

# **ORDINANCE No. 189974**

Amend fee schedule for tree permits (Ordinance)

The City of Portland Ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) promotes safety, livability, economic vitality, and environmental quality through management of the city's urban forest including efficient and collaborative application of tree regulations.
2. In January 2015, the city's new tree code, Title 11 Trees, was implemented. Title 11 is intended to streamline and consolidate tree regulations, improve tree retention and protection especially during site development, and provide for better enforcement of the city's tree regulations. Better customer service in tree permitting is also an expectation for implementation of Title 11.
3. PP&R is largely a general fund bureau, however it practices cost recovery for some services, and collects certain fees under a fee schedule for certain tree permits. These fees are used by PP&R to fund tree inspections, plan review, permit issuance, land use review, code enforcement, customer assistance and other tree-regulation-related functions.
4. PP&R charges fees to partially compensate for the costs of the services provided. PP&R does not charge fees for some services, for example tree planting permits, in order to encourage these activities and reduce potential barriers to voluntary compliance with regulatory requirements.
5. Other infrastructure and regulatory bureaus, such as Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Water Bureau, Portland Bureau of Transportation, and Bureau of Development Services, charge fees for their services in comparable processes.
6. PP&R has been proactive in informing and seeking input from customers regarding the need and rationale for the proposed fee changes. The bureau has published information about the proposed changes on its website, and has met with relevant stakeholder groups including the Urban Forestry Commission and Development Review Advisory Committee.
7. PP&R is proposing to increase certain tree permit fees to recover more of the costs of delivering those services. No new tree permit fees are proposed in the tree permit fee schedule, and certain permit fees remain unchanged.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The Fee Schedule listed as Exhibit A to this ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2020.
- b. This ordinance is binding City policy.

Passed by the Council: **May 27, 2020**  
Mayor Ted Wheeler  
Prepared by: Brian Landoe  
Date Prepared: April 9, 2020

**Mary Hull Caballero**  
Auditor of the City of Portland

*Keelan McClymont*

Deputy

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<b>INTRODUCED BY</b> Commissioner/Auditor: <b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b>	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>5/12/20</u>
<b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b> Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler	Digitally signed by Sonia Schmanski Date: 2020.05.11 13:45:23 -07'00'
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland
Position 2/Works - Vacant	Digitally signed by Keelan McClymont Date: 2020.05.12 12:10:38 -07'00'
Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty	By: <u>Keelan McClymont</u> Deputy
Position 4/Safety - Eudaly	<b>ACTION TAKEN:</b> <b>May 20, 2020 Passed to Second Reading May 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b> Bureau: Parks & Recreation Bureau Head: <b>Adena Long</b>	Digitally signed by Adena Long Date: 2020.05.11 12:20:33 -07'00'
Prepared by: <b>Brian Landoe</b> Date Prepared: <b>4/9/20</b>	
<b>Impact Statement</b> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Portland Policy Document</b> If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>City Auditor Office Approval:</b> required for Code Ordinances	
<b>City Attorney Approval:</b> required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter	Digitally signed by Tony Garcia Date: 2020.05.01 11:16:13 -07'00'
Council Meeting Date <b>5/20/20</b>	

<b>AGENDA</b>
<b>TIME CERTAIN</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Start time: _____ <b>Total amount of time needed:</b> _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
<b>CONSENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>REGULAR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Total amount of time needed:</b> <u>10</u> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Vacant	2. Vacant		
3. Hardesty	3. Hardesty	✓	
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly	✓	
Wheeler	Wheeler		