

**RESOLUTION No.**

Establish a collaborative public and private work group to develop solutions to the problem of garbage dumpsters and refuse containers being permanently stored on public sidewalks and in the public right-of-way. (Resolution)

WHEREAS, a growing number of garbage dumpsters, refuse containers, and recyclables are being permanently stored on public sidewalks and in the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, they cause a number of negative impacts on the aesthetics and livability of neighborhoods, on local businesses, and on the health and safety of pedestrians and tourists using the sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, permanently storing garbage dumpsters, refuse containers and recyclables on public sidewalks and in the public right-of-way is inconsistent with or in violation of a number of City requirements for protecting the public health, safety and livability of our urban environment; and

WHEREAS, Council acknowledges that there is no one easily identifiable solution for many businesses to readily address this issue and that a collaborative approach offers a greater opportunity to meet the needs of all those affected,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Portland finds it necessary to require representatives from the Bureau of Development Services, Portland Fire Bureau, Portland Office of Transportation, Office of Neighborhood Involvement, and the Office of Sustainable Development to form a collaborative public and private work group with representatives from interested stakeholder groups to develop proposals to eliminate the permanent placement of waste and recyclable dumpsters and containers from public sidewalks and the public right-of-way within two years of passage of this resolution. Co-leaders from OSD and PDOT will be appointed by their respective Commissioners. At least one public representative will also be selected by each of these two Commissioners.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that representatives from the following groups should be invited to participate in this collaborative work group: the Alliance of Portland Neighborhood Business Associations, Oregon Restaurant Association, Portland Business Alliance, the Portland Solid Waste Advisory Committee, the Portland Building Owners and Managers Association, Small Business Advisory Council, the solid waste hauling industry, and citizen representatives.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this collaborative work group shall provide Council with a report that recommends potential solutions within one year of passage of this resolution.

Adopted by Council:

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By

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