

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Extend term of Street Closure Program in Old Town/Chinatown for a period of one year. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this legislation is to ensure and maintain public safety on weekend nights in a certain area within the Old Town/Chinatown Neighborhood.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This Ordinance has not yet determined exact changes to revenue. However, as a part of this ordinance, there will be an effort made to develop sources of revenue to cover the costs of services associated with the management of the street closure, in the event they are changed from current status.

Two bureaus will be impacted as a result of this Ordinance: The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) will be charged approximately \$200 per weekend for parking and towing enforcement. The Portland Police Bureau (PPB) will be charged the cost of providing at most, 1 sergeant and 4 officers to manage the street closure and patrol the entertainment district at a total cost of \$1831.10 per weekend.

If there is an establishment of a non-profit organization to help provide oversight to the street closure, then there could potentially be new positions created to handle that work. However, in the event that a non-profit is created, a new Ordinance will be drafted outlining those details.

Community impacts and community involvement:

During the months of March, April, and May of 2013, the Mayor hosted three town hall meetings in which the street closure pilot program was discussed. In attendance in this meetings were key stakeholders such as the Old Town/Chinatown Neighborhood Association, the Chinese Community, bar owners, business owners, social service providers, members from the PPB, and employees of PBOT. The Mayor also participated in two night-time walks around the street closure during the busy hours (midnight-3 am on Saturday night).

Over the course of the summer of 2013, Mayor's staff and ONI staff regularly toured the District on weekend evenings, interfacing with bar owners and business owners, as well as public safety officials assigned to the area. Furthermore, city staff regularly attended Old Town/Chinatown Community Association (OTCTCA) meetings and asked for feedback from community members. On October 1st, 2013, an OTCTCA meeting was held in which community members were given the opportunity to vote on whether to extend the street closure for a period of 1 year. The OTCTCA voted in favor of the extension.

Between October of 2013 and October of 2014, the Street Closure Advisory Committee met once per month to discuss ways in which to improve the environment inside and around the street closure. Included in this group were a variety of stakeholders including bar owners, business owners, social service providers and neighborhood representatives. These meetings have continued on a monthly basis from October 2014 through 2015.

If this Ordinance is accepted, the street closure will continue and crimes rates are expected to remain lower than they were previously when there was no street closure. There will also be a reduction in the congestion within the street closure, allowing room for pedestrians to walk in the street as well as on the sidewalk.

The OTCTCA led in organizing and facilitating community discussions, and these meetings were regularly attended by staff from the Mayor's Office and from the Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

☐ YES: Please complete the information below.

☒ NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount