

Excerpts from Amendment to Portland City Code

Chapter 9 Elections

RE: Peaks Island Council

...**Whereas**, Peaks Island's distinctive issues and its relatively large population have led to the need for an elected body of representatives that **will work closely with the city council to address island issues; and**

Whereas, the city wishes to assist the residents of Peaks Island in setting up a structure which will **provide a stronger voice on island issues and in city affairs for its residents;**...

Article IV. Peaks Island Council

Sec. 51. Formation of council.

- (a) **Purpose.** **In order to provide the residents of Peaks Island with a different method of gathering input from its residents as to issues of concern to them and to provide such input to the members of the Portland city council, there is hereby established the Peaks Island Council.**

Section 54. Powers and Duties

(a) *Authority.* The Peaks Island council may exercise any powers and perform any functions on Peaks Island including but not limited to:

- (1) Advisory or delegated substantive authority, or both, to hold **public hearings, gather community input and make recommendations to the city council** with respect to such programs as transportation initiatives and parking, community action programs, construction, expansion, location or relocations of public facilities, proposed public works projects, **planning and zoning actions**, fire safety, crime prevention and juvenile delinquency programs, health services, code inspection and city-sponsored recreational programs, law enforcement, harbor control and management, and education;
- (2) Self-help projects, (such as supplemental refuse collection, beautification) fundraising for local improvements or events and similar volunteer efforts; ...

(b) *Regular agenda item.* The city council shall **on its regular agenda schedule timely discussion and opportunity for adoption of recommendations made by the Peaks Island council.** City council

votes on such recommendations shall be carried out in the same manner as votes on other matters on the city council.