

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Increase the flexibility of arts and cultural businesses to host periodic events in their places of business through an annual permit

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

In February 2018, Council adopted a Resolution for *A Plan for Preserving and Expanding Affordable Arts Space in Portland* recognizing the need to protect and preserve the arts and cultural community. This Resolution authorizes the Bureau of Development Services and Portland Fire & Rescue shall jointly adopt and administer a policy that provides for temporary occupancy in a manner that allows for assembly use consistent with the life safety code while providing flexibility for Portland's creative economy, and better meets the needs of small arts and cultural organizations to host periodic assembly events.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

N/A

Community impacts and community involvement:

Small arts and cultural organizations that operate in various spaces often have the need for periodic assembly for events such as showings and small performances. These events are generally short in duration (4 hours or less) and are organized and focused activities. The current system of a special events permit is not conducive for these groups. Many of these organizations offer space to other itinerant arts and cultural groups; special event permits are a costly part of these rentals. Additionally, they must be obtained twenty-one days in advance of an event. It is often unknown this early in the process whether the space will require a higher occupancy load, as audiences likely have not purchased tickets and may not do so until before the event, and therefore organizers of events must obtain permits that often end up exceeding their needs.

Via existing codes, the Bureau of Development Services and Portland Fire & Rescue ensure life/safety measures are met. Together, Bureau of Development Services and Portland Fire & Rescue will adopt a policy that allows for a temporary assembly permit where permitted spaces will be required to have panic hardware and outward swing doors and pre-approved floor plans and offers flexibility in cost and timeline for certain events by small arts and cultural organizations.

100% Renewable Goal:

N/A

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

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