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**TRANSIENT LODGINGS TAX**

(Chapter replaced by Ordinance No. 161506,  
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**6.04.010 Definitions.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 162647 and 186985, effective February 20, 2015.) Except where the context otherwise requires, the definitions given in this Section govern the construction of this Chapter.

- A. "Accrual accounting"** means the Operator enters the rent due from a transient on his/her records when the rent is earned, whether or not it is paid.
- B. "Bed and Breakfast Home"** means a home where a resident individual or family rents out guest bedrooms (no more than two) in their house, which is continually occupied as their primary residence.
- C. "Bed and Breakfast Inn"** means a home where a resident individual or family rents out guest bedrooms (between three and six) in their house, which is continually occupied as their primary residence.

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- D. “Booking Agent”** means an Operator or any person that provides a means through which a Host may offer a Short-Term Rental for transient lodging occupancy. This service is usually, though not necessarily, provided through an online platform and generally allows a Host to advertise the Short-Term Rental through a website provided by the Booking Agent’s hosting platform and provides a means for potential users to arrange transient lodging occupancy and payment, whether the transient pays rent directly to the Host or to the Booking Agent. Booking Agents include, but are not limited to:
1. Online travel booking sites which are involved in the process of listing and booking Short-Term Rental transient lodging occupancies and handle any aspect of the resulting financial transaction; and/or
  2. Online travel booking sites for Short-Term Rental transient lodging occupancy where advertisements of Short-Term Rental transient lodging occupancy rentals are displayed; and/or
  3. A hosting or other online site that provides a means through which an Operator, Host or agent may offer a Short-Term Rental unit for transient lodging occupancy.
- E. “Bureau”** means the Revenue Division of the Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services of the City of Portland.
- F. “Bureau Director”** means the director of the Revenue Division, or his/her designee.
- G. “Business License Appeals Board”** means a Board composed of five representatives appointed in the manner set forth in Section 7.02.295 of this Code.
- H. “Cash accounting”** means the operator does not enter the rent due from a transient on his/her records until rent is paid.
- I. “City Council”** means the City Council of the City of Portland, Oregon.
- J. “Host”** means the owner or person who resides at the Short-Term Rental or has been designated by the owner or resident to manage the Short-Term Rental and who rents out the Short-Term Rental for transient lodging occupancy either directly or through the use of a Booking Agent.

- K.** “**Hotel**” means any structure, or any portion of any structure which is occupied or intended or designed for transient occupancy for 30 days or less for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes, and includes, but is not limited to, any hotel, inn, tourist home or house, motel, studio hotel, bachelor hotel, lodging house, rooming house, apartment house, house, duplex, condominium, multi-dwelling structure, trailer home, houseboat, public or private dormitory, fraternity, sorority, public or private club, and also means space or portion thereof so occupied, provided such occupancy is for less than a 30-day period.
- L.** “**Occupancy**” means the use or possession, or the right to the use or possession for lodging or sleeping purposes of any room or rooms in a hotel, or space in a mobile home or trailer park or portion thereof.
- M.** “**Operator**” means the person who is proprietor of the hotel in any capacity. Where the operator performs his/her functions through a managing agent of any type or character other than an employee, the managing agent shall also be deemed an operator for the purposes of this Chapter and shall have the same duties and liabilities as his/her principal. Compliance with the provisions of this Chapter by either the principal or managing agent shall be considered to be compliance by both.
- N.** “**Person**” means any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, host, social club, fraternal organization, fraternity, sorority, public or private dormitory, joint stock company, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, trustee, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit.
- O.** “**Rent**” means the consideration charged, whether or not received by the operator, for the occupancy of space in a hotel, valued in money, goods, labor, credits, property or other consideration valued in money, without any deduction.
- P.** “**Rent package plan**” means the consideration charged for both food and rent where a single rate is made for the total of both. The amount applicable to rent for determination of transient room tax under this Chapter shall be the same charge made for rent of the identical room when it is not a part of a package plan.
- Q.** “**Short-Term Rental**” means a house, multi-plex, apartment, condominium, houseboat, trailer or other residential dwelling where a person rents guest bedrooms for transient lodging occupancy. Generally, a Short-Term Rental is zoned as residential property.
- R.** “**Tax**” means either the tax payable by the transient or the aggregate amount of taxes due from an operator during the period for which he/she is required to report his/her collections.

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- S.** “**Transient**” means any individual who exercises occupancy or is entitled to occupancy in a hotel for a period of 30 consecutive calendar days or less, counting portions of calendar days as full days. The day a transient checks out of the hotel shall not be included in determining the 30-day period if the transient is not charged rent for that day by the operator. Any such individual so occupying space in a hotel shall be deemed to be a transient until the period of 30 days has expired unless there is an agreement in writing between the operator and the occupant providing for a longer period of occupancy, or the tenancy actually extends more than 30 consecutive days. In determining whether a person is a transient, uninterrupted periods of time extending both prior and subsequent to the effective date of this Chapter may be considered.

#### **6.04.020 Tax Imposed.**

For the privilege of occupancy in any hotel, each transient shall pay a tax in the amount of 6 percent of the rent charged by the operator. The tax constitutes a debt owed by the transient to the City, which is extinguished only by payment by the operator to the City. The transient shall pay the tax to the operator of the hotel at the time the rent is paid. The operator shall enter the tax on his/her records when rent is collected if the operator keeps his/her records on the cash accounting basis and when earned if the operator keeps his/her records on the accrual accounting basis. If rent is paid in installments, a proportionate share of the tax shall be paid by the transient to the operator with each installment. In all cases, the rent paid or charged for occupancy shall exclude the sale of any goods, services and commodities, other than the furnishing of rooms, accommodations, and space occupancy in mobile home parks or trailer parks.

#### **6.04.030 Collection of Tax By Operator; Rules for Collection.**

- A.** Every operator renting rooms or space for lodging or sleeping purposes in this City, the occupancy of which is not exempted under the terms of this Chapter, shall collect a tax from the transient. The tax collected or accrued by the operator constitutes a debt owing by the operator to the City.
- B.** In all cases of credit or deferred payment of rent, the payment of tax to the operator may be deferred until the rent is paid, and the operator shall not be liable for the tax until credits are paid or deferred payments are made. Adjustments may be made for uncollectibles.
- C.** The Bureau shall enforce provisions of this Chapter and shall have the power to adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Chapter as may be necessary to aid in the enforcement. Prior to the adoption of rules and regulations, the Bureau shall give public notice of its intent to adopt rules and regulations, provide copies of the proposed rules and regulations to interested parties, and conduct a public hearing on the proposed rules and regulations. Public notice shall be given when



rules and regulations have been finally adopted. Copies of current rules and regulations shall be made available to the public upon request. It is a violation of this Chapter to violate rules and regulations duly adopted by the Bureau.

- D.** For rent collected on portions of a dollar, fractions of a penny of tax shall not be remitted.

**6.04.040 Operator's Duties.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 186985, effective February 20, 2015.)

- A.** Each Operator shall collect the tax imposed by this Chapter at the same time as the rent is collected from every transient. The amount of tax shall be separately stated upon the operator's records, and any receipt rendered by the operator. No operator of a hotel shall advertise that the tax or any part of the tax will be assumed or absorbed by the operator, or that it will not be added to the rent, or that, when added, any part will be refunded, except in the manner provided by this Chapter.
- B.** An Operator or Booking Agent that directly or indirectly accepts, receives or facilitates payment, including through Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) or other computerized devices where third party providers receive information about a transaction and collect funds that may or may not be transmitted to the operator, owner or other person offering a Short-Term Rental, for the transient lodging occupancy from a transient is required to collect, report and remit transient lodging taxes to the City of Portland in accordance with this Chapter.
- C.** Additionally, upon request of the Bureau for any regulatory or tax administration purpose, Operators, which include Booking Agents, must provide all physical addresses of transient lodging occupancy locations within Portland city limits and the related contact information, including the name and mailing address, of the general manager, agent, owner, or Host for the location. Any location and related contact information provided under this Subsection is considered confidential and is not subject to public disclosure due to personal privacy concerns.

**6.04.050 Exemptions.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 162647; effective January 4, 1990.) No tax imposed under this Chapter shall be imposed upon:

- A.** Any occupant for more than 30 successive calendar days (a person who pays for lodging on a monthly basis, irrespective of the number of days in such a month, shall not be deemed a transient);

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- B.** Any person who rents a private home, vacation cabin, or like facility from any owner who rents such facilities incidentally to his own use thereof, except Bed and Breakfast Homes and Inns;
- C.** Any occupant in a hospital room, medical or mental health facility, convalescent home, home for aged people, or a government owned and operated public institution.
- D.** Any person housed through an emergency shelter or disaster program where the rent is paid with government assistance funds;
- E.** Any Federal Government employee traveling on official government business, who presents an official Government Exemption Certificate or official travel authorization.

#### **6.04.060 Registration of Operator; Form and Contents; Execution; Certification of Authority.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 186736, effective August 29, 2014.)

- A.** Every person engaging or about to engage in business as an operator of a hotel in this City shall register with the Bureau on a form provided by the Bureau. Operators starting business must register within 15 calendar days after commencing business. The privilege of registration after the date of imposition of such tax shall not relieve any person from the obligation of payment or collection of tax regardless of registration. Registration shall set forth the name under which an operator transacts or intends to transact business, the location of his place of business and such other information to facilitate the collection of the tax as the Bureau may require. The registration shall be signed by the operator.
- B.** The Bureau shall, within 10 days after registration, issue without charge a certificate of authority to each registrant to collect the tax from the occupant, together with a duplicate thereof for each additional place of business of each registrant. Certificates shall be nonassignable and nontransferable and shall be surrendered immediately to the Bureau upon the cessation of business at the location named or upon the business sale or transfer. Each certificate and duplicate shall state the place of business to which it is applicable and shall be prominently displayed thereon so as to be seen and come to notice readily of all occupants and persons seeking occupancy.
- C.** Said certificate shall, among other things, state the following:
  - 1.** The name of the operator;

2. The address of the hotel;
  3. The date upon which the certificate was issued;
  4. “This Transient Occupancy Registration Certificate signifies that the person named has fulfilled the requirements of the Transient Lodgings Tax Chapter of the City of Portland for the purpose of collecting and remitting the lodgings tax. This certificate does not authorize any person to conduct any unlawful business or to conduct any lawful business in an unlawful manner, or to operate a hotel without strictly complying with all local applicable laws, including but not limited to those requiring a permit from any board, commission, department or office of the City of Portland. This certificate does not constitute a permit.”
- D.** Operators of Type A and Type B accessory short-term rentals as described in Section Chapter 33.207 must include their Type A Permit Number or Type B Conditional Use case file number, as applicable, in all advertising and other listing services. No person shall advertise or otherwise represent that an accessory short-term rental has received approval unless that person holds a current, valid permit or Conditional Use case file. Additionally, this Permit Number or Conditional Use case file number shall be prominently displayed in the rental unit so as to be seen by all short-term occupants.

**6.04.070 Due Date; Returns and Payments.**

- A.** The tax imposed by this Chapter shall be paid by the transient to the operator at the time that rent is paid. All amounts of such taxes collected by any operator are due and payable to the Tax Administrator on the 15th day of the following month for the preceding 3 months; and are delinquent on the last day of the month in which they are due. If the last day of the month falls on a holiday or weekend, amounts are delinquent on the first business day that follows. The Bureau has authority to classify and/or district the operators for determination of applicable tax periods, and shall notify each operator of the due and delinquent dates for the operator’s returns. The initial return under this Chapter may be for less than 3 months preceding the due date; thereafter returns shall be made for the applicable quarterly period.
- B.** On or before the 15th day of the month following each quarter of collection, a return for the preceding quarter’s tax collections shall be filed with the Bureau. The return shall be filed in such form as the Bureau may prescribe by every operator liable for payment of tax.
- C.** Returns shall show the amount of tax collected or otherwise due for the related period. The Bureau may require returns to show the total rentals upon which tax

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was collected or otherwise due, gross receipts of operator for such period and an explanation in detail of any discrepancy between such amounts, and the amount of rents exempt, if any.

- D.** The person required to file the return shall deliver the return, together with the remittance of the amount of the tax due, to the Bureau at its office, either by personal delivery or by mail. If the return is mailed, the postmark shall be considered the date of delivery for determining delinquencies.
- E.** For good cause, the Bureau may extend for not to exceed 1 month the time for making any return or payment of tax. No further extension shall be granted, except by the Bureau Director. Any operator to whom an extension is granted shall pay interest at the rate of 1.25 percent per month on the amount of tax due without proration for a portion of a month. If a return is not filed, and the tax and interest due is not paid by the end of the extension granted, then the interest shall be added to the tax due for computation of penalties described elsewhere in this Chapter.
- F.** The Bureau, if deemed necessary in order to insure payment or facilitate collection by the City of the amount of taxes in any individual case, may require returns and payment of the amount of taxes for other than quarterly periods.

#### **6.04.080 Penalties and Interest.**

- A.** Original delinquency. Any operator who has not been granted an extension of time for remittance of tax due and who fails to remit any tax imposed by this Chapter prior to delinquency shall pay a penalty of 10 percent of the amount of the tax due in addition to the amount of the tax.
- B.** Continued delinquency. Any operator who has not been granted an extension of time for remittance of tax due, and who failed to pay any delinquent remittance on or before a period of 30 days following the date on which the remittance first became delinquent shall pay a second delinquency penalty of 15 percent of the amount of the tax due plus the amount of the 10 percent penalty first imposed.
- C.** Fraud. If the Bureau determines that the nonpayment of any remittance due under this Chapter is due to fraud or intent to evade the provisions thereof, a penalty of 25 percent of the amount of the tax shall be added thereto in addition to the penalties stated in paragraphs A and B of this Section.
- D.** Interest. In addition to the penalties imposed, any operator who fails to remit any tax imposed by this Chapter shall pay interest at the rate of 1 percent per month or fraction thereof without proration for portions of a month, on the amount of the tax

due from the date on which the remittance first became delinquent until paid. Interest shall be compounded monthly.

