

RESOLUTION No.

Authorize the Office of Community & Civic Life to convene an internal multi-bureau work group to develop a plan for updating cross referenced responsibilities for public involvement and commit to renewing District Coalition Office contracts through June 2023 (Resolution)

WHEREAS, Portland is the proud home to many neighborhood and community groups, who have worked with and without the support of government to improve the City; and

WHEREAS, Portland's demographic is changing, and the city is expected to continue to become more diverse in terms of race, ethnicity, and social structures; and

WHEREAS, underserved communities have historically lacked access to political decision-making, which has contributed to significant inequitable outcomes, including displacement, wealth inequality, and lack of political representation; and

WHEREAS, Black, Indigenous, immigrant and refugee, communities of color, youth, LGBTQ+, disability, and unhoused community members have consistently called for greater inclusion into City decision-making processes, as evidenced by the following reports: Community Connect, New Portlanders Speak, VisionPDX, The Historical Context of Racist Planning: A History of How Planning Segregated Portland, The Portland Plan, and the 2035 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Council has adopted plans and principles that reflect the City's commitment to addressing disparities through modern data-driven decision-making practices including: Smart City PDX Priorities Framework, Privacy and Information Protection Principles, Digital Equity Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, addressing disparities in our city through equitable community engagement is a responsibility shared across bureaus; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community & Civic Life ("Civic Life") engaged in a year-long process to produce recommended changes to Portland City Code Chapter 3.96 to update the bureau's functions and responsibilities to reflect better its responsibility to serve all Portlanders; and

WHEREAS, Council honors the hard work of Committee 3.96, comprised of volunteer civic leaders, whose recommendations were informed by a multi-faceted, multilingual, multicultural, and intergenerational engagement plan; and

WHEREAS, Portland City Code Chapter 3.96 informs citywide approaches to public involvement through cross-referenced responsibilities in other bureaus as identified in Exhibit B, so updates to Chapter 3.96 present an opportunity for broader policy review; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to maintain the existing Portland City Code Chapter 3.96 until additional feedback can be considered about the impact and implementation of any potential changes to this section of code; and

WHEREAS, recommendations for updating Chapter 3.96 should be considered by Council alongside recommendations from partner bureaus whose public involvement responsibilities are cross-referenced by Chapter 3.96; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Civic Life shall assume responsibility for coordinating and staffing a multi-bureau work group, which will provide recommendations for City bureaus' civic engagement practices and methods (including the use of technology and the internet), to equitably provide City services to all Portlanders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the work group will be comprised of representatives from bureaus including, but not limited to, the Bureau of Development Services, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, Office for Community Technology, Office of the City Attorney, Portland Bureau of Transportation, Portland Parks & Recreation, Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, Joint Office of Homeless Services and the Office of Community & Civic Life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the multi-bureau work group shall convene to review cross-referenced responsibilities for public involvement in bureau functioning, including a determination of the scope of public involvement for which each bureau is responsible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Civic Life shall be responsible for incorporating bureau feedback (including scopes of community engagement work and a timeline) into a coordinated stakeholder engagement plan and presenting the work group's recommendations to Council in a public hearing no later than November 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the stakeholder engagement plan will recommend the use of established involvement processes and advisory bodies of participating bureaus, identify any additional engagement processes required to reflect an inclusive cross-section of Portlanders in informing recommendations, and outline a community engagement plan for a process to include all Portlanders in discussing how to promote equity and inclusion in the City's support for community engagement in Portland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the November 2020 Council hearing, presented by Civic Life and informed by the multi-bureau work group, will include recommendations for the timing and additional public processes required, if any, for updating Portland City Code Chapter 3.96; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Civic Life shall release quarterly status memoranda on the progress of the multi-bureau work group to be shared with Council and the public through Civic Life Updates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Civic Life shall bring forth an ordinance to request Council authorization for a three-year extension for the Neighborhood District Coalition contracts, which will currently expire in June 2020;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Accompanying the ordinance to extend the contracts will be a report, subject to Council vote, which shall include the outreach plans by Civic Life and the Commissioner-in-Charge to ensure continued meaningful engagement with neighborhood associations, neighborhood coalitions, community groups, and other stakeholders about how current civic engagement structures within the bureau can be updated to better serve all Portlanders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution is binding City policy.

Adopted by the Council:

Commissioner Chloe Eudaly
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Chapter 3.96 References in City Code

Title 2 Legislation & Elections

- Chapter 2.12 Regulation of Lobbying Entities

Title 3 Administration

- Chapter 3.107 Water Quality Advisory Committee
- Chapter 3.123 Portland Utility Board
- Chapter 3.21 - City Auditor's Independent Police Review

Title 11 Trees

- Chapter 11.30 Tree Permit Procedure
- Chapter 11.45 Programmatic Tree Permits
- Chapter 11.50 Trees in Development Situations
- Chapter 11.80 Definitions and Measurements

Title 14B Public Order and Police

- Chapter 14B.100 - Liquor License Recommendations
- Chapter 14B.130 Marijuana Regulatory License Procedure and Requirements

Title 16 Vehicles and Traffic

- Chapter 16.20 Public Right-Of-Way Parking

Title 17 Public Improvements

- Chapter 17.06 Administration of Public Works Permitting
- Chapter 17.93 Renaming City Streets
- Chapter 17.102 Solid Waste & Recycling Collection
- Chapter 17.103 Prohibition and Restrictions on Single-Use Plastic
- Chapter 17.108 Residential Energy Performance Rating and Disclosure

Title 18 Noise Control

- Chapter 18.14 Exemptions and Variances

Title 20 Parks & Recreation

- Chapter 20.04 General Provisions

Title 24 Building Regulations

- Chapter 24.55 Building Demolition

Title 33 Planning and Zoning

Comprehensive Plan