide technical assistance and staff to support project development in ecodistricts
- Incorporate ecodistrict-related activities in neighborhood planning efforts when applicable
- Determine financing, program and policy options to support ongoing ecodistrict implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council directs the Portland Development Commission to partner with the ecodistricts to:

- Assist with project implementation
- Connect clean tech cluster industry firms to project opportunities identified through ecodistrict efforts
- Help identify district-scale project opportunities through its work on large public-private redevelopment projects with designated areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability shall report to City Council on ecodistricts in one year.

Adopted by the Council: **OCT 31 2012**


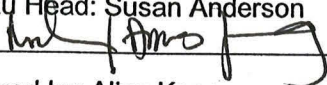
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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Sam Adams	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>OCT 26 2012</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman Position 4/Safety - Leonard	LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By:  Deputy
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Planning and Sustainability Bureau Head: Susan Anderson  Prepared by: Alisa Kane Date Prepared: October 11, 2012	ACTION TAKEN:
Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Council Meeting Date October 31, 2012	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan	

AGENDA TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: 2:10 PM Total amount of time needed: 1 hour (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/>
REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Fish	2. Fish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Leonard	4. Leonard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Adams	Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	