

# Chapter 778

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## FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE PORT OF PORTLAND

**778.005 Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Board" means the board of commissioners of the Port of Portland.

(2) "Port" means The Port of Portland.

(3) "Voter" means a registered voter residing in the port.

(4) "Portland metropolitan area" means the Oregon portion of a standard metropolitan statistical area as designated and published by the United States Bureau of the Budget with an Oregon population of more than 750,000.

[Amended by 1971 c.728 §103; 1973 c.178 §1]

### **778.008 Powers under ORS chapter 777.**

(1) ORS 777.005 to 777.060, 777.110, 777.120, 777.132 to 777.165, 777.205 to 777.225 and 777.405 to 777.435 do not apply to the Port of Portland.

(2) Subject to subsection (1) of this section, the Port of Portland has all powers possessed by ports formed under ORS chapter 777.

(3) The Port of Portland shall do such things, perform such duties and exercise such powers as it may be authorized or empowered to do, perform or exercise by any Act of the legislature passed for that purpose, though not directly in amendment of this chapter. The powers granted by this chapter are in addition to other powers granted by law to the port.

[1971 c.728 §116]

**778.010 Port of Portland created; boundaries; capacity to sue.** The Portland metropolitan area hereby is created as a separate district, to be known as the Port of Portland. The inhabitants thereof hereby are constituted and declared to be a corporation by the name and style of "The Port of Portland," and as such shall have perpetual succession, and by that name shall exercise and carry out all the powers and objects conferred on it by law. The port may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all actions, suits or proceedings brought by or against it; provided, however, that the bonded or other indebtedness of the port which was chargeable to or a lien upon the property within the limits of the port:

(1) Prior to June 30, 1963, shall not be chargeable to or a lien upon all of that property which lies east of the east boundary line

of range two east of the Willamette Meridian in Multnomah County; or

(2) Prior to June 30, 1973, shall not be chargeable to or a lien upon all that property lying within the boundaries of Clackamas and Washington Counties.

[Amended by 1963 c.124 §1; 1973 c.178 §2]

**778.015 Purposes and general powers of the port.** The object, purpose and occupation of the port shall be to promote the maritime, shipping, aviation, commercial and industrial interests of the port as by law specifically authorized. The port may acquire, hold, use, dispose of and convey real and personal property, make any and all contracts the making of which is not by this chapter expressly prohibited. It may do any other acts and things which are requisite, necessary or convenient in accomplishing the purpose described or in carrying out the powers granted to it by law. The port may supply surface and air craft with fuel and other supplies at reasonable cost as may be for the best interests of the port.

[Amended by 1959 c.362 §1; 1971 c.728 §104]

**778.020 Acquisition of Portland property by the port; assumption of bonds; election.** (1) The port may purchase or otherwise acquire all or any of the docks, wharves, elevators, terminals, dry docks and other properties of the City of Portland that are under the charge and control of the dock commission of the city.

(2) If the port purchases or otherwise acquires property as provided by subsection (1) of this section, the port may in payment therefor assume the payment of all or any part of the bonds, debentures and other obligations of the City of Portland issued, sold or incurred for the purpose of acquiring funds to construct, purchase or otherwise acquire the docks, wharves, elevators, terminals, dry docks or other properties. The aggregate amount of bonds, debentures and obligations so assumed shall not exceed a sum determined by the board to be the fair value of the property so acquired by the port. The limitation provided by ORS 778.030 shall not apply to bonds, debentures or other obligations assumed under this section.

(3) The authority granted by this section shall not be exercised without the prior approval of the voters residing within the port expressed at an election called and held within the port at which such question is submitted.

[Amended by 1971 c.728 §105]

**778.025 Power to engage in certain commercial activities.** For the use of the port or for public convenience and the convenience of air transport, shipping, commercial and industrial development of the port and the waterfront of its harbors, rivers and waterways, the port may:

(1) Acquire by purchase, condemnation or other lawful method lands necessary for its use or to be improved for public convenience and the convenience of the air transport, shipping, commercial and industrial development of the port as well as all or any part of the waterfront of its harbors, rivers and waterways.