- E.** Penalties and interest merged with tax. Every penalty imposed and such interest as accrues under the provisions of this Section shall be merged with and become a part of the tax herein required to be paid. If delinquency continues, requiring additional penalty and interest calculations, previously assessed penalty and interest are added to the tax due. This amount becomes the new base for calculating new penalty and interest amounts.
- F.** Petition for waiver. Any operator who fails to remit the tax herein levied within the time herein stated shall pay the penalties herein stated, provided, however, the operator may petition the Bureau Director for waiver and refund of the penalty or any portion thereof and the Bureau Director may, if a good and sufficient reason is shown, waive and direct a refund of the penalty or any portion thereof.

**6.04.090      Deficiency Determination; Fraud, Evasion, Operator Delay.**  
(Replaced by Ordinance No. 184772, effective August 26, 2011.)

- A.      Deficiency determinations. If the Bureau determines that a return is incorrect, that** required reports or returns have not been filed, or that an operator has otherwise failed to comply with the terms of the Code, it may compute and determine or estimate the amount required to be paid based on the facts contained in the return or returns or any other information reasonably within its possession. Once a deficiency determination is made, the amount is due and payable ten days after service of a deficiency notice from the Bureau. The Bureau may also determine and assess penalties and interest as set forth in Section 6.04.080.
  - 1.** In making a determination, the Bureau may offset overpayments, if any, which may have been previously made for a period or periods against any deficiency for a subsequent period or periods, or against penalties and interest on the deficiency.
  - 2.** The Bureau shall give to the operator or transient (in the case of a refund request) a written notice of its determination. The notice may be served personally or by mail. If by mail, the notice shall be addressed to the operator at his/her address as it appears on the records of the Bureau or as the Bureau can best determine if the operator has not provided that information to the Bureau. In case of service by mail or any notice required by this Chapter, the service is complete at the time of deposit with the United States Post Office.

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3. Any deficiency is due and payable 10 days after the Bureau serves its written notice. The operator or transient (in the case of a refund request) may petition for a redetermination if the petition is filed within 10 days of service as provided in Section 6.04.100. Nothing prohibits the Bureau from extending the time for petition beyond 10 days at its discretion.
  4. Except as provided herein, every deficiency determination shall be made and notice mailed within 3 years after a return was originally filed or subsequently amended, whichever period expires later. In the case of the filing of a false or fraudulent return with the intent to evade this Chapter, a failure to file a required return, or willful refusal to collect and remit the tax, a deficiency determination may be made, or a proceeding for the collection of such deficiency may be commenced, at any time.
- B.** Operator delay. If the Bureau believes that the collection of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected and paid to the City will be jeopardized by delay, or if any determination will be jeopardized by delay, the Bureau may make a determination of the tax or amount of tax required to be collected, noting the fact upon the determination. The amount so determined as herein provided shall be immediately due and payable, and the operator shall immediately pay such determination to the Bureau after service of notice thereof; provided, however, the operator may petition, after payment has been made, for a redetermination of the Bureau's assessment, if the petition is filed within 10 days from the date of the written notice from the Bureau.

#### **6.04.100 Redeterminations.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 184772, effective August 26, 2011.)

- A.** Any person against whom a determination is made under Section 6.04.090 or any person directly interested may petition for a redetermination and redemption and refund within the time required in Section 6.04.090, the determination becomes final at the expiration of the allowable time.
- B.** If a petition for redetermination and refund is filed within the allowable period, the Bureau Director shall reconsider the determination, and, if the person has so requested in his/her petition, shall grant the person an oral hearing and shall give him/her 10 days notice of the time and place of the hearing. The Bureau Director may continue the hearing from time to time as may be necessary.
- C.** The Bureau Director may decrease or increase the amount of the determination as a result of the hearing and, if an increase is determined, such increase shall be payable immediately after the hearing.

- D.** The order or decision of the Bureau Director upon a petition for redetermination of redemption and refund becomes final 10 days after service upon the petitioner of notice thereof, unless appeal of such order of decision is filed with the Business License Appeals Board within the 10 days after service of such notice.
- E.** No petition for redetermination, redemption or refund or other appeal shall be accepted and no petition or appeal is effective for any purpose unless the operator has first complied with the payment provisions hereof and has paid in full the amount determined to be due by the decision appealed from.

**6.04.110 Security for Collection of Tax.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 162647; effective January 4, 1990.) The Bureau, whenever deemed necessary to insure compliance with this Chapter, may require any operator subject thereto to deposit with it such security in the form of cash, bond, or other security as the Bureau may determine. The amount of the security shall be fixed by the Bureau but shall not be greater than twice the operator's estimated average quarterly liability for the period for which he files returns, determined in such manner as the Bureau deems proper. The amount of the security may be increased or decreased by the Bureau subject to the limitation herein provided.

**6.04.120 Refunds.**

- A.** Refunds by City to operator. Whenever the amount of any tax, penalty, or interest has been paid more than once or has been erroneously or illegally collected or received by the Bureau under this Chapter, it may be refunded, provided a verified claim in writing therefor, stating the specific reason upon which the claim is founded, is filed with the Bureau within 3 years from the date of payment. The claim shall be made on forms provided by the Bureau. If the claim is approved by the Bureau, the excess amount collected or paid may be refunded or may be credited on any amounts then due and payable from the operator from whom it was collected or by whom paid and the balance may be refunded to such operator, his/her administrators, executors, or assignees.
- B.** Refunds by City to transient. Whenever the tax required by this Chapter has been collected by the operator, and deposited by the operator with the Bureau, and it is later determined that the tax was erroneously or illegally collected or received by the Bureau, it may be refunded by the Bureau to the transient, provided a verified claim in writing therefor, stating the specific reason on which the claim is founded, is filed with the Bureau within 3 years from the date of payment.
- C.** Refunds by operator to tenant. Whenever the tax required by this Chapter has been collected by the operator and it is later determined that the tenant occupies the hotel for a period exceeding 30 days without interruption, the operator shall refund to



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such tenant the tax previously collected by the operator from that tenant as transient. The operator shall account for such collection and refund to the Bureau. If the operator has remitted the tax prior to refund or credit to the tenant, he shall be entitled to a corresponding refund under this Section.

#### **6.04.130 Administration.**

- A.** Records required from operator, et cetera; form. Every operator shall keep guest records of room sales and accounting books and records of the room sales. All records shall be retained by the operator for a period of 3 years and 6 months after they come into being.
- B.** Examination of records; investigations. The Bureau, or any person authorized in writing by it, may examine during normal business hours the books, papers and accounting records relating to room sales of any operator, after notification to the operator liable for the tax, and may investigate the business of the operator in order to verify the accuracy of any return made, or if no return is made by the operator, to ascertain and determine the amount required to be paid.
- C.** At any time within 3 years after any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected becomes due and payable or at any time within 3 years after any determination becomes final, the Bureau may bring an action in the courts of this State, or any other state, or of the United States in the name of the City to collect the amount delinquent together with penalties and interest.
- D.** Confidential financial information. Except as otherwise required by law, it shall be unlawful for the Bureau, the Auditor, or any officer, employee, or agent, to divulge, release, or make known in any manner any financial information submitted or disclosed to the Bureau under the terms of Chapter 6.04, Transient Lodgings Tax. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit:
  - 1.** The disclosure to, or the examination of, financial records by City officials, employees or agents for the purpose of administering or enforcing the terms of this Chapter, or collecting taxes imposed under the terms of this Chapter, or collecting City business license fees; or
  - 2.** The disclosure to the taxpayer or his/her authorized representative of financial information, including amounts of transient lodgings taxes, penalties, or interest, after filing of a written request by the taxpayer or his/her authorized representative and approval of the request by the Bureau Manager; or



3. The disclosure of the names and addresses of any persons to whom Transient Occupancy Registration Certificates have been issued; or
4. The disclosure of general statistics in a form which would prevent the identification of financial information regarding any particular taxpayer's return or application; or
5. The disclosure of financial information to the City Attorney or other legal representatives of the City, to the extent the Bureau deems disclosure or access necessary for the performance of the duties of advising or representing the Bureau.

**6.04.140 Business License Appeals Board; Hearings Officer; Appeal; Rules.**

(Replaced by Ordinance No. 184772, effective August 26, 2011.) The Business License Appeals Board shall have power and it shall be its duty:

- A. Except as provided herein, the Business License Appeals Board has authority to hear and determine appeals of orders or decisions of the Bureau or Bureau Director made upon petitions for redetermination of tax. The Board may affirm, modify, or reverse such orders or decisions or dismiss the appeals and prescribe such forms, rules, and regulations relating to appeals as it may deem necessary. In the review of the Bureau or Bureau Director's decision or order, the Board may take such evidence and make such investigation as it may deem necessary. It shall give notice of its determinations in the manner prescribed for service of a notice of the Bureau or Bureau Director's decision and shall file a copy of each such determination with the Bureau. Such determination shall become final after 10 days and any increase to the determination becomes due and payable once final, subject to interest and penalties, and enforceable by the Bureau in like manner as an order or decision of the Bureau or Bureau Director.
- B. For an amount in controversy greater than \$10,000 and less than \$50,000, an appellant may request a hearing by an appointed Hearings Officer instead of a hearing by the Business License Appeals Board.
- C. An appeal involving an amount in controversy greater than \$50,000 shall be heard by a Hearings Officer instead of a hearing by the Business License Appeals Board. The Hearings Officer shall be appointed by the City Attorney, shall be a member of the Oregon State Bar and shall not be a City employee.
- D. In appeal hearings held before a Hearings Officer, the appellant and the City's representative shall each have the right to appear in person and be represented by legal counsel, to receive notice, to respond to and present evidence, to call and cross-examine witnesses under oath and to present argument on all issues involved.

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Subject to the provisions herein, the City Attorney may promulgate supplementary rules and procedures for the conduct of the hearing, the forms of notice and proceedings, and the preparation and submission of the record.

- E.** The record in a proceeding before the Hearings Officer shall include:
- 1.** All pleadings, motions, and intermediate rulings;
  - 2.** Evidence received or considered;
  - 3.** Stipulations;
  - 4.** A statement of matters officially noticed;
  - 5.** Questions and offers of proof, objections, and rulings thereon;
  - 6.** Proposed findings and exceptions; and
  - 7.** Any proposed, intermediate, or final order prepared by the Hearings Officer.
- F.** The Hearings Officer shall have the power to compel attendance of witnesses by deposition or at hearing and the production of documents by subpoena to any party upon showing of general relevance and subpoena in accordance with civil law.
- G.** The formal rules of evidence shall not apply and any relevant evidence that is the sort of evidence upon which reasonably prudent persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious business affairs shall be admissible. Irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded. Hearsay evidence may be considered by the Hearings Officer, but no findings may be based solely on hearsay evidence unless supported or corroborated by other relevant and competent evidence. The Hearings Officer shall give effect to the rules of privilege recognized by law.
- H.** The Hearings Officer may take notice of judicially recognizable facts, and the Hearings Officer may take official notice of general, technical, or scientific facts within the specialized knowledge of City employees.
- I.** A verbatim, written, mechanical, or electronic record shall be made on all motions, rulings, and testimony if requested by any party. The record shall be transcribed for the purposes of court review. If the City prevails on such review, the reasonable costs of preparing the transcript shall be allowed as a part of the City's costs in such action.

- J.** The Hearings Officer is authorized to rule upon issues of law or fact and to determine the amount of the tax, penalty or interest due in accordance with the Transient Lodgings Tax Law. The Hearings Office shall not have any jurisdiction to waive, mitigate or suspend the collection of any tax, penalty or interest found to be duly imposed.
- K.** The decision of the Hearings Officer shall be issued in writing in a final order. The final order shall become final on the date specified in the order, which date shall be within 30 days after the conclusion of the hearing. The decision shall be the final administrative remedy of the appellant. Any amounts due shall be payable to the City Treasurer within 10 days of the order becoming final. The Hearings Officer shall notify the parties to a proceeding of a final order by delivering or mailing a copy of the order and any accompanying findings and conclusions to each party or, if applicable, the party's attorney of record.

**6.04.150 Appeal to Business License Appeals Board, Hearings Officer.**

(Replaced by Ordinance No. 184772, effective August 26, 2011.) Any operator or transient aggrieved by a decision of the Bureau Director made pursuant to Section 6.04.100 may appeal to the Business License Appeals Board or Hearings Officer as allowed in Section 6.04.140 by filing a notice of appeal with the Bureau Director within 10 days of the service of the notice of a Director's decision. Any hearing shall be scheduled by the Business License Appeals Board or Hearings Officer in accordance with rules pertaining to such appeals.

**6.04.160 Appeals to City Council.**

(Repealed by Ordinance No. 184772, effective August 26, 2011.)

**6.04.170 Violations.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 186985, effective February 20, 2015.) It is unlawful for any Operator or other person so required to fail or refuse to register as required herein, or to furnish any return required to be made, or fail or refuse to furnish a supplemental return or any other data required by the Bureau or to render a false or fraudulent return. No person required to make, render, sign, or verify any report shall make any false or fraudulent report, with intent to defeat or evade the determination of any amount due required by this Chapter. The Bureau Director may impose a civil penalty of up to \$500 for each violation of this Chapter. A violation includes, but is not limited to:

- A.** Failure to file any required Transient Lodgings Tax payment and/or report, including any penalties and interest, within 60 days of the due date;
- B.** Filing a false or fraudulent report;

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- C.** Failure to register a hotel or Short-Term Rental with the Bureau as described in Section 6.04.060;
- D.** Failure to maintain a separate account for the transient lodgings tax collected when required by the Bureau;
- E.** Failure to provide any data or other information requested by the Bureau, including but not limited to, the physical address of a transient lodging occupancy location within Portland and the related contact information;
- F.** Failure to obtain an Accessory Short-Term Rental permit, provide the Type A Permit Number or Type B Conditional Use case file number in advertising or other listing services, or post this number in the rental unit; and
- G.** Failure by a Booking Agent to prominently display the Accessory Short-Term Rental permit or case file number.

