

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Create the 2020 Parks Local Option Levy Fund (Ordinance; add Code Section 5.04.600)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This ordinance creates the 2020 Parks Local Option Levy Fund. On November 3rd, 2020 the voters of Portland overwhelmingly supported passage of a five-year Parks Local Option Levy to prevent ongoing reductions to park services and recreation programs, preserve and restore park and natural area health, and center equity and affordable access for all. The measure passed with 64% of voters voting yes to support a levy rate of \$0.80 per \$1,000 assessed value. The creation of the fund is needed at this time to allow Portland Parks and Recreation to begin planning and budgeting staff and materials in order to be in a position to begin providing services in FY 2021-22.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

There is no financial impact associated with establishing the fund. This action is necessary for budget development to move forward. The estimated total raised is expected to average \$48 million annually. Revenues and expenses will be included as part of FY 2021-22 budget development and be approved by Council in the Adopted Budget.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Portland voters approved the five-year levy this past November. The creation of a five-year Parks Local Option Levy will allow the bureau to:

- Enhance and preserve parks, rivers, wetlands, trees, and other important natural features in urban areas for the benefit of all Portlanders and wildlife;
- Provide park and recreation services to diverse populations including communities of color, seniors, teens, households experiencing poverty, immigrants and refugees, and people living with disabilities;
- Increase opportunities for communities of color and children experiencing poverty to connect with nature;
- Prevent cuts to recreation programs, closures of community centers and pools; and
- Enhance park maintenance to keep parks clean and safe, including litter and hazardous waste removal, restroom cleaning, and playground safety.

100% Renewable Goal:

The Parks Local Option Levy will likely increase the bureau's use of energy resources over the next 5 years. The bureau is currently purchasing renewable energy credits to offset greenhouse gas emissions.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

No – Appropriation change will occur through a supplemental budget later in January 2021

YES: Please complete the information below.

NO: Skip this section

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

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