(2) Acquire by purchase, condemnation or other lawful method lands necessary or convenient for the purpose of depositing or dumping thereon earth, sand, gravel, rock or other material dredged or excavated, in the exercise of any of its powers, from any of the rivers or other waterways or lands within the boundaries or under the control of the port.

(3) Enlarge its tidal area, fill and reclaim lands, and make such disposition by use, conveyance, development or lease of lands so filled or reclaimed as it considers advisable.

(4) Construct, excavate and dredge canals and channels connecting its waterways with one another, with other waterways and with the sea.

(5) Purchase or otherwise acquire, construct, operate, maintain, lease, rent and dispose of airports, and their approaches, wharves, piers, docks, slips, warehouses, elevators, dry docks, terminals, buildings, and all other facilities and aids incident to the development, protection and operation of the port and of the air transport, shipping, commercial and industrial interests of the port, within the port, and collect wharfage, storage and other charges for the use of such facilities.

(6) Own, acquire, construct, purchase, lease, operate and maintain within the port lines of railroad, with sidetracks, turnouts, switches and connections with other lines of railroad, and streets, roads, water mains, sewers, pipelines, and also gas and electric conduits and lines which a utility is unwilling or unable to furnish, within or to or from the boundaries of the port; and carry and transport freight and passengers there-

on and thereover for hire, and perform light-erage for hire.

[Amended by 1959 c.362 §2; 1967 c.548 §1; 1971 c.728 §106; 1973 c.178 §6]

**778.030 Power to issue bonds; limitation.** For the purpose of carrying into effect any of the powers granted to the port, the port has the power to borrow money and to sell and dispose of bonds. Such bonds outstanding at one time shall never exceed in the aggregate one and three-fourths percent of the true cash value of all taxable property within the limits of the port, computed in accordance with ORS 308.207. In computing the total of bonds at any time outstanding, bonds issued for the purpose of providing funds to meet obligations assumed pursuant to ORS 778.020, shall not be included.

[Amended by 1963 c.9 §39; 1971 c.702 §1; 1971 c.728 §107a]

**778.035 Interest rate and terms of bonds.** Bonds authorized by ORS 778.030 shall be issued from time to time as the board shall determine. They shall be of such denominations, run for such term of years and bear such rate of interest as the board shall determine. The bonds shall not bear interest exceeding a net effective rate of seven percent per annum. They shall be executed on behalf of the port by the president and secretary. They shall be conditioned that the port shall agree, in consideration of the premises, to pay at a place therein named to the bearer or registered holder thereof, the sum named therein in legal tender of the United States, with interest thereon in like legal tender at the rate per annum named therein, payable semiannually.

[Amended by 1971 c.728 §108]

**778.040 Certain bond issues to be approved by voters.** (1) Bonds shall not be issued by the port to provide funds for the establishment or operation of surface ship and air lines or for the payment of bonuses to either such line or lines without the approval of the voters of the port expressed at an election called and held within the port at which such question is submitted.

(2) Whenever the port issues bonds for purposes other than refunding bonds previously issued and for purposes other than providing funds to meet the obligations of the City of Portland assumed pursuant to ORS 778.020 in an aggregate amount equal to five percent of the present assessed valuation of all the taxable property within the territorial limits of the port, no additional

bonds shall be issued for purposes other than refunding bonds theretofore issued without the approval of the voters of the port expressed at an election within the port at which such question is submitted.

[Amended by 1971 c.399 §1]

**778.045 Amount of bonds issued in one year limited.** The total amount of bonds issued by the port in any calendar year, except for refunding bonds or bonds issued to provide funds to meet obligations assumed pursuant to ORS 778.020, shall not exceed \$3 million unless a greater amount is approved by the voters of the port at an election at which such question is submitted.

[Amended by 1971 c.728 §110; 1973 c.178 §7]

**778.050 Registration of bonds; effect of registration; transfer of registered bonds.**

(1) The port shall keep a register of all bonds issued by it and of transfers thereof. The amount, date and the name of the owner of each registered bond, with his post-office address, shall be entered in the register.