**Chapter 6.05**

**TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

(Chapter added by Ordinance No. 185443,  
effective July 20, 2012.)

**Sections:**

- 6.05.010 Portland Tourism Improvement District.
- 6.05.020 Definitions.
- 6.05.030 License Required.
- 6.05.040 License Transfer.
- 6.05.050 License Term.
- 6.05.060 Portland Tourism Improvement District License Rate.
- 6.05.070 Due Date; Returns and Payments.
- 6.05.080 Disposition of License Fees.
- 6.05.090 Authority of Director to Adopt Rules, Procedures, and Forms.
- 6.05.100 Late Penalties and Interest.
- 6.05.110 Civil Penalties.
- 6.05.120 Revenues and Programs.
- 6.05.130 Portland Tourism Improvement District Periodic Sunset Review.
- 6.05.140 Severability.

**6.05.010 Portland Tourism Improvement District.**

The Portland Tourism Improvement District includes all hotels, as defined in Section 6.05.020, with 50 or more rooms within the Portland City limits.

**6.05.020 Definitions.**

- A.** “Bureau” means the Revenue Bureau of the City of Portland, along with its employees and agents;
- B.** “Bureau Director” and “Director” mean the Director of the Revenue Bureau of the City of Portland, or his or her designee;
- C.** “District” means the Portland Tourism Improvement District as described in this Chapter;
- D.** “Notice” means a written document mailed by the Bureau by first class mail to the last known address of a hotel as provided to the Bureau in the latest application or return on file at the Bureau; or, if mailed to a hotel who is not a licensee, then to

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the last known address of the hotel as provided to the Portland Water Bureau or, if that Bureau has no address record, as provided to the Revenue Bureau in the latest business license tax return on file at the Bureau or, if none, then to such address as may be determined following reasonable investigation;

- E.** “Hotel” means any structure, or any portion of any structure which is occupied or intended or designed for transient occupancy for 30 days or less for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes, and includes any hotel, inn, tourist home or house, motel, studio hotel, bachelor hotel, lodging house, rooming house, apartment house, public or private dormitory, fraternity, sorority, public or private club, and also means space or portion thereof so occupied, provided such occupancy is for less than a 30-day period.
- F.** “Engaged in hotel management activities” means:
- 1.** Being financially responsible for a water service provided to a hotel;
  - 2.** Being financially responsible for operation of a hotel business;
  - 3.** Being financially primarily responsible for the indicia of management of a hotel, in cases not covered by Subsection 1. or 2. Indicia of management of property include, in order of importance, but need not be limited to:
    - a.** Being responsible for waste disposal service provided to a hotel;
    - b.** Being responsible for providing fire insurance for a hotel;
    - c.** Being responsible for repair and maintenance of a hotel;
    - e.** Being responsible for operation of heating, ventilating, and air conditioning equipment that serves a hotel; and
    - f.** Being responsible for the operation and maintenance of fire prevention and suppression equipment that serves a hotel.
- G.** "City Council" means the City Council of the City of Portland, Oregon.
- H.** "Rent" means the consideration charged by the hotel, whether or not received by the hotel, for the occupancy of guest rooms only, valued in money, goods, labor, credits, property or other consideration valued in money, without any deduction.
- I.** “Management Corporation” means an incorporated nonprofit organization that is responsible for the promotion of Portland on a year-round basis; manages tourism-

related economic development plans, programs, and projects; and represents tourism-related businesses.

- J.** “Person” means a natural person, partnership, joint venture, association, club, trust estate, corporation (for profit or not-for-profit), or any other entity or combination of entities capable of engaging in hotel management activities within the District.
- K.** “Licensee” means a person licensed to engage in hotel management activities within the District under this Chapter.

**6.05.030 License Required.**

Any person engaged in hotel management activities of any hotel with 50 or more rooms within the District shall obtain a license for such activities covering each license year, or if application is made after the beginning of a license year, then for the balance of the license year. Only one person need obtain a license for each hotel in the District. The term license as used in this Chapter, shall not be construed to mean a permit and no physical license will be issued. The license fees prescribed herein are for the privilege of engaging in the activity of hotel property management in the District, and the revenues collected will be used as provided herein. The payment of a license fee required hereunder and the acceptance of such fee and issuance of a license by the City shall not entitle a licensee to engage in any activities not in compliance with all the requirements of this Code, including but not limited to the requirements of Title 7, and all other applicable laws.

**6.05.040 License Transfer.**

- A.** Except as provided in this Section, no license shall be transferred or assigned from one person to another.
- B.** The Bureau shall allow transfer of a license for the balance of its term to a successor or transferee who continues the acts that constituted hotel management activities requiring a license under this Chapter. Any transfer shall be reported to the Bureau in writing or on a form provided by the Bureau and shall be effective when the Bureau approves the transfer as complete. The licensee shall be responsible for any license fee installments which become payable prior to the Bureau’s approval; and the transferee shall be responsible for any license fee installments which become payable after the Bureau’s approval.

**6.05.050 License Term.**

- A.** Each license issued under this Chapter shall be dated as of the first day of the month in which the license is issued or was required to have been obtained. Each license issued under this Chapter shall expire on the first September 30 following the date on which the license was issued.

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- B.** Any person under license who wishes to continue engaging in hotel management after the expiration of a license term must file a license renewal at least 30 days before the license expires or such other time as is established by Bureau rule.

#### **6.05.060 Portland Tourism Improvement District License Rate.**

The license assessment established by this Chapter for hotel management activities in the Portland Tourism Improvement District for a license year shall be calculated as follows:

- A.** Gross rent charged by the hotel;
- B.** Minus rent received from any occupant for a stay of more than 30 successive calendar days (rent derived from stays by a person who pays for lodging on a monthly basis, irrespective of the number of days in such a month, shall also be subtracted);
- C.** Minus rent received from stays by any person housed through an emergency shelter or disaster program where the rent is paid with government assistance funds; and
- D.** Minus rent received from stays by any Federal Government employee traveling on official government business, who presents an official Government Exemption Certificate or official travel authorization.
- E.** Multiplied by .02 (two percent).

#### **6.05.070 Due Date; Returns and Payments.**

- A.** The assessment imposed by this Chapter is due and payable on the 15th day of the following month for the preceding three months; and are delinquent on the last day of the month in which they are due. If the last day of the month falls on a holiday or weekend, amounts are delinquent on the first business day that follows. The Bureau has the authority to classify and/or direct the hotels for determination of applicable collection periods. The initial return under this Chapter may be for less than three months preceding the due date based on the date of license issuance; thereafter returns shall be made for the applicable quarterly period, unless other reporting periods are required by the Bureau.
- B.** On or before the 15th day of the month following each quarter of collection, a return for the preceding quarter assessment on a form prescribed by the Bureau shall be filed. The return shall be filed in such form as the Bureau may prescribe by every person liable for payment of the assessment.



- C.** Returns shall show the amount of assessment owed for the quarter. The Bureau may require returns to show the total rentals upon which the assessment was calculated, gross receipts of the hotel for such period and an explanation in detail of any discrepancy between such amounts, and the amount of rents exempt, if any.
- D.** The person required to file the return shall cause to be delivered the return, together with the remittance of the amount of assessment due, to the Bureau at its office, either by personal delivery or by mail. If the return is mailed, the postmark shall be considered the day of delivery for determining delinquencies.
- E.** For good cause shown, the Bureau may extend, the time for making any return or payment of the assessment for a period not to exceed one month. No further extension shall be granted, except by the Bureau Director. Any person granted an extension shall pay interest at the rate of 1.25 percent per month on the amount of assessment due without proration for a portion of a month. If an extension is granted and the assessment and interest due is not paid by the end of the extension granted, then the interest shall be added to the assessment due for computation of penalties and additional interest designed elsewhere in this Chapter.
- F.** The Bureau, if deemed necessary in order to ensure payment or facilitate collection by the City of the amount of assessments in any individual case, may require returns and payment of the amount of assessments for other than quarterly periods.

**6.05.080      Disposition of License Fees.**

- A.** To cover its cost of collecting the assessment, the Bureau may retain up to one percent of the revenues collected.
- B.** The Bureau shall forward net revenues collected, minus any amount withheld pursuant to Subsection 6.05.080 A., to the Management Corporation, which shall manage funds pursuant to Section 6.05.120.

**6.05.090      Authority of Director to Adopt Rules, Procedures, and Forms.**

- A.** The Director may adopt administrative rules, procedures, and forms to implement the provisions of this Chapter.
- B.** Adoption of Rules.

  - 1.** Prior to the adoption of any rule by the Director pursuant to this Section, a public hearing shall be conducted. The Director shall give reasonable public notice of a proposal to adopt rules not less than 10, nor more than 30, days before the public hearing. The notice shall include the place, time, and

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purpose of the public hearing, a brief description of the proposed rules, and the location at which copies of the full text of the proposed rules may be obtained.

2. During the public hearing, the Director shall hear statements or receive written comment concerning the proposed rules. The Director shall either adopt the proposed rule, modify it, or reject it, taking into consideration the comments received during the public hearing. If a substantial modification is made, additional public review shall be conducted, but no additional public notice shall be required if an announcement is made at the hearing of a future hearing for a date, time and place certain at which the modification will be discussed. Unless otherwise stated, all rules shall be effective upon adoption by the Director. All rules adopted by the Director shall be filed in the Bureau's office. Copies of all current rules shall be made available to the public upon request.
3. The Director may adopt an interim rule without prior public notice upon a finding that failure to act promptly will result in serious prejudice to the public interest or the interest of the affected parties, including the specific reasons for such prejudice. Any rule adopted pursuant to this paragraph shall be effective for a period of no longer than 180 days.

#### **6.05.100 Late Penalties and Interest.**

- A. Original Delinquency. Any Licensee that has not been granted an extension of time for remittance of the assessment due and which fails to remit any assessment imposed by this Chapter prior to the delinquency date shall pay a late penalty of 10 percent of the amount of the assessment due in addition to the amount of the assessment.
- B. Continued Delinquency. Any Licensee which has not been granted an extension of time for remittance of assessments due, and which failed to pay any delinquent remittance on or before a period of 30 days following the date on which the remittance first became delinquent shall pay a second delinquency late penalty of 15 percent of the amount of the assessment due plus the amount of the 10 percent late penalty first imposed and any interest assessed.
- C. Fraud. If the City determines that the nonpayment of any remittance due under this Chapter is due to fraud or intent to evade the provisions thereof, a penalty of 25 percent of the amount of the assessment shall be added thereto in addition to the late penalties stated in Subsections A. and B. of this Section.

- D.** Interest. In addition to the late penalties imposed, any Licensee that fails to remit any assessment imposed by this Chapter shall pay interest at the rate of 1 percent per month or fraction thereof without proration for portions of a month, on the amount of the assessment due from the date on which the remittance first became delinquent until paid. Interest shall be compounded monthly.
- E.** Late Penalties and interest merged with assessment. Every penalty imposed and such interest as accrues under the provisions of this Section shall be merged with and become a part of the assessment herein required to be paid. If delinquency continues, requiring additional penalty and interest calculations, previously assessed penalty and interest are added to the assessment due. This amount becomes the new base for calculating new penalty and interest amounts.
- F.** Petition for Waiver. Any Licensee that fails to remit the assessment herein levied within the time herein stated shall pay the penalties herein stated, provided, however, the hotel may petition the City for waiver of the penalty or any portion thereof and the City may, if a good and sufficient reason is shown, waive and refund or credit to another period the penalty or any portion thereof.

**6.05.110 Civil Penalties.**

- A.** The Director may impose a civil penalty of up to \$500 for failure to file a return or pay any assessment within 60 days of the Due Date provided in Section 6.05.070.
- B.** The determination of a violation and imposition of a civil penalty under this Section shall be subject to appeal to the Code Hearings Officer under the provisions of Chapter 22.10 of this Code.

**6.05.120 Revenues and Programs.**

- A.** Revenues shall be used only for programs which promote overnight tourism and improve the lodging business environment. Programs shall be designed to benefit hotels paying the assessment. Programs may include:
  - 1.** Internet, radio, television, and print advertising;
  - 2.** Branding efforts;
  - 3.** Sales promotions;
  - 4.** Sponsorship of special events which attract out-of-town visitors; and
  - 5.** Other programs designed to increase overnight stays at hotels.

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- B.** Revenues shall be forwarded to and managed by a comprehensive destination marketing organization operating in Portland, which shall be the Management Corporation. The Management Corporation shall:
1. Prepare and submit to the City, and make available to lodging businesses, an annual report on expenditures and activities;
  2. Manage funds in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter;
  3. Not be considered a public entity for any purpose; nor shall its Board members be considered public officials for any purpose; and
  4. Enter into an Agreement with the City relative to management of district funds.
- C.** The Portland Tourism Improvement District is intended to provide supplemental funding for marketing programs above and beyond those currently provided. TID funds shall supplement the existing funding of 1 percent of transient lodging tax dedicated to promotion, solicitation, procurement and service of convention business and tourism in the City.

