

ORDINANCE NO. 139670

An Ordinance amending Chapter 17.56 of the Code of the City of Portland by adding a new section thereto, relating to the preservation of cobblestones excavated from city streets, and declaring an emergency.

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds that cobblestones, known as Belgian Building Blocks, located in city street areas have historical significance; that the Portland Historical Landmarks Commission has recommended that regulations be provided to assure their preservation; and that, by adding a new section to Chapter 17.56 of the city code as hereinafter set forth, the Commissioner in charge of the Bureau of Parks should be delegated the responsibility of providing such regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, Chapter 17.56 of the Code of the City of Portland, Oregon, hereby is amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered, titled and to read as follows:

17.56.100 PRESERVATION OF COBBLESTONES.

- (a) As used in this section, "permit" means a valid permit issued under Section 17.56.020 or 17.56.040 and "permittee" means a person to whom a permit is issued.
- (b) Cobblestones, known as Belgian Building Blocks, located in street areas of the city are city property and remain city property notwithstanding their excavation by a permittee.
- (c) It is the duty of the Bureau of City Engineering Services to furnish a permittee a copy of the regulations authorized by this section.
- (d) The Commissioner in charge of the Bureau of Parks hereby is delegated authority to issue regulations providing for the preservation of cobblestones excavated from City street areas. The regulations shall specify the duty of permittees to preserve the cobblestones and the duty of the Bureau of Parks to pick up, clean and store them. In preparing the regulations or any changes therein, the Commissioner in charge shall consult with the Portland Historical Landmarks Commission, the Bureau of City Engineering Services and any utility companies that would be affected, and shall

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consider the size and location of the street opening, public inconvenience, cost and inconvenience to the permittee and the Bureau of Parks, and the number and relative value of the cobblestones to be preserved. The Commissioner shall promulgate the regulations within 90 days of the date of this ordinance.

- (e) At the request of the Portland Historical Landmarks Commission, but not less than once annually, the Bureau of Parks shall advise the Commission of the number of cobblestones then being stored. The deployment of stored cobblestones shall be determined by the Portland Historical Landmarks Commission (and/or recommended to the City Council). Criteria for deployment shall be established by the Commission.

Section 2. Inasmuch as this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace and safety of the City of Portland in this: In order that there be no delay in assuring the preservation of these cobblestones, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

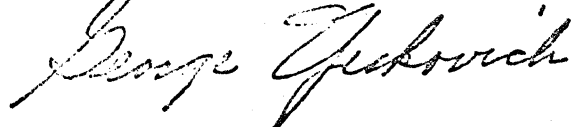
Passed by the Council, MAR 27 1975

Commissioner Schwab
December 13, 1974
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Mayor of the City of Portland

Attest:



Auditor of the City of Portland