(2) As to the port, the registered owner of each registered bond shall be taken to be and is the owner thereof. Any payment made by the port on a registered bond, either for the principal thereof or the interest thereon, to the registered owner, the payment being then due under the terms of the bond or, where the payment is not due under the terms of the bond, the payment being accepted by the registered owner, shall be a payment on the bond on which so made, and to that extent discharges the port from liability thereon.

(3) Registered bonds may be transferred by an assignment executed as provided by law for conveyances of real estate, and not otherwise. From the date the assignment so executed is filed with the port, the assignee is the owner of the bonds thereby transferred as against the port and has all the rights thereto had by the original owner. All transfers of registered bonds so made shall be recorded by the port in the bond register.

[Amended by 1971 c.728 §111]

**778.055 Sale of bonds; advertisement.**

All bonds issued under ORS 778.030 shall be sold only to the highest and best bidder for cash, and only after advertisement of the

time and place of the sale, for not less than four successive weeks in the newspaper having the largest circulation in the City of Portland. The last insertion of the advertisement shall be not less than one nor more than two weeks next prior to the day of opening bids for the bonds as specified in the advertisement.

[Amended by 1971 c.728 §112]

**778.060 Expenditure of bond sale funds for operating expenses limited.**

The board shall not expend, within any one calendar year, from the funds derived from the sale of bonds, in excess of \$500,000 to meet the operating expenses of the port. As used in this section "operating expenses" means the maintenance of plant, structures and equipment and such dredging as may be required to preserve or restore at or to its artificial depth a channel previously excavated by the port.

[Amended by 1971 c.728 §113]

**778.065 Port taxing power; annual limitation.** The port may each year assess, levy and collect taxes upon all taxable real and personal property situated within its boundaries as required:

(1) To pay principal and interest on bonds issued under ORS 778.030;

(2) To pay bonds, debentures and other obligations of the City of Portland assumed under ORS 778.020; and

(3) To pay all other expenses that may be incurred in the exercise of the powers granted to the port.

[Amended by 1963 c.9 §40; 1971 c.701 §1; 1971 c.728 §143]

**778.070 Tax levy.** (1) Taxes authorized by ORS 778.065 shall be levied in each year and returned to the county officers whose duty it is to extend the tax roll by the time required by law for city taxes to be levied and extended. The county officer whose duty it is to extend the county levy shall extend the levy of the port in the same manner city taxes are extended.

(2) All taxes levied by the port are payable at the same time and shall be collected by the same officers as regular county taxes. The county officers collecting the taxes shall pay them to the treasurer of the port as provided by law.

[Amended by 1971 c.728 §115]

**778.073 Recreational facilities; development; operation; maintenance.** (1) The port may construct, operate, equip and maintain public parks, marinas and other recreational facilities on land owned by the port when such facilities may be developed in conjunction with the exercise by the port of any of its other powers.

(2) The port may convey the land and recreational facilities developed under this section to a political subdivision or municipal corporation of this state in exchange for an agreement to operate and maintain the facilities solely for public recreational use.

(3) The port may enter into an agreement with a political subdivision or municipal corporation of this state for the operation and maintenance of recreational facilities.  
[1971 c.400 §2]

**778.075** [Repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

**778.080** [Amended by 1963 c.145 §1; repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

**778.085 Control over port waters, wharf lines; promulgation and enforcement of navigational rules; limitation.** (1) To the full extent the State of Oregon might exercise control, or grant to the port the right to exercise control, the port has full control of the rivers, harbors and waterways within its boundaries and between its boundaries and the sea.

(2) The port may make, change or abolish wharf lines of, in and for the rivers, harbors and waterways within its boundaries.

(3) As it considers convenient, requisite or necessary, or in the best interests of the maritime shipping or commercial interests of the port, the board may by ordinance make, modify or abolish regulations:

(a) For the use or navigation of the rivers, harbors and waterways mentioned in subsection (1) of this section; or

(b) For the placing of obstructions therein, or the removal of obstructions therefrom.

