

ORDINANCE No. 90988

An Ordinance amending Section 20-7504 of Ordinance No. 76398 (License and Business Code) so as to increase the license fee required of a water utility in the city to a sum equal to 5% instead of 3% of gross revenues, fixing the effective date and declaring an emergency.

The City of Portland does ordain as follows:

Section 1. The Council finds that due to the failure of expected revenues to reach the level estimated for the current fiscal year the City should obtain such additional revenues as will not create an undue or unfair burden upon the operations of businesses involved; that the Bureau of Water Works of the City of Portland operates the only water utility within the city; that under the provisions of Article 75 of the License and Business Code said utility is presently required to pay a license fee measured at 3% of its gross revenue; that due to increased water use and number of services within the city said utility can pay a license fee measured at 5% of its gross revenue without thereby imposing undue burden upon said operation or upon any ratepayer and that payment of such license fee measured by 5% of gross revenues is fair and reasonable on such utility business; now, therefore, Section 20-7504 of Ordinance No. 76398 (License and Business Code) hereby is amended to read as follows:

Section 20-7504. FEES AND PAYMENT

The fee for such license shall be measured by a percentage of the gross revenues received by the utility for each quarter year period of licensed operation. Such percentage for each type of utility shall be as follows:

Electrical utility	5%
Gas utility	2%
Steam utility	5%
Water utility	2%
Transportation utility (including street railway, bus line or any other public passenger carrier, but ex- cluding railroads)	2%
Telephone utility	5%
Telegraph utility	2%

The licensee shall compute the license fee by applying the percentage set for the type of operation in which such utility engages, to said gross revenues, and

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shall pay to the Treasurer of the City of Portland the resultant fee on the following basis: on or before May 15th the fee for the period extending from January 1st through March 31st, inclusive, of the same calendar year; on or before August 15th the fee for the period extending from April 1st through June 30th, inclusive, of the same calendar year; on or before November 15th the fee for the period extending from July 1st through September 30th, inclusive, of the same calendar year; on or before February 15th the fee for the period extending from October 1st through December 31st, inclusive, of the preceding calendar year; but all such payments shall be subject to the deductions set forth in Section 20-7505. A licensee commencing operations as provided in Section 20-7503 shall make his initial payment on or before the payment date following the quarter year period within which such operations are commenced. In the event a licensee terminates operations which come within the provisions of this article, he shall make his final payment on or before the forty-fifth day following the date of such termination.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective on and after January 1, 1950.

Section 3. Inasmuch as this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace and safety of the City of Portland in this: That the provisions contained herein should take effect with the beginning of the coming calendar year so that the increased city revenues provided thereby may be obtained and measured without accounting difficulties; therefore an emergency hereby is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage by the Council

Passed by the Council, JAN 5 1950

Lowry M. Culough
Mayor of the City of Portland
Will Gibson
Attest:

Auditor of the City of Portland

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THE COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
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Bean	/	
Bowes	/	
Cooper	—	
Peterson	/	
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Filed.....JAN 11 1950

Will Gibson.
Auditor of the CITY OF PORTLAND

By.....ROBERT L. MCCOY
Deputy

INTRODUCED BY

Commissioner Bean

DRAWN BY

MCR: gm

Date 12/22/49

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Affairs

Finance

Safety

Utilities

Works

City Attorney MCR

NOTED FOR CITY AUDITOR

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APPROVED

Date

By

Chief Civil Engineer

Date

By

City Engineer