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**CLOSED CAPTIONING ORDINANCE GOES INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 18, 2015**

On December 18th, 2015 the City of Portland will require captioning on TVs in public places. In a unanimous 5-0 vote on November 18, 2015, the Portland City Council adopted an ordinance requiring all televisions in public places in the City of Portland to have captions turned on at all times. The policy was developed by City Commissioner Amanda Fritz in partnership with the Portland Commission on Disability, Hearing Loss Association of America, and the Oregon Association of the Deaf.

Captioning is a technology that provides services for people with hearing disabilities, people learning English as a second language, people learning to read, and everyone who may need written instructions in an emergency. In 2010, Congress required closed captioning capacity on all TVs and playback devices. Portland's ordinance requires captioning to be turned on at all times on TVs in public places.

To ensure the public have resources to comply with the Portland Ordinance, the City will launch an informational website. The captioning website will have resources on how to activate closed captions on your TV, a FAQ, information on how to comply with the law, and how the law will be enforced. For more information please visit the closed captioning website [here](#).

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