

ORDINANCE NO.

Extend a Street Closure Program in the Old Town Entertainment District through parts of NW 2nd, 3rd and 4th Avenues between W Burnside and NW Everett on certain days and during certain hours for a period of 1 year. (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The Old Town/Chinatown Neighborhood generates a high volume of calls for police service in the area of NW 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Avenues between W Burnside and NW Everett, as well as in other areas around this zone, on certain days and during certain hours. Prior to the pilot street closure, police response to many of these calls was delayed by conflicts with vehicles and congestion both in the street and on the sidewalks.
2. The Portland Police Bureau (PPB) proposed a street closure pilot program in December 2012 to expand the pedestrian-only Entertainment District (District) to enhance public safety by reducing certain incidents. The pilot lasted for 3 months. During that time, police reported an approximately 30% reduction in crime inside the street closure (See Exhibit A). City Council then voted to continue to close the street for an additional 6 months (See Exhibit B). Subsequently, in response to community feedback, the City took action to improve the overall livability of the area. The Mayor's Office created a contract with the Portland Business Alliance (PBA) in the amount of \$16,000 to add banners to the perimeter fences that highlight the District, as well as provide educational information pertaining to parking (See Exhibit C). The contract also included the addition of 10 smoke poles, 2 European-style urinals, and janitorial services during the street closure hours. These services have been provided during the extended street closure period, and are set to terminate at the end of October, 2013. The PPB also offered crime statistics representing the summer months through the end of September 2013 in comparison to 2012 (See Exhibit D).
3. During the pilot program and during the 6-month extension of the street closure, there were significant public benefits such as crime reduction and less congestion. There were 3 town hall discussions between the Mayor of Portland and the Old Town/Chinatown Community Association (OTCTCA), the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA), business owners, bar owners, and social services providers. Their input regarding the street closure pilot was documented and taken into consideration. The Mayor also participated in two neighborhood walks during the hours of the street closure to learn about prominent concerns in the area. Members from the community were invited to join the Mayor during these walks to express their concerns. Over the course of the summer, the Mayor's staff attended regular OTCTCA meetings and sub-committee meetings to stay in communication with stakeholders in the area regarding the street closure.

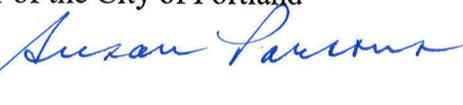
4. On October 1, 2013, (5 months into the extended street closure) the OTCTCA voted whether they were in favor or against going forward with a 1-year extension of the street closure, and the majority of the committee members voted in favor of continuing the street closure for a 1-year period beyond October of 2013 (See Exhibit E).
5. The 1-year street closure extension will initially include the same boundaries as laid out in Ordinance 186072, i.e.; the portions of NW 3rd Ave from W Burnside to NW Everett St, NW Couch from NW 2nd Ave to NW 4th Ave, and NW Davis from 2nd Ave to NW 4th Ave between 10:00 pm and 3:00 am on Fridays, Saturdays, and other event dates specified by the Police Bureau. During this 1-year street closure extension, the PPB and Mayor's Office will be flexible with both the boundary and time schedule and work with the OTCTCA to explore alternatives to mitigate impacts to neighborhood businesses, residents and stakeholders. The boundary and time schedule may be modified by agreement with the PPB, Mayor's Office, and the OTCTCA.
6. The area will continue to include dedicated taxi, limousine, and pedi-cab zones to facilitate safe transportation into and out of the area. These zones will help maintain safe and orderly pedestrian traffic flow and allow officers to address concerns of illegal taxi activity.
7. In order to maintain public safety, PPB will continue to dedicate four officers and one sergeant to the area throughout the course of the 1-year street closure to provide enhanced police presence.
8. To address reasonable accommodation for emergency residential services and any necessary access for disabled residents, police will allow emergency vehicles special access to the street area, and any necessary access for disabled residents.
9. It is in the best interests of the public for Council to assess the data and public comments as to the success or failure of the 1-year street closure, and decide whether to terminate or extend the program in the best interests of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. Beginning November 1, 2013, and until November 2, 2014, the Portland Police Bureau is authorized to implement a street closure substantially in accordance with the plan as specified in this Ordinance.
- b. During the street closure period, the Mayor's Office will engage with the OTCTCA in the joint efforts listed in Exhibit E.
- c. During the street closure period, the Mayor's Office will establish a Stakeholder's Advisory Committee (SAC) which may consist of members from the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI), the PPB, the Fire Bureau, Portland Bureau of

Transportation (PBOT), the OTCTCA, CCBA, PBA, the Pearl District Neighborhood Association and the Pearl District Business Association, bar and restaurant owners in the Old Town/Chinatown neighborhood, business owners, social service providers, and other stakeholders to explore and develop options to help improve the overall quality of life in the entertainment district area. This may include, but is not limited to the directives as laid out in Exhibit E.

Passed by the Council: OCT 23 2013
Mayor Charlie Hales
Prepared by: Chad Stover
Date Prepared: 10/10/2013

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Auditor of the City of Portland
By
Deputy 

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Charlie Hales	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u> OCT 11 2013 </u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales <i>CHS</i>	LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By: <u><i>Susan Parsons</i></u> Deputy ACTION TAKEN: <p align="right">As Amended</p> OCT 16 2013 PASSED TO SECOND READING OCT 23 2013 9:30 A.M.
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz	
Position 2/Works - Fish	
Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman	
Position 4/Safety - Novick	
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Office of the Mayor Bureau Head: Charlie Hales	
Prepared by: Chad E. Stover Date Prepared: 10/02/2013	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Council Meeting Date 10/16/2013	
City Attorney Approval:	

AGENDA
TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>2 PM</i>
Total amount of time needed: 1.5 hours (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/>
REGULAR 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. Novick	4. Novick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Hales	Hales	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	