ORDINANCE No. 188333

*Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to reimburse property owner at 7326 N Williams Ave for sewer user fees, paid to the City, in the amount of \$5,768 (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. Renee C. Holmes (the Owner) purchased the property at 7326 N Williams Avenue (the Property) in 2002. A utility account with sewer provisions was created upon move-in.
- 2. In January of 2017, the Owner discovered that the property is not connected to the public sewer system when a contractor investigated private plumbing problems. BES confirmed that the property is not connected to the public sewer by performing a standard dye test.
- 3. The Owner paid sewer user charges to the City for the Property in an amount estimated to be \$8,588.05 from August 29, 2002 to December 7, 2016. The Owner did not receive service from the City for these charges.
- City Code section 17.36.090 A allows the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services to authorize sewer adjustments for billing errors limited to the most recent three years of billing. BES issued a reimbursement of \$2,820.04 for three years (2014 – 2016) of sewer user fees to Ms. Holmes on January 25, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

a. The Bureau of Environmental Services reimburse Renee C Holmes \$5,768.01 in sewer charges.

Section 2.

The Council declares that an emergency exists in order to reimburse the Owner for funds that were collected in error. Therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council, Commissioner Nick Fish

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