

ORDINANCE No. 18 7806

*Amend fee schedules for tree permits (Ordinance)

The City of Portland Ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) promotes safety, livability, economic vitality, and environmental quality through management of the city's urban forest including efficient and collaborative application of tree regulations.
2. In January 2015, the city's new tree code, Title 11 Trees, was implemented. Title 11 is intended to streamline and consolidate tree regulations, improve tree retention and protection especially during site development, and provide for better enforcement of the city's tree regulations. Better customer service in tree permitting is also an expectation for implementation of Title 11.
3. PP&R is largely a general fund bureau, however it practices cost recovery for some services, and collects certain fees under a fee schedule for certain tree permits. These fees are used by PP&R to fund tree inspections, plan review, permit issuance, land use review, code enforcement, customer assistance and other tree-regulation-related functions.
4. PP&R charges fees to partially compensate for the costs of the services provided. PP&R does not charge fees for some services, for example tree planting and tree pruning permits, in order to encourage these activities and reduce potential barriers to voluntary compliance with regulatory requirements.
5. Other infrastructure and regulatory bureaus, such as Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Water Bureau, Portland Bureau of Transportation, and Bureau of Development Services, charge fees for their services in comparable processes.
6. PP&R has been proactive in informing and seeking input from customers regarding the need and rationale for the proposed fee changes. The bureau has published information about the proposed changes on its website, and has met with relevant stakeholder groups including the Urban Forestry Commission and Development Review Advisory Committee.
7. PP&R is proposing to increase certain tree permit fees to recover more of the costs of delivering those services. No new tree permit fees are proposed in the tree permit fee schedule, certain permit fees remain unchanged, and select others are proposed for removal because they are charged by other entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The Fee Schedule listed as Exhibit A to this ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2016.
- b. This ordinance is binding City policy.

Section 2. The Council declares an emergency exists because a delay would unnecessarily hinder the effectiveness of collecting the new fees; therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council: JUN 08 2016
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Prepared by: Jenn Cairo:
Date Prepared: May 13, 2016

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland

Susan Parsons
Deputy

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<p style="text-align: center;">INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Commissioner Amanda Fritz</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>MAY 24 2016</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz <i>Amanda Fritz</i></p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Novick</p>	<p>Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: Parks & Recreation Bureau Head: Mike Abbate <i>Mike Abbate</i></p>	<p>By: <i>Mary Hull Caballero</i> Deputy</p>
<p>Prepared by: Jenn Cairo Date Prepared: May 13, 2016</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN:</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">JUN 01 2016 CONTINUED TO JUN 08 2016 9:30 A.M.</p>
<p>Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter</p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date June 1, 2016</p>	

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

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Novick	4. Novick	✓	
Hales	Hales	_____	