(4) The port may enforce the regulations by fines and penalties or seek other appropriate remedies as the port considers necessary. Fines and penalties are recoverable in the name of the port in any court of this state having jurisdiction of actions for the recovery of fines or penalties imposed by state laws. Fines recovered shall be paid to the clerk of the court who, after deducting court costs in the proceedings, shall pay the remainder thereof to the treasurer of the port, to go to its general fund.

(5) This section does not authorize the port to cause the removal of bridges or other obstructions existing under a grant by this state. This section does not authorize the port to exclude cities other than the City of Portland from free access to the channel of either the Willamette or Columbia Rivers or the Oregon and the Columbia Sloughs, or the free use of the rivers or sloughs for navigation.

[Amended by 1963 c.145 §2; 1971 c.728 §117]

**778.090 Rights of riparian owner and owners of moorage facilities.** Where it is necessary to widen the general channel or improve the navigation of the rivers or sloughs by requiring the removal or destruction of moorage facilities for houseboats, boathouses or pleasure craft in the rivers or sloughs, or by establishing or reestablishing wharf lines that have the effect of destroying or impairing the riparian rights of the adjoining owners, the adjoining owners or others owning the moorage facilities shall be reasonably compensated for the removal or destruction of the moorage facilities and for the destruction or impairment of the riparian rights; and shall not be required to remove or destroy the moorage facilities in absence of reasonable compensation therefor. The Port of Portland may acquire moorage facilities, riparian rights or the real property of adjoining owners by exercise of the power of eminent domain as provided in ORS 778.095.  
[Amended by 1953 c.713 §2; 1971 c.728 §118; 1973 c.203 §9]

**778.095 Eminent domain power.** The port may acquire, by condemnation or otherwise, private property necessary or convenient in carrying out any power granted the port. The right to acquire property by condemnation shall be exercised as provided by ORS chapter 35.

[Amended by 1971 c.728 §119]

**778.100 Reclamation of lands within port limits, assessments; lien; hearing; appeal.** (1) When the port contemplates the filling or reclamation of any low, swamp or submersible land within its territory held in private ownership, it may provide by ordinance for assessment by the board of the damages and benefits to be sustained by and to accrue to the land by reason of the filling or reclamation. In making the assessment the question of channel frontage as well as filling shall be considered in assessing benefits. The ordinance may provide for payment

of damages to the owner of the land and may provide for creation of a lien upon the land in favor of the port for the amount of benefits and for payment of the amount of the lien, either in cash or in instalments, with interest thereon over a term of years.

(2) The ordinance shall provide for a hearing before the board to be held, upon due notice to all owners of and persons interested in the lands to be affected by the assessment, before the assessment is made.

(3) Any owner or person interested in any land affected, who considers himself aggrieved by an assessment made under this section may appeal to the Circuit Court of Multnomah County for judicial review of the assessment.

[Amended by 1969 c.594 §62; 1971 c.728 §120]

**778.105 Port required to contract for work and materials; dry docks; bids.** (1) Except in cases of emergency and except for ordinary current repair work necessary from day to day, all material purchased for and all work done in, on or for any dry dock, dredge, boat, scow or other appliance to be built, owned or operated by the port, when the purchase is made or the work is done by construction, alteration or general overhauling, shall be purchased or done by or under contract. Such contracts shall be let to the lowest competent and responsible bidder, after due advertisement for bids, in the manner usual and customary in the letting of contracts by public bidding, and under regulations prescribed by the port.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section or any other provision of law, the port may let a contract for the construction of a dry dock to the lowest competent and responsible bidder who submits a bid to construct the dry dock within the port, if:

(a) The bid of such bidder does not exceed by more than 10 percent the lowest bid for construction of the dry dock elsewhere; and

(b) In the opinion of the board, the public good will in any way be served thereby. [Amended by 1961 c.11 §1; 1971 c.728 §121]

**778.110 Personnel; membership in retirement systems.** (1) The port may employ engineers, superintendents, mechanics, clerks and other persons as necessary or convenient in carrying on its work and fix their rates of compensation.