#### **6.05.130 Portland Tourism Improvement District Periodic Sunset Review.**

During 2017 and each 5th year thereafter, the City Council shall conduct a public hearing or hearings to determine whether the Portland Tourism Improvement District assessment should be terminated. Prior to the first such hearing in 2017 and each 5th year thereafter, the City shall mail notice of the hearing to the then current Portland Tourism Improvement District hotels under this Chapter.

#### **6.05.140 Severability.**

If any portion, clause, or phrase of this Chapter is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, and if such portion, clause, or phrase is not so substantial that the City Council would not have adopted this Chapter without it, then the remaining portions, clauses, and phrases shall not be affected but shall remain in full force and effect.

**Chapter 6.06**

**DISTRICT PROPERTY  
MANAGEMENT LICENSE**

(Chapter replaced by Ordinance No. 175729,  
effective July 27, 2001.)

**Sections:**

6.06.010	License Required.
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6.06.040	License.
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- 6.06.240 Request Annual CPI Increase to be Different than Calculated.
- 6.06.250 Lloyd District.
- 6.06.260 Lloyd District Fee Rates for Engaging in Property Management Activities.
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- 6.06.280 Lloyd District Periodic Sunset Review.
- 6.06.290 Lloyd District Early Termination.
- 6.06.300 Request That Annual Lloyd District Escalator Be Lowered.

#### **6.06.010 License Required.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.) Any person engaged in property management activities within a District will pay a license fee for such activities covering each license year, or if registration is made after the beginning of a license year, then for the balance of the license year. The term “license,” as used in this Chapter, will not be construed to mean a permit and no physical license will be issued. The license fees prescribed herein are for the privilege of engaging in the activity of property management in a District, and the revenues collected will be used to provide, through a qualified contractor, cleaning, security, crime prevention, business development, transportation, public policy, housing, and marketing and communications services, or any such services, that benefit properties in the District. The payment of a license fee required hereunder and the acceptance of such fee and issuance of a license by the City will not entitle a licensee to engage in any activities not in compliance with all the requirements of this Code, including but not limited to the requirements of Title 7, and all other applicable laws.

#### **6.06.020 Definitions.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 182925 and 185495, effective July 11, 2012.) Unless the context requires otherwise, the terms used in this Chapter will be defined as follows:

- A.** “Assessed Value of Improvements” means, for property tax years beginning on or before July 1, 1996, the assessed value of improvements as recorded in the assessment roll for Multnomah County for a specified assessment year and, for property tax years beginning on or after July 1, 1997, the real market value of improvements as recorded in the assessment roll for Multnomah County for a specified assessment year; or, as to property assessed by the Oregon Department of Revenue, the real market value of the property where “real market value” means the minimum amount in cash which could be reasonably expected by an informed seller acting without compulsion from an informed buyer acting without compulsion, in an arm’s length transaction during that assessment year.
- B.** “Bureau” means the Revenue Bureau of the City of Portland, along with its employees and agents;

- C.** “Business property” means real property that is not residential property and is not exempt property. If real property in the District in part is residential or exempt property and in part is neither residential nor exempt property, then “business property” is that portion of the real property that is neither residential nor exempt property, including a proportionate share of the land. For a condominium, all condominium units and their undivided interests in the common elements will be treated as a single property;
- D.** “CPI-W” means the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for Portland-Salem, OR-WA, not seasonally adjusted, as published semi-annually by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics;
- E.** “CPI-W adjustment factor” for a license year means the fraction in which the numerator is the CPI-W HALF1 immediately preceding the commencement of that license fee year and the denominator is the CPI-W for HALF1 for 2011;
- F.** “District” means an enhanced services district as described in this Chapter;
- G.** “Elevator capacity” means the pounds of elevator capacity for elevators type PXH, PXVE, and PXE as recorded in the records of the Building Codes Division of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services;
- H.** “Engaged in property management activities” means:
- 1.** Being financially responsible for a water service provided to a building or, if there is no building on property, to land within the District, in the event there is a single water service serving the property;
  - 2.** Being financially responsible for operation of a business or a residential use that exclusively occupies a building or, if there is no building on property, land within the District, in the event there is no water service serving the property;
  - 3.** Being financially primarily responsible for the indicia of management of property within the District, in cases not covered by Subsection 1. or 2. Indicia of management of property include, in order of importance, but need not be limited to:
    - a.** Being responsible for a water service provided to common areas of a building;
    - b.** Being responsible for waste disposal service provided to a building, including common areas, or, if there is no building, to land;

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- c. Being responsible for providing fire insurance for a building;
      - d. Being responsible for repair and maintenance of a building;
      - e. Being responsible for operation of heating, ventilating, and air conditioning equipment that serves a building, including common areas; and
      - f. Being responsible for the operation and maintenance of fire prevention and suppression equipment that serves a building, such as alarm systems and sprinklers.
  4. Notwithstanding Subsections 1. through 3. of this Subsection, being an owner of property whose activities in relationship to the property consist only of activities that the owner is mandated by law to carry out will not constitute being “engaged in property management activities.”
- I. “Exempt property” means:
  1. Mass shelters, as defined in Chapter 33.910 of this Code;
  2. Property owned or being purchased by religious organizations including:
    - a. Houses of public worship and other additional buildings and property used solely for administration, education, literary, benevolent, charitable, entertainment, and recreational purposes by religious organizations, the lots on which they are situated, and the pews, slips, and furniture therein. However, “exempt property” does not include any part of any house of public worship or other additional buildings or property which is kept or used as a store or shop or for any purpose other than those stated in this subsection; and
    - b. Parking lots used for parking or any other use as long as that parking or other use is permitted without charge for no fewer than 355 days during the license year; and
  3. Any other property in a particular District established by this Chapter that this Chapter identifies as exempt property for that District.
- J. “Licensee” means a person licensed to engage in property management activities within the District under this Chapter;



- K.** “Manager” means the Director of the Revenue Bureau or his or her designee;
- L.** “Notice” means a written document mailed by the Bureau by first class mail to the last known address of a licensee as provided to the Bureau in the latest application on file at the Bureau; or, if mailed to a person who is not a licensee, then to the last known address of the person as provided to the Portland Water Bureau or, if that Bureau has no address record, as provided to the Revenue Bureau in the latest general business license tax return on file at the Bureau or, if none, then to such address as may be determined following reasonable investigation;
- M.** “Person” means a natural person, sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, association, club, trust estate, corporation (for profit or not-for-profit), or any other entity capable of engaging in property management activities within the District;
- N.** “Qualified contractor” means a non-profit corporation or other non-profit entity established by property owners or licensees in the District for the purpose of providing services that benefit the District;
- O.** “Residential Property” means real property that is exclusively in residential use and is not exempt property. If part of real property is in residential use and part is not in residential use or is exempt property, then “residential property” is that portion of the real property that is exclusively in residential use and is not exempt property, and a proportionate share of land. Property is considered to be in residential use if the use is within a “Residential Use Category” as defined by Chapter 33.920 of this Code. For a condominium, all condominium units and their undivided interests in the common elements will be treated as a single property; and
- P.** “Square feet” and “square footage,” except as otherwise expressly stated in this Chapter, means square footage as recorded in the records of the Multnomah County Office of Assessment and Taxation or, if not so recorded, as measured using the same method as used by the Multnomah County Office of Assessment and Taxation.

**6.06.030 Authority of Manager to Adopt Rules, Procedures and Forms.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.)

- A.** The Manager may adopt rules, procedures and forms to implement the provisions of this Chapter.
- B.** Adoption of Rules.

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1. Prior to the adoption of any rule by the Manager pursuant to this Section, a public hearing will be conducted. The Manager will give reasonable public notice of his or her proposal to adopt rules not less than ten nor more than thirty days before such public hearing. Such notice will include the place, time, and purpose of the public hearing, a brief description of the proposed rules, and the location at which copies of the full text of the proposed rules may be obtained.
2. During the public hearing, the Manager will hear statements or receive written comment concerning the proposed rules. The Manager will either adopt the proposed rule, modify it, or reject it, taking into consideration the comments received during the public hearing. If a substantial modification is made, additional public review may be conducted, but no additional public notice will be required if an announcement is made at the hearing of a future hearing for a date, time and place certain at which the modification will be discussed. Unless otherwise stated, all rules will be effective upon adoption by the Manager. All rules adopted by the Manager will be filed in the Bureau's office. Copies of all current rules will be made available to the public upon request.
3. Notwithstanding Subsections 6.06.030 B.1.-2., the Manager may adopt an interim rule without prior public notice upon a finding that failure to act promptly will result in serious prejudice to the public interest or the interest of the affected parties, including the specific reasons for such prejudice. Any rule adopted pursuant to this paragraph will be effective for a period of not longer than 180 days.

#### **6.06.040 License.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.) No person will engage in property management activity within the District unless such person first will have paid a license fee installment as described in Subsection 6.06.140.

#### **6.06.050 Exemptions from License Requirements.**

Persons who the city is prohibited from licensing or taxing under the Constitution or laws of the United States, the Constitution or laws of the State of Oregon, or the Charter of the City are exempt from the license requirements imposed by this Chapter, to the extent of any such prohibition.

#### **6.06.060 License Transfer.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.)

- A. Except as provided in this Section, no license will be transferable from one person to another.

- B.** The Bureau may allow transfer of a license for the balance of its term to a successor or transferee who continues the acts that constituted property management activities requiring a license under this Chapter. Any transfer will be reported to the Bureau in writing or on a form provided by the Bureau and will be effective when the Bureau approves the transfer as complete. The licensee will be responsible for any license fee installments which become payable prior to the Bureau's approval; and the transferee will be responsible for any license fee installments which become payable after the Bureau's approval.

**6.06.070 Contents of License.**

(Repealed by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.)

**6.06.080 License Term.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.)

- A.** Each license issued under this Chapter will be dated as of the first day of the month in which the license is issued or was required to have been obtained. Each license issued under this Chapter will expire on the day prior to the beginning of the new license year. In no case will a license be valid in excess of 12 months.

**6.06.090 Preparation and Notice of Fee.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.) On or before August 1 of each year, the Bureau will make a preliminary determination of each person engaged in property management activity within the District and subject to the license fee requirement and of the amount of license fee payable by the person for the next license year. On or before August 1, the Bureau will mail to each person preliminarily determined to be engaged in property management activity within the District and subject to the license fee requirement a notice which contains the following information:

- A.** That the Bureau has determined the person is engaged in property management activity within the District that is subject to the license fee requirement;
- B.** The amount of the license fee the Bureau has determined to be payable by the person for the next license year, including the data and formula used in determining the amount;
- C.** The activities which constitute being engaged in property management activities, as defined in Subsection 6.06.020 H.1.-3.;
- D.** The activities which do not constitute being engaged in property management activities, as defined in Subsection 6.06.020 H.4.;

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- E.** The exemption provisions of Section 6.06.050 and the definition of exempt property as set out in Section 6.06.020 I. and any other provision of this Chapter applicable to the District;
- F.** That any appeal from the determinations of the Bureau as to the person's engagement in property management activity within the District, as to the person's being subject to the license fee requirement, or as to the amount of the license fee payable by the person for the next license year, must be filed in writing with the Bureau not later than 30 days after the notice is mailed. Appeal information from Section 6.06.100 will be included with the notice.

#### **6.06.095 Preparation and Notice of Fee Adjustment.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.) In cases in which the sections of this Chapter establishing a license fee formula for the District provide for a license fee adjustment, the Bureau, following City issuance of authorization to occupy improvements or any portion of improvements, will make a preliminary determination of the license fee adjustment for the balance of the license year. The Bureau will mail to the licensee a notice which contains the following information:

- A.** That the Bureau has determined that the licensee is subject to a fee adjustment;
- B.** The amount of the adjusted license fee the Bureau has determined to be payable by the licensee for the balance of the license year, including the data and formula used in determining the adjusted amount;
- C.** That any appeal from the determinations of the Bureau as to the person's being subject to a license fee adjustment, or as to the adjusted amount payable for the balance of the license year, must be filed in writing with the Bureau not later than 30 days after the notice is mailed.

Failure to receive notice as provided in this Section will not relieve a person from the obligation to pay an adjusted license fee payable under this Chapter.

#### **6.06.100 Appeals.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 176955 and 185495, effective July 11, 2012.)

- A.** Persons to whom the Bureau mails a notice under Section 6.06.090 will be presumed to be engaged in property management activity within the district, to be subject to the license fee requirement, and to be liable for the amount indicated in the notice as the license fee payable by the person for the next license year, unless the person files with the Bureau an appeal not later than 30 days after the date of mailing of the notices.

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- B.** Persons to whom the Bureau mails a notice under Section 6.06.095 will be presumed to be subject to a license fee adjustment, and to be liable for the adjusted amount indicated in the notice as payable for the balance of the license year, unless the person files with the Bureau an appeal not later than 30 days after the date of mailing of the notices.
- C.** A person may appeal a preliminary determination of the Bureau made under Section 6.06.090 on the following grounds:
- 1.** The person is not engaged in property management activity within the District as defined in Subsection 6.06.020 H.1.-4.;
  - 2.** The person is not subject to the license fee requirement because the person is exempt under Section 6.06.050;
  - 3.** The amount of license fee determined by the Bureau to be payable by the person for the next license year is incorrect because the data reviewable under Subsection E. of this Section or the application of the formula to the data is incorrect.
- D.** A person may appeal a preliminary determination of the Bureau made under Section 6.06.095 on the following grounds:
- 1.** The licensee is not subject to a fee adjustment;
  - 2.** The amount of the adjusted license fee determined by the Bureau to be payable by the person for the balance of the license year is incorrect because the data reviewable under Subsection E. of this Section or the application of the formula to the data is incorrect.
- E.** The Bureau, in its discretion, may grant an appeal without audit or may audit an appeal to determine whether the appeal should be granted. The audit may include review of such evidence as the Bureau deems appropriate. If the person appeals on the ground that the data used in determining the license fee payable are incorrect, the Bureau will not be bound by the data contained in the record sources identified in the sections of this Chapter establishing the license fee formula for the District and may consider other evidence as to data, except that the Bureau will be bound by the assessed value data as recorded in the Multnomah County assessment roll, by the square footage data as recorded in the records in the Multnomah County Office of Assessment and Taxation, by the City Bureau of Development Services written documentation of authorization to occupy improvements or portions of improvements, by the City Bureau of Development Services building permit application records of the cost of physical changes, and by the City Bureau of

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Development Services building permit application records of the additional square feet of improvements, when those record sources are designated for use by a section of this Chapter establishing the license fee formula for the District. In the event the Bureau determines that an appeal should or should not be granted, in whole or in part, then the Bureau will give the appealing person written notice of the determination and the reasons, by mail or personal delivery. The Bureau's determination is final.

