

ORDINANCE No. 190243

Amend the Open and Accountable Elections Program to eliminate the election matching periods and maintain the program's oversight with the Commissioner of Public Utilities through 2022 (Ordinance; amend Code Chapter 2.16)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Council adopted the Open and Accountable Elections program in December 2016.
2. The Open and Accountable Elections program provides candidates, who demonstrate broad community support by collecting many small qualifying contributions from Portland residents, with matching dollars from the City's Open and Accountable Elections Fund if the candidates agree to follow program rules, including contribution limits.
3. The intention of the program is to: (1) allow candidates to engage with individuals from a variety of backgrounds and neighborhoods, which will ensure that the priorities and concerns of all individuals have the opportunity to be heard, and (2) increase the participation of all Portlanders by increasing the value of small donations.
4. Consistent feedback after the first election cycle of the Open and Accountable Elections program is to simplify the program to make compliance easier. Differing rules that applied to the matching periods and elections periods created confusion for program participants. Eliminating the matching periods will help simplify the program.
5. The program's 2022 election cycle begins on December 18, 2020, at which point the program timeline will be published for candidates' convenience. A simpler timeline can be published if the present amendment is passed prior to December 18, 2020.
6. The Open and Accountable Elections Code requires the Open and Accountable Elections Commission to recommend short- and long- term oversight for the Open and Accountable Elections program. The Open and Accountable Elections Commission recommends that the program's oversight remain with the Commissioner of Public Utilities through 2022 while a Charter amendment is considered to create an independent commission to oversee the program in the long term.
7. Community input was solicited and received from the public, candidates, the Open and Accountable Elections Commission, and the Voice for All Portland coalition.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. Portland City Code Chapter 2.16 is amended as shown in the attached Exhibits A-G.

Passed by the Council: December 16, 2020

Commissioner Amanda Fritz

Prepared by: Susan Mottet

Date Prepared: November 23, 2020

Mary Hull Caballero

Auditor of the City of Portland

By *Keelan McClymont*
Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Commissioner Fritz	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>December 1, 2020</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler Position 1/Utilities - Fritz <i>Tim Coail</i> Position 2/Works - Ryan Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty Position 4/Safety - Eudaly	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland <i>Keelan McClymont</i> By: _____ Deputy ACTION TAKEN: December 9, 2020 Passed to Second Reading December 16, 2020 at 9:30 am
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Bureau Head:	
Prepared by: Susan Mottet Date Prepared: 11/23/2020	
Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances	
City Attorney Approval: /s/ MKH 11/30/2020 required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter	
Council Meeting Date December 9, 2020	

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

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