

## ORDINANCE NO. 186574

Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County in the amount of \$400,000 for administration of eligibility verification for Water/Sewer Bill Discount and Crisis Assistance Program (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The Water Bureau and Multnomah County have been partnering on a low income resident Water/Sewer Bill Discount and Crisis Assistance Program to provide financial assistance to low income households to help lower water and sewer bills.
2. The Water Bureau has established a Water/Sewer Bill Discount and Crisis Assistance Program to help lower their water/sewer bills.
3. The program offers financial assistance to customers with verified financial need for assistance with their water and sewer bills. Other low income programs including rate relief and demand management are also offered to low income residences. The Water Bureau will continue to support this program by providing financial assistance to low income homeowners through this program.
4. Multnomah County has successfully provided the Water Bureau eligibility verification for this program since 1995. It was determined that Multnomah County was best suited to provide these administrative services.
5. The Water Bureau will enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to provide administration for the Water/Sewer Bill Discount and Crisis Assistance Program.
6. Multnomah County shall provide eligibility verification in accordance with the policies and procedures mutually developed by the Water Bureau and the County. This will include application intake and review, eligibility determination, and providing regular reporting to the Water Bureau.
7. The total cost of this Intergovernmental Agreement will not exceed \$400,000. Funding of \$80,000 is available in the FY 2014-15 Budget. Funding of \$80,000 per fiscal year will be requested in the FY 2015-16 through FY 2018-19 Budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The Water Bureau Administrator is authorized to execute on behalf of the City an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to provide services for the Water/Sewer Bill Discount and Crisis Assistance Program generally in accordance with the agreement attached as Exhibit A.

- b. The Mayor and Auditor are hereby authorized to draw and deliver checks chargeable to the Water Fund when demand is presented and approved by the proper authorities.
- c. That the Water Bureau Administrator is authorized to amend on behalf of the City the Intergovernmental Agreement with such changes deemed to be appropriate in individual circumstances as approved by the City Attorney's Office and not exceeding twenty-five percent of the total compensation of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Passed by the Council, **MAY 14 2014**

Commissioner Fish  
Brad Blake  
March 14, 2014

**LaVonne Griffin-Valade**  
Auditor of the City of Portland

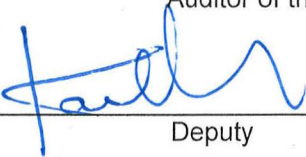
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<p><b>INTRODUCED BY</b> Commissioner/Auditor: <b>Commissioner Nick Fish</b></p> <p><b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Novick</p> <p><b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Bureau: Water Bureau Head: David G. Shaff</p> <p>Prepared by: Brad Blake Date Prepared: March 14, 2014</p> <p>Financial Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Council Meeting Date <b>May 7, 2014</b></p> <p><b>City Attorney Approval:</b> required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>MAY 02 2014</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By:  Deputy</p> <p><b>ACTION TAKEN:</b></p> <p><b>MAY 07 2014 PASSED TO SECOND READING</b>      <b>MAY 14 2014 9:30 A.M.</b></p>
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<b>AGENDA</b>
<p><b>TIME CERTAIN</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Start time:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Total amount of time needed:</b> _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p> <p><b>CONSENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>REGULAR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Total amount of time needed:</b> <b>15</b> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Novick	4. Novick	✓	
Hales	Hales	✓	