ORDINANCE NO. 158723

An Ordinance ratifying the filing of a declaratory judgment action by the City Attorney to seek relief from a public records disclosure order issued by the Multnomah County District Attorney, and declaring an emergency.

The Council ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. On June 24, 1986, the Multnomah County District Attorney ordered the Portland Police Bureau to disclose an internal investigations file to the complainants in that case pursuant to their petition for the records.
- 2. The 1985 Oregon Legislature amended the public records law so as to exempt from disclosure records and supporting materials of discipline actions.
- 3. The Portland Police Bureau has determined that a policy of confidentiality for its internal investigation records encourages citizens to bring complaints regarding officer misconduct.
- 4. The complainants in this particular case have filed an appeal with the Police Internal Investigations Auditing Committee for a review of the Portland Police Bureau's finding of no officer misconduct. Such a review would still maintain the confidentiality of the records.
- 5. The City Attorney has recommended that an appeal be filed in this case in view of the finding of no misconduct and in order to obtain judicial construction of the 1985 amendment to the public records law, ORS 192.500(1)(m).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

 a. The filing of a declaratory judgment action by the City Attorney to seek relief from the June 24, 1986 public records order by the Multnomah County District Attorney is hereby ratified.

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Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists in order that the action which was filed may be duly authorized so as to commit its orderly progression; therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after is passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council, JUL 10 1986

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