#### **6.06.110 Registration for License.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.)

- A.** All persons required to obtain a license under this Chapter may register with the Bureau either in writing or on specific forms if provided by the Bureau. Registrations will be filed, together with the specified license fee installment if known or due at the time of registration:
  - 1.** Before the property manager engages in property management activities in the District; or
  - 2.** Prior to commencement of the new license year.
- B.** The Bureau may, for good cause, allow further time for filing registrations, except that no extension may be granted for more than 30 days.
- C.** The registration may contain a written declaration, verified by the property manager, that the statements made therein are true.
- D.** The Bureau will prepare information containing appropriate data and fee calculations and make them available at its office, on request. Failure to receive or secure a form, file a registration or to receive notice as provided in Section 6.06.090, will not relieve a person from the obligation to pay a license fee and register for a license under this Chapter.

#### **6.06.120 Interest on Delayed Application.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.) When the time for filing a license registration is extended at the request of the applicant, interest at the rate specified in Subsection 6.06.150 B. will be added and paid on the license fee installment or portion thereof not paid within the time originally allowed.

#### **6.06.140 Fee Payment in Two Installments.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.) Except as otherwise provided by Section 6.06.145, District license fees will be payable as follows:

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- A.** Except as provided in Subsection F. of this Section, the license fee computed under a section of this Chapter establishing a license fee formula for the District will be payable in two equal installments, with the first installment due on October 1 of the license year and the second installment due on April 1 of the license year.
- B.** On or before February 15 of each license year, the Bureau will mail notice to each licensee stating the amount of the second installment payable on April 1 of the license year.
- C.** The property manager or licensee on record as of the billing date of the notice of fee each license year is presumed to be the responsible party for the entire license year unless the Bureau approves the transfer to another property manager or licensee under Section 6.06.060. If the licensee has not engaged in property management activities within the District until after the beginning of the license year and a transfer has been approved, then the fee payment required will be the next installment due, provided that the property management activities within the District began no later than the billing notice of the next installment.
- D.** In computing the license fee payable by a licensee who has not engaged in District business property management activities until after the beginning of a license year, no fee shall be payable in relation to any real property which, for that license year, has been paid by another licensee.
- E.** In case of a license fee adjustment under a subsection of this Chapter establishing a license fee formula for the District:

  - 1.** The amount of any adjustment increase allocable to the portion of the license year between October 1 and March 31 will be due 30 days after the Bureau's mailing of notice of the fee adjustment to the licensee under Section 6.06.095, subject to any change in the adjustment in an appeal under Subsection 6.06.100 B.
  - 2.** The amount of any adjustment increase allocable to the portion of the license year between April 1 and September 30 will be due on April 1 of the license year or 30 days after the Bureau's mailing of notice of the fee adjustment to the licensee under Section 6.06.095, whichever is later, subject to any change in the adjustment in an appeal under Subsection 6.06.100 B.
  - 3.** The amount of any adjustment decrease allocable to the portion of the license year between October 1 and March 31, provided that the amount previously determined to be due as of that October 1 has already been paid, will be refunded to the licensee or credited to an outstanding installment

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amount due within 30 days after the Bureau's mailing of notice of the fee adjustment to the licensee under Section 6.06.095, subject to any change in the adjustment in an appeal under Subsection 6.06.100 B.; and

4. The amount of any adjustment decrease allocable to the portion of the license year between April 1 and September 30, provided that the amount previously determined to be due as of that April 1 has already been paid, will be refunded to the licensee or credited to an outstanding installment amount due within 30 days after the Bureau's mailing of notice of the fee adjustment to the licensee under Section 6.06.095, subject to any change in the adjustment in an appeal under Subsection 6.06.100 B.

#### **6.06.145 Fee Payment in One Installment.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.) If a qualified contractor for a District has filed a written request approved by resolution of the City Council that the District license fee be payable in one installment, District license fees for future license fee years will be payable as follows, until such time as the City Council by resolution determines that the District license fee will be payable in two installments in accord with Section 6.06.140:

- A. Except as provided in Subsection E. of this Section, the license fee computed under a section of this Chapter establishing a license fee formula for the District will be payable in one installment due on October 1 of the license year.
- B. Each registration for a license, will be accompanied by payment of the license fee for the license year if known.
- C. The property manager or licensee on record as of the billing date of the notice of fee each license year is presumed to be the responsible party for the entire license year unless the Bureau approves the transfer to another property manager or licensee under Section 6.06.060.
- D. In computing the license fee payable by a licensee who has not engaged in District business property management activities until after the beginning of a license year, no fee will be payable in relation to any real property which, for that license year, has been included in computing the license fee payable by another licensee.
- E. In case of a license fee adjustment under a subsection of this Chapter establishing a license fee formula for the District:
  1. The amount of any adjustment increase for a license year will be due 30 days after the Bureau's mailing of notice of the fee adjustment to the



licensee under Section 6.06.095, subject to any change in the adjustment in an appeal under Subsection 6.06.100 B.

2. The amount of any adjustment decrease for a license year, provided that the amount previously determined to be due has already been paid, will be refunded to the licensee or credited to an outstanding installment amount due within 30 days after the Bureau's mailing of notice of the fee adjustment to the licensee under Section 6.06.095, subject to any change in the adjustment in an appeal under Subsection 6.06.100 B.

**6.06.150      Penalty and Interest on Failure to Pay Fee.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.)

- A. If a person:
  1. Fails to file a correct registration at the time required by or under this Chapter; or
  2. Fails to pay a fee installment at the time it becomes due, unless it is shown that the failure is due to reasonable cause and not due to neglect, then there will be added to the amount of a fee installment a penalty of:
    - a. 5 percent of the amount of the unpaid fee installment, but not less than \$20, if the failure is for not more than 1 month; and
    - b. Additional penalties of 5 percent of the unpaid fee installment for each additional month or fraction thereof during which the failure continues, up to a maximum of four (4) additional months.
- B. Interest will be collected on any unpaid fee installment at the rate of 10 percent simple interest per annum, computed on the balance still due at the end of each month following the date the fee installment became due. For purposes of this subsection, "unpaid fee installment" will not include penalties or interest.
- C. If a person fails to file a registration on the prescribed date, as determined with regard to any extension for filing, the Bureau may determine the fee and fee installment payable. If the Bureau determines the fee and fee installment payable, the Bureau will determine appropriate penalties and interest and will send notice to the person of the determination.
- D. The Bureau may apply payments to penalty and interest assessments before applying payments to fee installments due.

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#### **6.06.160 Civil Penalties.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.)

- A.** The Manager may impose a civil penalty of up to \$500 for each of the following violations of this Chapter:
  - 1.** Failure to file any registration within 90 days of the Bureau's original written notice to file;
  - 2.** Failure to pay any fee installment within 90 days of the Bureau's original written notice for payment.
- B.** The Manager may only impose a civil penalty under this section if the Bureau gives notice of the potential for assessment of civil penalties for failure to comply in the original written preliminary determination notice issued under Sections 6.06.090 and 6.06.095.
- C.** The determination of a violation and imposition of a civil penalty under this Section will be subject to appeal to the Code Hearings Officer under the provisions of Chapter 22.10 of this Code.

#### **6.06.180 Severability.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012) If any portion, clause, or phrase of this Chapter is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, and if such portion, clause, or phrase is not so substantial that the City Council would not have adopted this Chapter without it, then the remaining portions, clauses, and phrases will not be affected but will remain in full force and effect.

#### **6.06.190 Clean & Safe District.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.)

- A.** The Clean & Safe District is that area within the boundaries formed by NW and SW Front Avenue on the east; SW Harrison between SW Front and SW 4th; SW 4<sup>th</sup> between SW Harrison and SW Market; SW Market between SW 4th and SW 9th; SW 9th between SW Market and SW Salmon; SW Salmon between SW 9th and SW 11th; SW 11th between SW Salmon and W Burnside; W Burnside between 11th and 9th; NW 9th between W Burnside and NW Hoyt; NW Hoyt between NW 9th and NW Broadway; and the Broadway Bridge on the north; but excluding the area known as 1800 SW First Avenue, more particularly described as part of Block 1, South Auditorium Addition, Blocks A, B, I, J and partial Block H (all comprising Tax Lot 2 of Block 1), at the southeast corner of the District.

- B.** Notwithstanding the exclusion set out in Subsection A. of this Section, beginning with the license year commencing October 1, 2004, the Clean & Safe District also will include the area known as 1800 SW First Avenue, more particularly described as part of Block 1, South Auditorium Addition, Blocks A, B, I, J and partial Block H (all comprising Tax Lot 2 of Block 1), at the southeast corner of the District.

**6.06.200 Clean & Safe District Fee Rates for Engaging in Business Property Management Activities.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 175840, 176776, 176955, 179000 and 185495, effective July 11, 2012.)

- A.** The fee established by this Chapter for management of business property in the Clean & Safe District in a license year will be the sum of the following amounts, computed separately in relation to each such property within the District as to which the licensee is engaged in property management activities:
- 1.** \$.87 (cents) per \$1,000 of value of improvements, measured as set out in Subsection B. of this Section;
  - 2.** Plus \$5.52 per 290 square feet of the sum of improvements and land square footage as of the July 1 immediately preceding commencement of the license fee year;
  - 3.** Plus \$.46 (cents) per pound of elevator capacity as of the July 1 immediately preceding commencement of the license fee year;
  - 4.** Plus 2.5 percent of the sum of Subsections A.1. through 3., as to any business property as to which the licensee is engaged in property management activities, if the business property is among the 50 District business properties used primarily for business activities with the highest value of improvements; and
  - 5.** Less 2.5 percent of the sum of Subsections A.1 through 3., as to any business property as to which the licensee is engaged in property management activities, if the business property is among the 51st to the 150th District business properties used primarily for business activities with the highest value of improvements;
  - 6.** Plus 15 percent of the amounts determined under subsections A.1. through 5.;

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7. Plus \$.01401 (1.401 cents) per square foot of improvements and, for surface parking lots, per square foot of land square footage, as of the July 1 immediately preceding commencement of the license fee year;
8. Plus 20.03 percent of the amounts determined under Subsections A.1. through 7. which is the inflation that occurred during license years 2001 through 2011.
9. Plus the total of the amounts determined under Subsections A.1. through 7. multiplied by the CPI-W factor, for license fee years commencing on or after October 1, 2012.

**B.** “Value of improvements” under this Section will be measured as follows:

1. For business property as to which, on or after July 1, 1994, there has been no physical change resulting in an increase or decrease in square footage of the sum of improvements and land or in elevator capacity, “value of improvements” is the assessed value of improvements for the 1993-94 property tax assessment year;
2. For business property as to which, on or after July 1, 1994 but before July 1, 1997, there has been physical change resulting in an increase or decrease in square footage of the sum of improvements and land or in elevator capacity, “value of improvements” is the assessed value of improvements for the 1996-97 property tax assessment year, discounted by 8.8 percent;
3. For business property as to which, on or after July 1, 1997 but before July 1, 2001, there has been physical change resulting in an increase or decrease in square footage of the sum of improvements and land or in elevator capacity, “value of improvements” is:
  - a. For license fee years that commence before the January 1 immediately preceding the first property tax assessment year in which the assessment roll reflects the change or would reflect it were the property not assessed by the Oregon Department of Revenue, the amount determined under whichever of Subsections B.1. or 2. or C.1. otherwise would be applicable plus the cost of the physical changes as determined from the City Bureau of Development Review records of all building permits issued authorizing or in association with the physical changes, discounted by a percent equal to 8.8 percent plus an additional 2.9 percent for each year between the 1996-97 assessment year and such occupancy authorization date; or

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- b. For license fee years that commence after the January 1 immediately preceding the first property tax assessment year in which the assessment roll reflects the change or would reflect it were the property not assessed by the Oregon Department of Revenue, the assessed value of improvements for the first assessment year in which the assessment roll reflects the physical change or would reflect it were the property not assessed by the Oregon Department of Revenue, discounted by a percent equal to 8.8 percent plus an additional 2.9 percent for each year between the 1996-97 assessment year and such first assessment year;
  4. For business property as to which, on or after July 1, 2001, there has been physical change resulting in an increase or decrease in square footage of the sum of improvements and land square footage or in elevator capacity, but the physical change has not resulted in there being a new building on the property, “value of improvements” is the amount determined under whichever of Subsections B.1., 2., or 3. otherwise would be applicable, multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the square footage of improvements after the physical change and the denominator of which is the square footage of improvements prior to the physical change. For purposes of this Subsection and Subsection B.5. of this Section, building on a property will be considered new if the cost of the physical change, as determined from the City Bureau of Development Services records of all building permits issued authorizing or in association with the physical change, is more than 50 percent of the assessed value of improvements on the property immediately prior to the physical change;
  5. For business property as to which, on or after July 1, 2001, there has been physical change that has resulted in there being a new building on the property, “value of improvements” is \$73 per square foot of improvements.
- C. Notwithstanding Subsections A. and B. of this Section, if as of July 1 immediately preceding commencement of a license year, the Multnomah County Assessor in accord with ORS 307.340 has cancelled the property tax assessment on a business property building, structure, or addition for the property tax assessment year beginning on that July 1, then:
1. For purposes of initially determining the license fee for such license year, the value of improvements, improvements square footage, and elevator capacity attributable to the business property building, structure, or addition will be deemed to be zero; and

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2. If, after that July 1 and prior to completion of such license year the City Bureau of Development Services issues an authorization to occupy the building, structure, or addition as to which the property tax assessment was cancelled, then the license fee payable for such license year will be adjusted. For purposes of adjustment, value of improvements will be measured as set out in set out in Subsection B. of this Section, improvements square footage will be measured as of the date of such authorization, and elevator capacity will be measured as of the date of such authorization. The adjusted license fee will be the amount determined under Subsection A. of this Section multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of whole and partial months after the date of such authorization remaining in the license year and the denominator of which is twelve. For purposes of this Subsection, the date of such authorization will be the date the Bureau of Development Services issues a written authorization to occupy all new improvements on the business property or the date 180 days after the Bureau issues a written authorization to occupy some but not all new improvements on the property, whichever occurs first.

