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**Statement from Commissioner Chloe Eudaly on Mayor Wheeler's Proposed Ordinance
*Increasing Power for the Police Commissioner to Regulate Time, Place, and Manner for
Demonstration***

PORTLAND, OREGON, October 15, 2018 - My office received the Mayor's proposed ordinance on increasing power for the Police Commissioner to regulate time, place, and manner for demonstrations two hours before the press conference that just took place. This did not afford us enough time to review or meaningfully discuss the policy thoroughly.

I share the Mayor's concern and the public's frustration with these violent and disruptive demonstrations. However, as a strong advocate for freedom of speech, expression, and assembly I am very reluctant to support a policy that could infringe in any way on these essential constitutional rights.

I do agree that we need to create a strategy to prevent groups intent on spreading fear in and provoking violence from harming our residents and disrupting and doing damage to our city. There is a legitimate balance to be struck between public safety and free speech. In my view, this begins with an acknowledgment that in our city, although our policies must be content-neutral, it is far-right extremists and hate groups who are necessitating these measures.

I look forward to a thoughtful discussion with advocates and community members as well as my colleagues to ensure we are taking all critical concerns into account and that we come up with the best policies to manage the unique challenges we are facing as a city.

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