## ORDINANCE NO. 186904

\* Authorize application to Federal Emergency Management Agency for a grant in the amount of \$342,437 for the FY 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to fund firefighter bailout systems (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. Through FEMA, the Department of Homeland Security, has offered the AFG Program since 2000. The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance through direct financial assistance, the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel and to provide a continuum of support for emergency responders regarding fire, medical, and all hazard events.
- 2. The City of Portland has over 2,700 buildings (commercial and multi-family dwellings) that are three or more stories tall. Of those, 877 are high-rise buildings.
- 3. On January 23, 2005, six FDNY firefighters were forced to jump from the fourth floor of a Bronx apartment building after being trapped by a fire in a maze of illegally subdivided apartments. This tragic incident brought to light the importance of personal protective equipment that provides firefighters with other possibilities for escaping when trapped on upper floors of buildings.
- 4. Bailout systems allow firefighters the option of escaping a burning structure when conventional exits are blocked or otherwise inaccessible.
- 5. Using funds from the AFG Program, PF&R proposes to purchase a bailout system for each of their active firefighters.
- 6. The total cost of the equipment is \$376,680.
- 7. Local match in the amount of \$34,243 will be provided by funds from either FY 2014-2015 or FY 2015-2016 PF&R equipment budget appropriations, depending on the grant award date.
- 8. Maintenance of effort requirement: An applicant seeking an AFG Grant shall agree to maintain during the term of the grant the applicant's aggregate expenditures relating to the allowable activity at not less than 80 percent of the average amount of such expenditures in the two fiscal years preceding the fiscal year in which the grant amounts are received.

## NOW THEREFORE, The Council directs:

- a. The Mayor is hereby authorized to make application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a grant in the amount of \$342,437.
- b. The Mayor is authorized to provide such information and assurances as are required for the grant period.
- c. The OMF 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 application must be submitted no later than December 5, 2014. Therefore this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council:

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Commissioner Dan Saltzman Prepared by: Carol Ann Boucher November 26, 2014

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