#### **6.06.210 Clean & Safe District Fee Rates for Engaging in Residential Property Management Activities.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 175840, 176955 and 185495, effective July 11, 2012.)

- A. The fee established by this Chapter for management of residential property in the Clean & Safe District for a license year, other than affordable residential rental property as defined in Section 6.06.211, will be the sum of the following amounts, computed separately in relation to each such property within the District as to which the licensee is engaged in property management activities:
  1. \$.87 (cents) per \$1,000 of value of improvements, measured as set out in Subsection B. of this Section;
  2. Plus \$5.52 per 725 square feet of the sum of improvements and land square footage as of the July 1 immediately preceding commencement of the license fee year;
  3. Plus \$.46 (cents) per pound of elevator capacity as of the July 1 immediately preceding commencement of the license fee year;
  4. Plus 15 percent of the amounts determined under Subsections A.1. through 3.;

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5. Plus 20.03 percent of the amounts determined under Subsections A.1. through 4. which is the inflation that occurred during license years 2001 through 2011.
  6. Plus the total of the amounts determined under Subsections A.1. through 4. multiplied by the CPI-W adjustment factor, for license fee years commencing on or after October 1, 2012.
- B.** “Value of improvements” under this Section will be measured as follows:
1. For residential property as to which, on or after July 1, 1994, there has been no physical change resulting in an increase or decrease in square footage of the sum of improvements and land or in elevator capacity, “value of improvements” is the assessed value of improvements for the 1993-94 property tax assessment year;
  2. For residential property as to which, on or after July 1, 1994 but before July 1, 1997, there has been physical change resulting in an increase or decrease in square footage of the sum of improvements and land or in elevator capacity, “value of improvements” is the assessed value of improvements for the 1996-97 property tax assessment year, discounted by 8.8 percent;
  3. For residential property as to which, on or after July 1, 1997 but before July 1, 2001, there has been physical change resulting in an increase or decrease in square footage of the sum of improvements and land or in elevator capacity, “value of improvements” is:
    - a. For license years that commence before the January 1 immediately preceding the first property tax assessment year in which the assessment roll reflects the change or would reflect it were the property not assessed by the Oregon Department of Revenue, the amount determined under whichever of Subsections B.1. or 2. or C.1. otherwise would be applicable plus the cost of the physical changes as determined from the City Bureau of Development Services records of all building permits issued authorizing or in association with the physical changes, discounted by a percent equal to 8.8 percent plus an additional 2.9 percent for each year between the 1996-97 assessment year and such occupancy authorization date; or
    - b. For license years that commence after the January 1 immediately preceding the first property tax assessment year in which the assessment roll reflects the change or would reflect it were the

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property not assessed by the Oregon Department of Revenue, the assessed value of improvements for the first assessment year in which the assessment roll reflects the physical change or would reflect it were the property not assessed by the Oregon Department of Revenue, discounted by a percent equal to 8.8 percent plus an additional 2.9 percent for each year between the 1996-97 assessment year and such first assessment year;

4. For residential property as to which, on or after July 1, 2001, there has been physical change resulting in an increase or decrease in square footage of the sum of improvements and land square footage or in elevator capacity, but the physical change has not resulted in there being a new building on the property, "value of improvements" is the amount determined under whichever of Subsections B.1., 2., or 3. otherwise would be applicable, multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the square footage of improvements after the physical change and the denominator of which is the square footage of improvements prior to the physical change. For purposes of this Subsection and Subsection B.5. of this Section, building on a property will be considered new if the cost of the physical change, as determined from the City Bureau of Development Services records of all building permits issued authorizing or in association with the physical change, is more than 50 percent of the assessed value of improvements on the property immediately prior to the physical change;
  5. For residential property as to which, on or after July 1, 2001, there has been physical change that has resulted in there being a new building on the property, "value of improvements" is \$68 per square foot of improvements.
- C. Notwithstanding Subsections A. and B. of this Section, if as of July 1 immediately preceding commencement of a license year, the Multnomah County Assessor in accord with ORS 307.340 has cancelled the property tax assessment on a residential property building, structure, or addition subject to this Section, for the property tax assessment year beginning on that July 1, then:
1. For purposes of initially determining the license fee for such license year, the value of improvements, improvement square footage, and elevator capacity attributable to the building, structure, or addition will be deemed to be zero; and
  2. If, after that July 1 and prior to completion of such license year the City Bureau of Development Services issues an authorization to occupy new residential improvements on the property, then the license fee payable for such license year will be adjusted. For purposes of adjustment, value of



improvements will be measured as set out in Subsection B. of this Section, improvements square footage will be measured as of the date of such authorization, and elevator capacity will be measured as of the date of such authorization. The adjusted license fee will be the amount determined under Subsection A. of this Section multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of whole and partial months after the date of such authorization remaining in the license year and the denominator of which is twelve. For purposes of this Subsection, the date of such authorization will be date the Bureau of Development Services issues a written authorization to occupy all new residential improvements on the property or the date 180 days after the Bureau issues a written authorization to occupy some but not all new residential improvements on the property, whichever occurs first.

**6.06.211      Clean & Safe District Fee Rates for Engaging in Affordable Residential Rental Property Management Activities.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.)

- A.**      The fee established by this Chapter for management of affordable residential rental property in the Clean & Safe District for a license year will be the sum of the following amounts, computed separately in relation to each such residential property within the District as to which the licensee is engaged in property management activities:

  - 1.**      If the licensee is a not-for-profit corporation or a government entity, \$20 multiplied by the number of affordable residential dwelling units managed by the licensee; and
  - 2.**      If the licensee is other than a not-for-profit corporation, \$44 multiplied by the number of affordable residential dwelling units managed by the licensee.
- B.**      For purposes of this Section, “affordable residential rental property” means single room occupancy housing, as defined in Chapter 33.910 of this Code; low income housing; and subsidized housing. For purposes of this Subsection, low income housing is dwelling units available for rent at rates that are considered affordable, under federal affordability standards in effect on the July 1 immediately preceding commencement of the license year, to persons earning 60 percent or less of the Portland region median income as identified in the records of Metro as of that July 1. For purposes of this Subsection, subsidized housing is housing units available for rent at below market rates because either the units qualify for federal income tax benefits under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code; or the units are subsidized through United States Department of Housing and Community Development Section 8 subsidies or other public or private organization subsidies.

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Subsidized housing includes but is not limited to student housing owned by the Oregon State System of Higher Education and housing owned by non-profit organizations that is subsidized through charitable contributions and grants.

- C. For purposes of this Section, “dwelling units” means dwelling units as defined in Chapter 33.910 of this Code.

#### **6.06.212 Clean & Safe District Exempt Property.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 182925 and 185495, effective July 11, 2012.) The Clean & Safe District property management license requirements will not apply to exempt property. For purposes of this Section, “exempt property” means exempt property as defined in Subsection 6.06.020 I. and also means exempt residential property. “Exempt residential property” means a dwelling unit as defined in Chapter 33.910 of this Code that is owner-occupied and has its own separate water service.

#### **6.06.213 Computation of Clean & Safe District License Fee for Management of Mixed Use Properties.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.) In computing Clean & Safe District property management license fees under Sections 6.06.200, 6.06.210, and 6.06.211, in relation to property within the District as to which the licensee is engaged in property management activities, where the property is a combination of any two or more of business property that is subject to Section 6.06.200, residential property that is subject to Section 6.06.210, residential property that is subject to Section 6.06.211, exempt property that is subject to Section 6.06.212, or property managed by a person generally exempt under Section 6.06.050 but where the exemption does not apply in relation to part of the property the person manages, the fee in relation to property management activities will be the sum of the following:

- A. For management of the part of the property that is business property subject to Section 6.06.200, the fee computed under Section 6.06.200 computed as though the entire property were such business property, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the square footage of business property improvements on the property subject to Section 6.06.200 and the denominator of which is the square footage of all improvements on the property;
- B. For management of the part of the property that is residential property subject to Section 6.06.210, the fee computed under Section 6.06.210 computed as though the entire property were such residential property, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the square footage of residential property improvements on the property subject to Section 6.06.210, and the denominator of which is the square footage of all improvements on the property; and

- C.** For management of the part of the property that is residential property subject to Section 6.06.211, the fee computed under Section 6.06.211.
- D.** If there are common area improvements in a property subject to this Section, then in computing square footage of business property improvements subject to Subsection A. of this Section and of residential property improvements subject to Subsection B. of this Section, such square footage will be deemed to include an allocated portion of the common area improvements. The allocated portion of common area improvements will be determined by multiplying the square footage of common area improvements by a fraction, the numerator of which is the square footage of business property improvements subject to Subsection A. of this Section or the square footage of residential property improvements subject to Subsection B. of this Section, whichever is appropriate, and the denominator of which is the square footage of all improvements on the property less the square footage of the common area improvements.

**6.06.214 Clean & Safe District Square Footage of Improvements.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 176262; Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.) For purposes of Sections 6.06.200, 6.06.210 and 6.06.213 only, the terms "square footage of improvements" and "improvements square footage" will not include:

- A.** Surface area of surface parking lots;
- B.** Landscaped area;
- C.** Unenclosed sidewalk, plaza, and courtyard area;
- D.** Below grade parking area (but, for parking structures that have above grade parking, will include both any at grade parking area within the parking structure and all above grade parking area within the parking structure); and
- E.** Other below grade area unless improved for occupancy by employees or tenants.

**6.06.215 Pledging of Clean & Safe District License Fee Revenues.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 176776 and 185495, effective July 11, 2012.)

- A.** In addition to the uses of District revenues set out in Section 6.06.010, the City, if so requested in writing by a qualified contractor and approved by the City Council, may pledge Clean & Safe District license fee revenues as security for City debt incurred to finance the design, acquisition, construction, and installation of improvements within the District and may pledge Clean & Safe District license fee revenues to a qualified contractor or its designee in order that the contractor or designee may have revenues sufficiently ensured to enable the contractor or

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designee to incur debt to finance the design, acquisition, construction, installation, operation and maintenance of improvements within the District. Any such pledge of Clean & Safe District license fee revenues will be subject to any limitations set out in Oregon law or in the City Charter. In addition, no City pledge or combination of pledges under this Section for City payment of actual debt service or to enable the qualified contractor or its designee to make payments of actual debt service, but not including pledges to provide excess coverage for City payment of actual debt service or to enable the qualified contractor or its designee to provide excess coverage for payments of actual debt service, at any time will exceed one-third of the Clean & Safe District license fee revenues.

- B.** In making a request under Subsection A. of this Section, the qualified contractor will submit to the City a description of the improvements to be funded in whole or in part with the proceeds of the debt financing. The request also will include a description of any previously provided Clean & Safe District services proposed to be reduced or not provided due to the pledge of the District license fee revenues.
- C.** Notwithstanding Section 6.06.010, if the City pledges District license fee revenues for City debt incurred in accord with this Section, the City will retain the pledged portion of the District license fee revenues, to be used for repayment of the debt.

#### **6.06.216 Lighting and District Amenities Revenues and Program.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 176776; amended by Ordinance Nos. 179000, 185495 and 186288, effective November 15, 2013.)

- A.** As used in this Chapter, “lighting revenues” means that portion of Clean & Safe District revenues collected under Subsection 6.06.200 A.7. as adjusted each year under Subsection 6.06.200 A.8.
- B.** As used in this Chapter, “lighting program” means the design, acquisition, construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of all components, including but not limited to electrical connections and decorative lighting fixtures, necessary for a seasonal and decorative lighting system within portions of the District.
- C.** As used in this Chapter, “district amenities revenue” means that portion of Clean & Safe District revenues collected under Subsection 6.06.200 A.7. as adjusted each year under Subsection 6.06.200 A.8. in excess of amounts necessary to fund the lighting program in Subsection B. in a given year.
- D.** As used in this Chapter, “district amenities program” means the design, acquisition, construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of all components of amenities that improve the safety, function, and appearance of downtown sidewalks including but not limited to:

1. Trash receptacles, including solar trash compactors;
  2. Co-located publication boxes.
- E.** Notwithstanding Section 6.06.010, lighting revenues and district amenities revenues will be used only:
1. For the lighting program and district amenities program as set forth above, including but not limited to the pledging of such revenue as provided under Section 6.06.215;
  2. For a proportionate share of the Bureau's costs of administration of the license fee directed by the City Council to be recovered from license fee revenues, based on the ratio of lighting revenue and district amenities revenues to total District revenues; or
  3. If a qualified contractor determines that lighting revenue and district amenities revenues in a license year will exceed or have exceeded the costs and expenses of the lighting program and the district amenities program in that license year and that the excess revenues will not be needed to fund a prudent reserve or for the costs and expenses of the lighting program and district amenities program in future license years, then for distribution by the qualified contractor to the payers of the lighting revenues and district amenities revenues of that portion of the excess determined by the qualified contractor not to be so needed, in proportion to the amount paid by each payer in the license year that produced the excess.

