

City of St. Helens
ORDINANCE NO. 3315

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ST. HELENS MUNICIPAL CODE
CHAPTER 13.30, ADDING A SUNSET PROVISION TO THE PUBLIC
SAFETY FEE

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Oregon Constitution, the laws of the State of Oregon, and its Charter, the St. Helens City Council has the power to exercise its legislative and administrative authority through the adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, municipal service fees are fees based on the direct or indirect use of or benefit from general city services, such as public safety, library, parks, or another general service and are collected through the utility bill; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, City Council adopted a Public Safety Fee in Chapter 13.30, which is a type of municipal service fee adopted to pay for the acquisition and construction of a public safety facility; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the City entered into a 30-year financing agreement for municipal bonds to fund the acquisition and construction of a new public safety facility, which would be repaid through revenue generated from the adoption of a Public Safety Fee in Chapter 13.30; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to discontinue the collection of the Public Safety Fee upon the maturation of the 30-year bond financing at which time it is anticipated that the 30-year bond financing obligation will be repaid.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ST. HELENS ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitations are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Amendment. The City of St. Helens Municipal Code Chapter 13, Public Services is amended as follows, with additions bolded and underlined and deletions struck through:

13.30.040 Creation, and imposition, and termination of public safety fee.

- (1) The city council hereby establishes and imposes a public safety fee to be paid by the responsible party of any developed property within the corporate limits of the city **and such fee shall expire on June 30, 2052.**

Section 3. Severability. If any section, provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other sections, provisions, clauses, or paragraphs of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be servable. This City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof and intends that the invalid portions should be severed, and the balance of the Ordinance be enforced.

Section 4. Savings Clause. Notwithstanding this amendment/repeal, the City ordinances in existence at the time any criminal or civil enforcement actions were commenced, shall remain valid and in full force and effect for purposes of all cases filed or commenced during the times said ordinance(s) or portions thereof were operative. This section simply clarifies the existing situation that nothing in this Ordinance affects the validity of prosecutions commenced and continued under the laws in effect at the time the matters were originally filed.

Section 5. Codification. Provisions of this Ordinance shall be incorporated in the City Code and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "code", "article", "section", or another word, and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, or relettered, provided however that Whereas clauses and boilerplate provisions need not be codified.

Section 6. Effective Date. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be 30 days after approval, in accordance with the City Charter and other applicable laws.

Read the first time:	August 20, 2025
Read the second time:	September 3, 2025

Approved and adopted on September 3, 2025 by the following vote:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:

Jennifer Massey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, City Recorder