

RESOLUTION No. **371 99**

Adopt Digital Equity Action Plan and direct the Office for Community Technology to implement the plan with partners (Resolution)

WHEREAS, in today's society, high-speed, accessible and affordable internet is essential infrastructure for job creation, education, health care, the enhancement of safe and connected communities, civic engagement, government transparency and responsiveness, reduced carbon emissions, and emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, access to the internet has become an essential component of full participation in society; and

WHEREAS, there are residents in the City of Portland and Multnomah County that do not have internet access or devices or skills to use the internet; and

WHEREAS, established City policies, such as the Broadband Strategic Plan and the Portland Plan, contemplate digital equity initiatives to address the digital divide; and

WHEREAS, a strategic approach to achieving digital equity will benefit the City's digital equity goals; and

WHEREAS, the Office for Community Technology, (part of the Revenue Division, Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services) along with Multnomah County Library, facilitated a community-driven process for evaluating digital equity strategies, involving over 100 people and 30 organizations; and

WHEREAS, an action plan for accomplishing the City's digital equity objectives can provide a road map to target efforts and investments made throughout the City, both on behalf of City bureaus and with the City's County, State, Federal, community-based and private sector partners; and

WHEREAS, the Office for Community Technology has a well-established history of facilitating and coordinating policy and regulatory leadership on the Council's behalf in the area of broadband and digital equity; and

WHEREAS, the City vision for digital equity includes providing every resident with the opportunity to be fully engaged in digital society accessing and using digital and communications technology;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that to address the digital divide and achieve aspects of the City's equity goals, the Portland City Council adopts the Digital Equity Action Plan attached as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office for Community Technology is authorized and directed to engage with other City of Portland bureaus and offices, as well as with County

offices, schools, the business community, internet service providers and community organizations in developing a work plan to implement DEAP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office for Community Technology will make annual reports to the City Council on progress achieved and barriers encountered regarding closing the digital divide and accomplishments toward digital equity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution is binding City policy.

Adopted by Council: APR 06 2016

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland

By:

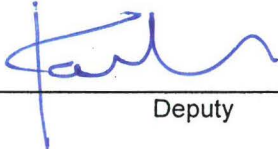


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April 6, 2016

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<p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: <i>Mayor Hales</i></p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>MAR 29 2016</u></p>
<p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</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 style="text-align: center;">Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By:  Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
<p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: OMF/BRPS, Revenue CAO: Fred Miller <i>FJM</i> CFO, Bureau Head: Kenneth L. Rust <i>KLR</i> Division Head: Thomas W. Lannom <i>TWL</i></p> <p>Prepared by: Mary Beth Henry Date Prepared: March 18, 2016</p> <p>Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p> <p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p> <p>Council Meeting Date April 6, 2016</p>	

AGENDA

TIME CERTAIN
Start time: 9:45 a.m.

Total amount of time needed: 45 mins.
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

CONSENT

REGULAR
Total amount of time needed: _____
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

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	✓	