**6.06.220 Clean & Safe District Periodic Sunset Review.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.) During 2011 and each tenth year thereafter, the City Council will conduct a public hearing or hearings to determine whether the Clean & Safe District property management license fee should be terminated. Prior to the first such hearing in 2011 and in each tenth year thereafter, the City will mail notice of the hearing to the then current Clean & Safe District licensees under this Chapter.

**6.06.230 Clean & Safe District Early Termination.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.) If the City Council, on or before March 30 of any license fee year, receives written objections signed in that license fee year by licensees responsible for more than 33 percent of the total revenues generated from the Clean & Safe District property management license fee during that year, then the license fee for the Clean & Safe District will be terminated as of September 30 of that license fee year except that the fee will continue, at a rate reduced equally proportionally

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as to each licensee, to the extent necessary to meet any City pledge obligations incurred as authorized by Section 6.06.215.

#### **6.06.240 Request Annual CPI Increase to be Different than Calculated.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 185495, effective July 11, 2012.)

- A.** The contractor's Board of Directors may recommend that the annual CPI adjustment be set to an amount other than the CPI calculation, but not less than zero for a license year.
  - 1.** The Board must pass a resolution during a regular board meeting and submit the resolution, any minutes from the meeting and the results of the vote to the Revenue Bureau no later than June 10th. The resolution must contain the following information:
    - a.** The reason why the board is requesting the annual CPI adjustment to be set at a rate that is different than calculated;
    - b.** What the CPI adjustment amount for the license year should be; and
    - c.** The impact on the upcoming budget that will result if a different CPI adjustment is made, specifically as it relates to contract employee wages and contract service levels.
    - d.** The impact to District services.
  - 2.** The Revenue Bureau will review the information from the contractor's Board of Directors and evaluate impacts to contract employee wages to ensure wages for these employees do not decrease inappropriately as a result of a lower CPI adjustment. The Revenue Bureau will make a recommendation to City Council if a different CPI adjustment is warranted for the upcoming license year.
  - 3.** City Council must approve a different CPI adjustment prior to August 1st;
  - 4.** An approved different CPI adjustment will apply to the license year that begins on October 1st.
- B.** Once one or more different CPI adjustments have been approved by City Council, the Revenue Bureau has authority to adjust the CPI component in the fee rate formulas in Subsections 6.06.200 A.9., and 6.06.210 A.6. The Revenue Bureau will document via written policy all changes to the CPI calculation as a result of

City Council approval and this policy will supersede the calculation defined in Subsection 6.06.020 E.

**6.06.250      Lloyd District.**

(Amended by Ordinance No. 186356, effective November 27, 2013.) The Lloyd District is that area within the boundaries formed by the Willamette River, from the Broadway Bridge to the point just south of the Oregon Convention Center at which NE Lloyd Boulevard reaches the River; NE Lloyd Boulevard, from the Willamette River to NE 16th Avenue; NE 16th Avenue curving into NE 15th Avenue, from NE Lloyd Boulevard to NE Halsey Street; NE Halsey Street, from NE 15th Avenue to NE Grand Avenue; NE Grand Avenue, from NE Halsey Street to NE Broadway; and NE Broadway, from NE Grand Avenue to the Willamette River.

**6.06.260      Lloyd Business District Fee Rates for Engaging in Property Management Activities.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 176262, 176955, 182925, 185495 and 186356, effective November 27, 2013.)

- A.** Except as set out in Subsection B. of this Section, the fee established by this Chapter for management of business and residential property in the Lloyd District for a license year will be the sum of the following amounts, computed separately in relation to each such property within the District as to which the licensee is engaged in property management activities:

  - 1.**      \$.40 (cents) per \$1,000 of assessed value of improvements for the 2010-2011 property tax assessment year;
  - 2.**      Plus \$2.25 per 290 square feet of improvements as of July 1, 2010;
  - 3.**      Plus \$.015 (cents) per square foot of land as of July 1, 2010.
  - 4.**      Plus the total of the amounts determined under Subsections A.1. through A.3. multiplied by a 2.3 percent annual escalator for license years commencing on or after February 1, 2015.
- B.** In relation to business and residential property other than exempt residential property where physical changes to the property on or after July 1, 2010 have resulted in an increase or decrease in square footage of improvements, as compared to the square footage as of July 1, 2010, the fee established by this Chapter, for management of such property in the Lloyd District in a license year, will be as provided in this Subsection:



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- 1.** During the period between the date the City Bureau of Development Services issues an authorization, documentable by written documentation, to occupy the improvements, or during the period between 180 days after the date the Bureau of Development Services issues such an authorization to occupy any portion of the improvements that was not occupied while the physical changes were being made, and the date of beginning of the license year following the first property tax assessment year in which the assessment roll reflects the physical changes, the fee otherwise payable during the period will be adjusted to the following amount, prorated based on the number of days of the period in the applicable license year:
  - a.** The amount determined under Subsection A.1., plus \$.40 (cents) per \$1,000 of the cost of the physical changes, as determined from the City Bureau of Development Services records of all building permits issued authorizing or in association with the physical changes;
  - b.** Plus the amount determined under Subsection A.2., plus \$2.25 per 290 additional square feet of improvements, resulting from the physical changes, as determined from the City Bureau of Development Services records of building permits issued authorizing or in association with the physical changes;
  - c.** Plus the amount determined under Subsection A.3.
- 2.** Beginning with the license year following the first property tax assessment year in which the assessment roll reflects the physical changes, the fee will be:
  - a.** \$.40 (cents) per \$1,000 of assessed value of improvements for the first property tax assessment year in which the assessment roll reflects the physical changes or would reflect the changes were the property not assessed by the Oregon Department of Revenue;
  - b.** Plus \$2.25 per 290 square feet of improvements, as of July 1 of the first property tax assessment year in which the assessment roll reflects the physical changes or would reflect the changes were the property not assessed by the Oregon Department of Revenue;
  - c.** Plus the amount set out in Subsection A.3.;



- d.** Plus the total of the amounts determined under Subsections B.2.a. through B.2.c. multiplied by a 2.3 percent annual escalator for the license years commencing on or after February 1, 2015.

**C.** In computing the fee as provided in Subsection A. or B.:

- 1.** In relation to real property within the Lloyd District as to which a licensee is engaged in property management activities, where the property in part is exempt residential property or religious organization property or,
- 2.** In relation to persons generally exempt from the license requirements of this Chapter under Section 6.06.050 but where the exemption does not apply to property management activities in relation to part of the property they manage, the fee in relation to property management activities as to such real property will be the fee computed as though management of the entire property were subject to the fee multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the square footage of the area in which the licensee is engaged in property management activities subject to the fee (including land or improvements, as applicable) and the denominator of which is the square footage of the entire real property parcel (including land or improvements, as applicable).
- 3.** In relation to property within the District as to which there is more than one property manager for a given property, the fee for each property manager will be calculated as follows:
  - a.** Each property manager's fee will first be computed as though the property manager was subject to the fee for the entire property. That amount will then be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the square footage of the area for which the property manager is engaged in property management activities subject to the fee (including land or improvements, as applicable), and the denominator of which is the square footage of the entire real property parcel (including land or improvements, as applicable); and
  - b.** If there are common area improvements in a property subject to Subsection a. above, then in computing square footage of each property manager's improvements, such square footage will be deemed to include an allocated portion of the common area improvements. The allocated portion of common area improvements will be determined by multiplying the square footage of common are improvements by a fraction, the numerator of which is the square footage of the property improvements subject to this

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fee for each district manager, and the denominator of which is the square footage of all improvements on the property less the square footage of the common area improvements.

- D.** Notwithstanding the amount of the fee computed under Subsections A., B., and C., of this Section, in no case will the fee payable by a licensee, in relation to all real property within the Lloyd District as to which the licensee is engaged in property management activities, exceed \$35,000 for non-residential zoned property and \$8,500 for non-exempt residential zoned property.
- E.** The Lloyd District license requirements will not apply to exempt property. For purposes of this Section, “exempt property” means exempt property as defined in Section 6.06.020 I. and also means exempt residential property. For purposes of this Section, “exempt residential property” means a dwelling unit as defined in Chapter 33.910 of this Code that is owner-occupied and has its own separate water service; single room occupancy housing, as defined in Chapter 33.910 of this Code; low income housing; and subsidized housing. For purposes of this Subsection, low income housing is dwelling units available for rent at rates that are considered affordable, under federal affordability standards in effect on July 1, 1997, to persons earning 60 percent or less of the Portland region median income as identified in the records of Metro as of July 1 of each year. For purposes of this Subsection, subsidized housing is housing units available for rent at below market rates because either the units qualify for federal income tax benefits under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, as in effect on January 1, 1997; or the units are subsidized through United States Department of Housing and Community Development Section 8 subsidies, as in effect on January 1, 1997, or other public or private organization subsidies. Subsidized housing includes but is not limited to student housing owned by the Oregon State System of Higher Education and housing owned by non-profit organizations that is subsidized through charitable contributions and grants.
- F.** For purposes of this Section only, the terms "square feet of improvements" and "square footage of improvements" will not include:

  - 1. Surface and structured parking lot area;
  - 2. Landscaped area;
  - 3. Unenclosed sidewalk, plaza, and courtyard area; and
  - 4. Below grade area unless improved for occupancy by employees or tenants.

**6.06.270      Revisions to License Fee Year Schedule.**

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 178073, 185495 and 186356, effective November 27, 2013.) Notwithstanding that Sections 6.06.010 through 6.06.180 are based on a license fee year of October 1 through September 30, the license fee year for the Lloyd District will be February 1 through January 31, with the first license fee year to commence February 1, 2001. Therefore, the due dates set out in Sections 6.06.010 through 6.06.180, for purposes of the Lloyd District, will be February 15 and September 15 except that the August 1 date set out in Section 6.06.090 will be January 5. Any other dates are also changed to provide at least 30 days notice before a due date and may be clarified by the Revenue Bureau in a written policy.

**6.06.280      Lloyd District Periodic Sunset Review.**

(Replaced by Ordinance No. 178073; amended by Ordinance Nos. 185495 and 186356, effective November 27, 2013.) During 2013 and each tenth year thereafter, the City Council will conduct a public hearing or hearings to determine whether the Lloyd District property management license fee should be terminated. Prior to the first such hearing in 2013 and in each tenth year thereafter, the City will mail notice of the hearing to the then current Lloyd District licensees under this Chapter.

**6.06.290      Lloyd District Early Termination.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 178073; amended by Ordinance Nos. 185495 and 186356, effective November 27, 2013.) If the City Council, on or before July 31 of any license fee year, receives written objections signed in that license fee year by licensees responsible for more than 33 percent of the total revenues generated from the Lloyd District property management license fee during that year, then the license fee for the Lloyd District will be terminated as of January 31 of that license fee year.

**6.06.300      Request That Annual Lloyd District Escalator Be Lowered.**

(Added by Ordinance No. 186356, effective November 27, 2013.)

- A.** The Lloyd District contractor's Board of Directors may recommend that the annual 2.3 percent escalator adjustment be set to an amount lower than 2.3 percent for a particular license year.
  - 1.** The Board must pass a resolution during a regular board meeting and submit the resolution, any minutes from the meeting and the results of the vote to the Revenue Bureau no later than October 10th. The resolution must contain the following information:
    - a.** The reason why the board is requesting the annual escalator adjustment be set at a rate that is lower than 2.3 percent;

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- b.** What the Board recommends as the appropriate escalator amount for the license year;
    - c.** The impact on the upcoming budget that will result if a lower escalator adjustment is made, specifically as it relates to contract employee wages and contract service levels; and
    - d.** The impact to District services.
  - 2.** The Revenue Bureau will review the information from the Lloyd District contractor's Board of Directors and evaluate impacts to contract employee wages to ensure wages for these employees do not decrease inappropriately as a result of a lower escalator adjustment. The Revenue Bureau will make a recommendation to City Council if a lower escalator adjustment is warranted for the upcoming license year.
  - 3.** City Council must approve a lower escalator adjustment prior to December 1st.
  - 4.** An approved lower escalator adjustment will apply to the next license year that begins on February 1st.
- B.** City Council's approval to decrease the annual escalator for any given year has no effect on future years, and the District contractor's Board must follow the process outlined in Subsection A.1. of this Section for each year it wishes to recommend a rate lower than the prescribed 2.3 percent escalator.

**Chapter 6.07**

**MARIJUANA AND MARIJUANA-INFUSED  
PRODUCTS TAX**

(Chapter added by Ordinance No. 186857,  
effective November 21, 2014.)

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**6.07.010 Purpose.**

For the purposes of PCC 6.07, every person who sells, transfers, mixes, handles or serves recreational marijuana, or recreational marijuana-infused products in the City is exercising a taxable privilege. The purpose of PCC 6.07 is to impose a tax upon the sale, transfer, mixing, handling or serving of recreational marijuana and recreational marijuana-infused products.

**6.07.020 Definitions.**

When not clearly otherwise indicated by the context, the following words and phrases as used in PCC 6.07 have the following meanings:

- A. “Director” means the director of the Revenue Division of the Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services or his/her designee.
- B. “Gross Taxable Sales” means the total amount received in money, credits, property or other consideration from sale, transfer, mixing, handling or serving of

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recreational marijuana and recreational marijuana-infused products that is subject to the tax imposed by PCC 6.07.