(2) No employe of the port shall become a member of the Public Employes' Retirement System if his membership in the system would result in coverage of him by, and contributions on his behalf by the port to, both a private pension system and the Public Employes' Retirement System.

[Amended by 1971 c.495 §1; 1971 c.728 §144]

**778.115 Improvement contracts with Federal Government.** The port may contract with the United States Government to do all or part of the work of making, maintaining, or both, a depth of water in the rivers, harbors and waterways within its boundaries and between its boundaries and the sea as determined by the Federal Government. The port may receive therefor compensation as agreed between the Federal Government and the port.

[Amended by 1963 c.145 §3; 1971 c.728 §123]

**778.120 Operation of chapter upon rights of other entities within port limits.** Nothing in this chapter is intended to grant the port authority to interfere with or detract from the general rights and powers of a city or a school or road district that is located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the port. However, the port has full power to carry out and fulfill the purpose of its creation, and to exercise its power of assessing, levying and collecting taxes.

[Amended by 1971 c.728 §124]

## REVENUE BONDS

**778.145 Issuance of revenue bonds; use of proceeds; status of bonds.** For the purpose of carrying into effect all or any of the powers granted to ports, the port may from time to time issue and sell revenue bonds without the necessity of the voters of the port authorizing the same. Proceeds from the sale of such bonds may be used also to cover the costs incurred in issuing such bonds, and preliminary work incident to carrying out such purposes and powers, including but not limited to planning, engineering, inspection, accounting, fiscal, legal and trustee expenses, the cost of issuance of bonds, engraving, printing, advertising and other similar expenses, and to pay interest on the outstanding bonds issued for any project during the period of actual construction and for such period thereafter as the port may determine, and to establish, maintain or increase any reserves for debt service on the bonds and for working capital. Such revenue bonds shall not in any manner or to any

extent be a general obligation of the port nor a charge upon any other revenues or property of the port not specifically pledged thereto.

[1971 c.546 §2]

**778.150 Ordinance authorizes revenue bonds; content; special trust fund; trustees; enforcement.** (1) Revenue bonds issued under ORS 778.145 to 778.175 shall be authorized at a meeting by ordinance of the board. The ordinance may provide for the creation of special trust funds and may authorize the appointment of a trustee to administer the same, and may obligate the port to set aside and pay into a special trust fund for the purpose of securing revenue bonds, all or any portion of its revenues, regardless of the source from which derived, then existing or which thereafter come into existence, not otherwise pledged or committed for other purposes. The board may, in addition thereto, pledge or mortgage for the payment of the principal of and interest on and premium, if any, of any issue of such bonds any property of the port not pledged for other purposes. Notice that action upon the bond ordinance will be taken at the designated meeting of the board, shall be given for a period of not less than two consecutive weeks, prior to such meeting, by publication thereof once each week in a newspaper of general circulation, published within the corporate boundaries of the port or, if there be no such newspaper, by posting such notice for a period of not less than two weeks in three public places in the port.

(2) The money in any special trust fund created by an ordinance authorizing an issue of revenue bonds shall be used solely for the purposes provided therefor by the ordinance.

(3) The ordinance may obligate the port, and the port shall have power to fix, levy and collect such rates, rentals, fees and other charges for the use and services of all or any of its facilities, which revenues may be pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on and premium, if any, of the revenue bonds or any of them and if so pledged shall be sufficient to produce revenues, along with other lawfully available funds, adequate to pay the costs of the operation, maintenance and repair of any or all port properties; to pay or provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on, and premium, if any, of such revenue bonds or any of them, including any reserves for such payment; and to produce such additional

amount of revenues therefrom as the port may covenant with the holders of such revenue bonds.

(4) The ordinance may provide that in the event the money in a special trust fund is insufficient to pay the revenue bonds to be paid out of the fund, such revenue bonds shall be payable out of any part or all of other nonpledged revenues of the port. Whenever all bonds and expenses thereof have been paid so that no charge remains upon such special fund, the board may, by ordinance, transfer any balance remaining in such fund to its general fund, discharge the trustee, if any, and dissolve the special fund. Any trustee authorized to administer the fund, may, subject to approval of the board, invest and reinvest moneys in the special fund in any security or securities in which the State of Oregon may by law invest.

