ORDINANCE NO. 187267

Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service for an amount not to exceed \$105,000 for snow and precipitation monitoring (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. The United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) installs, operates, and maintains an extensive automated system (SNOTEL) designed to collect snowpack and related climatic data in the Western United States and Alaska.
- 2. In 1935, NRCS, then the Soil Conservation Service, established a formal cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program to conduct snow surveys and develop accurate and reliable water supply forecasts.
- 3. The data, related reports and forecasts maintained by NRCS are available in near real time for automated SNOTEL sites. The data and reports are provided through an extensive internet delivery system and considered the best available to federal, state, and local governments, and private citizens.
- 4. The NRCS has been providing services to the Water Bureau since 1974 for the collection of snow and precipitation information in the Bull Run Watershed. The bureau has used an Intergovernmental Agreement to obtain the services of NRCS. The most recent authorization was provided through Ordinance No. 184441.
- 5. The Water Bureau relies on snow and precipitation information from the three SNOTEL sites in the Bull Run Watershed to make informed operational decisions for Bull Run reservoirs and dams. Such monitoring is critical to annual water supply planning and operations and in identifying long-term trends in environmental conditions.
- In order to continue the long term operation and maintenance of SNOTEL sites in the Bull Run Watershed, the Water Bureau desires to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement No. 30004669 with NRCS to continue the monitoring of watershed conditions which has been essential to site operations.
- The total cost of this Intergovernmental Agreement will not exceed \$105,000. Funding of \$10,500 is available in the FY 2015-16 Budget. Additional funding of \$94,500 (\$10,500 per FY) will be requested in the FY 2016-17 through FY 2024-25 Budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. That the Water Bureau Administrator is authorized to execute a ten-year Intergovernmental Agreement with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, in a form substantially in accordance with the agreement attached as Exhibit A, at a total cost not to exceed \$105,000.
- b. The Mayor and Auditor hereby are authorized to draw and deliver checks chargeable to the Water Fund when demand is presented and approved by the proper authorities.
- c. The Water Bureau Administrator is authorized to amend on behalf of the City the Intergovernmental Agreement with such changes deemed to be appropriate and as approved by the City Attorney's Office and not exceeding twenty-five percent of the total compensation of the Agreement.

Passed by the Council, JUL 2 2 2015

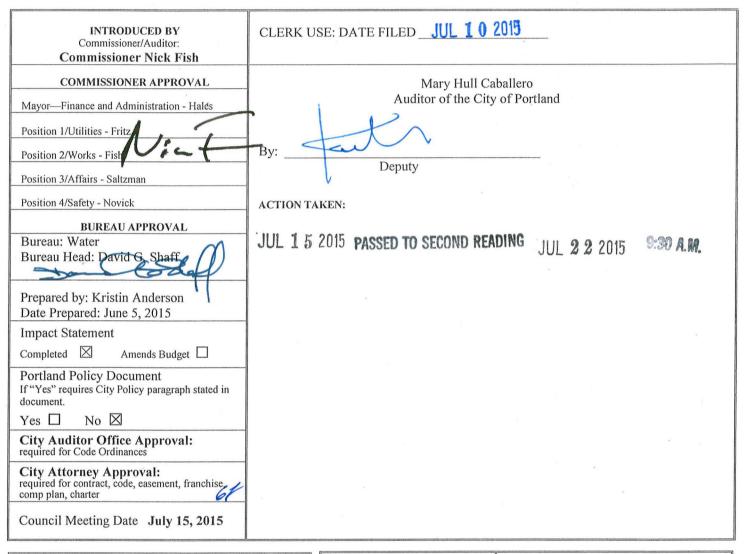
Commissioner Nick Fish Kristin Anderson June 5, 2015

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