- C.** “Marijuana” means all parts of the plant of the Cannabis family Moraceae, whether growing or not; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant or its resin, as may be defined by Oregon Revised Statutes as they currently exist or may from time to time be amended. It does not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks (except the resin extracted there from), fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination.
- D.** “Oregon Medical Marijuana Program” means the office within the Oregon Health Authority that administers the provisions of ORS 475.300 through 475.346, the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act, and all policies and procedures pertaining thereto.
- E.** “Person” means a natural person, joint venture, joint stock company, partnership, association, club, company, corporation, business, trust, organization, or any group or combination acting as a unit, including the United States of America, the state and any political subdivision thereof, or the manager, lessee, agent, servant, officer or employee of any of them.
- F.** “Purchase or Sale” means the retail acquisition or furnishing for consideration by any person of marijuana within the City and does not include the acquisition or furnishing of marijuana by a grower or processor to a Seller.
- G.** “Retail Sale” means the transfer of goods or services in exchange for any valuable consideration and does not include the transfer or exchange of goods or services between a grower or processor and a Seller.
- H.** “Seller” means any person who is required to be licensed or has been licensed by the state to provide, mix, handle, or serve marijuana or marijuana-infused products to purchasers for money, credit, property or other consideration.
- I.** “Tax” means either the tax payable by the Seller or the aggregate amount of taxes due from a Seller during the period for which the Seller is required to report collections under PCC 6.07.
- J.** “Taxpayer” means any person obligated to account to the Director for taxes collected or to be collected, or from whom a tax is due, under the terms of PCC 6.07.

**6.07.030 Levy of Tax.**

- A.** Every Seller exercising the taxable privilege of selling, mixing, handling or serving recreational marijuana and recreational marijuana-infused products as defined in PCC 6.07 is subject to and must pay a tax for exercising that privilege.
- B.** The amount of tax levied is as follows:  
Ten percent of the gross sale amount paid to the Seller of recreational marijuana and recreational marijuana- infused products by persons who are purchasing recreational marijuana and recreational marijuana-infused products. This tax would not apply to sales made under the provisions of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program.

**6.07.040 Deductions.**

The following deductions are allowed against sales received by the Seller providing marijuana:

- A.** Refunds of sales actually returned to any purchaser;
- B.** Any adjustments in sales that amount to a refund to a purchaser, providing such adjustment pertains to the actual sale of marijuana or marijuana-infused products and does not include any adjustments for other services furnished by a Seller.

**6.07.050 Seller Responsible for Payment of Tax.**

- A.** Every Seller must, on or before the last day of the month following the end of each calendar quarter (in the months of April, July, October and January) make a return to the Director, on forms provided by the Revenue Division, specifying the total sales subject to PCC 6.07 and the amount of tax collected under PCC 6.07. The Seller may request, or the Director may establish, shorter reporting periods for any Seller if the Seller or Director deems it necessary in order to ensure collection of the tax. The Director may require further information in the return relevant to the payment of the tax. A return is not considered filed until it is actually received by the director.
- B.** At the time the return is filed, the Seller must remit to the Director the full amount of the tax collected. Payments received by the Director for application against existing liabilities will be credited toward the period designated by the Taxpayer under conditions that are not prejudicial to the interest of the City. A condition considered prejudicial is the imminent expiration of the statute of limitations for a period or periods.

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- C.** The City will apply non-designated payments in the order of the oldest liability first, with the payment credited first toward any accrued penalty, then to interest, then to the underlying tax until the payment is exhausted. Crediting of a payment toward a specific reporting period will be first applied against any accrued penalty, then to interest, then to the underlying tax.
- D.** If the Director, in his or her sole discretion, determines that an alternative order of payment application would be in the best interest of the City in a particular tax or factual situation, the Director may order such a change. The Director also may require additional information in the return relevant to payment of the liability. When a shorter return period is required, penalties and interest will be computed according to the shorter return period. Returns and payments are due immediately upon cessation of business for any reason. Sellers must hold in trust all taxes collected pursuant to PCC 6.07 on the City's behalf until the Seller makes payment to the Director. A separate trust bank account is not required in order to comply with this provision, unless the Director determines one necessary to ensure collection of the tax.
- E.** Every Seller must keep and preserve in an accounting format established by the Director records of all sales made by the Seller and such other books or accounts as the Director may require. Every Seller must keep and preserve for a period of three years after the tax was due or paid, whichever is later, all such books, invoices and other records. The Director has the right to inspect all such records at all reasonable times.

#### **6.07.060 Penalties and Interest.**

- A.** Any Seller who fails to remit any portion of any tax imposed by PCC 6.07 within the time required must pay a penalty of 15 percent of the entire amount of the tax, in addition to the amount of the tax.
- B.** If any Seller fails to remit any delinquent remittance on or before a period of 30 days following the date on which the remittance first became delinquent, the Seller must pay a second delinquency penalty of 15 percent of the entire amount of the tax in addition to the amount of the tax and the penalty first imposed.
- C.** If the Director determines that the nonpayment of any remittance due under PCC 6.07 is due to fraud, a penalty of 25 percent of the entire amount of the tax will be added thereto in addition to the penalties stated in PCC 6.07.060 A. and PCC 6.07.060 B.
- D.** In addition to the penalties imposed, any Seller who fails to remit any tax imposed by PCC 6.07 must pay compound interest at the rate of one percent per month or



fraction thereof on the amount of the tax, inclusive of penalties, from the date on which the remittance first became delinquent until paid.

- E.** Every penalty imposed, and any interest that accrues under the provisions of PCC 6.07.060, becomes a part of the tax required to be paid.
- F.** All sums collected, including penalty and interest, will be distributed to the City's general fund.
- G.** Penalties for certain late tax payments may be waived or reduced pursuant to policies and processes adopted by the Director. However, the Director is not required to create a penalty waiver or reduction policy. If the Director does not create a policy for waivers or reductions, no waivers or reductions are allowed.

**6.07.070 Failure to Report and Remit Tax – Determination of Tax by Director.**

- A.** If any Seller fails to make any report of the tax required by PCC 6.07 within the time provided in PCC 6.07, the Director will proceed to obtain facts and information on which to base the estimate of tax due. As soon as the Director procures such facts and information upon which to base the assessment of any tax imposed by PCC 6.07 and payable by any Seller, the Director will determine and assess against such Seller the tax, interest and penalties provided for by PCC 6.07.
- B.** If the Director makes a determination as outlined in PCC 6.07.070 A., the Director must give notice to the Seller of the amount assessed. The notice must be personally served on the Seller or deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the Seller at the last known place of address.
- C.** The Seller may appeal the determination as provided in PCC 6.07.080. If no appeal is timely filed, the Director's determination is final and the amount assessed is immediately due and payable.

**6.07.080 Appeal.**

- A.** Any Seller aggrieved by any decision of the Director with respect to the amount of the tax owed along with interest and penalties, if any, may appeal the decision to the Business License Appeals Board as created under PCC 7.02.295.
- B.** The Seller must file the appeal within 30 days of the City's serving or mailing of the determination of tax due. The Seller must file using forms provided by the City.
- C.** Upon receipt of the appeal form, the City will schedule a hearing to occur within 90 calendar days. The City will give the Seller notice of the time and date for the

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hearing no less than seven days before the hearing date. At the hearing the Business License Appeals Board will hear and consider any records and evidence presented bearing upon the Director's determination of amount due and make findings affirming, reversing or modifying the determination. The Director and the appellant may both provide written and oral testimony during the hearing. The findings of the Business License Appeal Board are final and conclusive. The City will serve the findings upon the appellant in the manner prescribed above for service of notice of hearing. Any amount found to be due is immediately due and payable upon the service of notice.

#### **6.07.090 Credits/Refunds.**

- A.** The City may credit to the Seller any tax, interest or penalty amount under any of the following circumstances:
  - 1.** The Seller has overpaid the correct amount of tax, interest or penalty; or
  - 2.** The Seller has paid more than once for the correct amount owed; or
  - 3.** The City has erroneously collected or received any tax, interest or penalties.
- B.** The City may not issue a credit under PCC 6.07.090 unless the Seller provides to the director a written claim under penalty of perjury stating the specific grounds upon which the claim is founded and on forms furnished by the director. The Seller must file the claim within one year from the date of the alleged incorrect payment to be eligible for a credit.
- C.** The Director has 30 calendar days from the date of the claim's receipt to review the claim and make a written determination as to its validity. After making the determination, the Director will notify the claimant in writing of the determination by mailing notice to the claimant at the address provided on the claim form.
- D.** If the Director determines the claim is valid, the claimant may take as credit against taxes collected and remitted the amount that was overpaid, paid more than once, or erroneously received or collected by the city.
- E.** In cases where a there is no future filing to claim the credit or other circumstances where a credit amount should be refunded, the claimant may petition the director to have the credit amount refunded to the claimant.
- F.** The City will not pay a refund unless the claimant establishes by written records the right to a refund and the Director acknowledges the claim's validity.

- G.** The Director may, upon request of the claimant or the Revenue Division, extend the deadlines to file a refund/credit claim or review a refund/credit claim by up to 60 additional days for good cause.

**6.07.100 Actions to Collect.**

Any tax required to be paid by any Seller under the provisions of PCC 6.07 is a debt owed by the Seller to the city. Any tax collected by a Seller that has not been paid to the City is a debt owed by the Seller to the City. Any person owing money to the City under the provisions of PCC 6.07 is liable to an action brought in the name of the City of Portland for the recovery of the amount owing. In lieu of filing an action for the recovery, the City, when taxes due are more than 30 days delinquent, may submit any outstanding tax to a collection agency. So long as the City has complied with the provisions set forth in ORS 697.105, if the City turns over a delinquent tax account to a collection agency, it may add to the amount owing an amount equal to the collection agency fees.

**6.07.110 Violation Infractions.**

- A.** All violations of PCC 6.07 are also subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,000 per occurrence. It is a violation of PCC 6.07 for any Seller or other person to:
- 1.** Fail or refuse to comply as required herein;
  - 2.** Fail or refuse to furnish any return required to be made;
  - 3.** Fail or refuse to permit inspection of records;
  - 4.** Fail or refuse to furnish a supplemental return or other data required by the director;
  - 5.** Render a false or fraudulent return or claim; or
  - 6.** Fail, refuse or neglect to remit the tax to the City by the due date.
- B.** The remedies provided by PCC 6.07 are not exclusive and do not prevent the City from exercising any other remedy available under the law.
- C.** The remedies provided by this section do not prohibit or restrict the City or other appropriate prosecutor from pursuing criminal charges under state law or city ordinance.

**6.07.120 Confidentiality.**

Except as otherwise required by law, it is unlawful for the City, any officer, employee or agent to divulge, release or make known in any manner any financial information submitted

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or disclosed to the City under the terms of PCC 6.07. Nothing in PCC 6.07.120 prohibits any of the following:

- A.** The disclosure of the names and addresses of any person who is operating a licensed establishment from which marijuana is sold or provided; or
- B.** The disclosure of general statistics in a form which would not reveal an individual Seller's financial information; or
- C.** Presentation of evidence to the court, or other tribunal having jurisdiction in the prosecution of any criminal or civil claim by the Director or an appeal from the Director for amounts due the city under PCC 6.07; or
- D.** The disclosure of information to a collection agency in order to collect any delinquent tax amount; or
- E.** The disclosure of records related to a business' failure to report and remit the tax when the report or tax is in arrears for over six months or when the tax exceeds \$5,000. The Council expressly finds that the public interest in disclosure of such records clearly outweighs the interest in confidentiality under ORS 192.501(5).
- F.** The Revenue Division may also disclose and give access to information described in PCC 6.07.120 to:
  - 1.** The City Attorney, his or her assistants and employees, or other legal representatives of the City, to the extent the Revenue Division deems disclosure or access necessary for the performance of the duties of advising or representing the Revenue Division, including but not limited to instituting legal actions on unpaid accounts.
  - 2.** Other employees, agents and officials of the City, to the extent the Revenue Division deems disclosure or access necessary for such employees, agents or officials to:
    - a.** Aid in any legal collection effort on unpaid accounts,
    - b.** Perform their duties under contracts or agreements between the Revenue Division and any other department, bureau, agency or subdivision of the City relating to the administration of PCC 6.07, or
    - c.** Aid in determining whether a Revenue Division account is in compliance with all city, state and federal laws or policies.

**6.07.130      Audit of Books, Records or Persons.**

The City may examine or may cause to be examined by an agent or representative designated by the City for that purpose, any books, papers, records, or memoranda, including copies of Seller's state and federal income tax return, bearing upon the matter of the Seller's tax return for the purpose of determining the correctness of any tax return, or for the purpose of an estimate of taxes due. All books, invoices, accounts and other records must be made available within the city limits and be open at any time during regular business hours for examination by the director or an authorized agent of the director. If any Taxpayer refuses to voluntarily furnish any of the foregoing information when requested, the Director may immediately seek a subpoena from the court to require that the Taxpayer or a representative of the Taxpayer attend a hearing or produce any such books, accounts and records for examination.

**6.07.140      Forms and Regulations.**

- A. The Director is authorized to prescribe forms and promulgate rules, policies and regulations to aid in the making of returns, the ascertainment, assessment and collection of the marijuana tax and to provide for:
  - 1. A form of report on sales and purchases to be supplied to all Sellers;
  - 2. The records that Sellers providing, mixing, serving, or handling marijuana and marijuana-infused products must keep concerning the tax imposed by PCC 6.07.

**6.07.150      Invalidity.**

If any section, clause, phrase, sentence or part of this Chapter shall for any reason be adjudged unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable, it shall only void that part, clause, phrase or section so declared and the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