(5) If the board fails to set aside and pay revenues into a special trust fund as required by the ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of the bonds secured by the fund, a holder of any of such bonds may bring suit against the port to compel compliance with the provisions of the ordinance in the circuit court of the county in which the port has its principal office.

[1971 c.546 §3]

**778.155 Form and content of bonds; redemption.** The revenue bonds issued and sold under ORS 778.145 to 778.175:

(1) Shall be deemed to be for all purposes negotiable instruments, subject only to the provisions of the bonds for registration, and need not comply with the requirements of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(2) May be issued in one or more series, bear such date or dates, mature at such times and in such amounts, be in such denomination or denominations, be payable at a designated place or places within or without the State of Oregon or at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon, be equally and ratably secured without priority or be entitled or subject to such priorities on all or any portion of the revenues of the port, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, bear such rate or rates of interest, and contain such other terms, conditions and covenants as the board may determine.

(3) Shall contain a recital that principal of and interest on and premium, if any, on the revenue bonds are payable solely out of revenues and property of the port pledged

to the payment thereof by the ordinance of the board authorizing the issue of which the bonds are a part.

(4) May be in coupon form with or without privilege of registration or may be in registered form, or both, with the privilege of converting and reconverting from one form to another.

(5) May contain covenants of the port to protect and safeguard the security and rights of holders of any such bonds and such other terms and conditions, in conformity with ORS 778.145 to 778.175, which the board in its discretion determines are necessary or desirable to protect the port or increase the marketability of the bonds. ORS 778.145 to 778.175 and any such ordinance which constitutes a contract with the holders of the bonds, and the provisions thereof shall be enforceable by any holder or any number of holders of the bonds, as the board may determine.

(6) Shall be in the form prescribed by the board and shall be signed by the president and by the secretary or an assistant secretary of the port, either manually or by their printed, engraved or lithographed signature; provided, however, that at least one signature is manual, with the seal of the port or a facsimile thereof printed, engraved or lithographed thereon or affixed thereto. Coupons, if any, attached to the bonds need bear only the printed, engraved or lithographed facsimile signature of the president and the secretary or an assistant secretary. Pending the preparation and delivery of definitive bonds, the port may issue interim certificates or temporary bonds, exchangeable for definitive bonds when such bonds shall have been executed and are available for delivery. Such interim certificates or temporary bonds may contain such terms and conditions as the board may determine.

(7) May be issued with the right reserved to the board to redeem the bonds at par or at par plus a premium, in such order, and at such time or times prior to the final maturity date or dates of the bonds, as the ordinance may provide or as otherwise determined by the board, upon publication, at least 30 days before the redemption date, of at least one notice of the intended redemption in one issue of a newspaper specializing in financial matters published in any of the cities of New York, New York; Chicago, Illinois; or San Francisco, California, as the board may provide in the ordinance, and of

one such notice in one issue of a newspaper of general circulation published within the corporate boundaries of the port; provided that if a bond to be redeemed is then registered, notice of the intended redemption of such bond may be given by the mailing, at least 40 days before the redemption date, of at least one such notice to the registered owner, in lieu of the publication thereof; provided, however, that failure to so mail such notice shall not affect the proceedings for such redemption.

[1971 c.546 §4]

**778.160 Borrowing in anticipation of bond sale; bond anticipation notes; content; sale.** (1) The port shall have the power, at any time and from time to time after the issuance of bonds under ORS 778.145 to 778.175 have been authorized, to borrow money for the purposes for which such bonds are to be issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of such bonds and within the authorized maximum amount of such bond issue.

(2) Bond anticipation notes shall be issued for all moneys so borrowed under the provisions of this section. Such notes may be issued for a period not exceeding one year and may be renewed from time to time for periods of not exceeding one year, but each such note, including renewals, shall mature and be paid not later than the fifth anniversary of the date the original note was issued. Such notes shall be authorized by ordinance of the board and shall be in such denomination or denominations, shall bear interest at such rate or rates approved by the board, shall be in such form and shall be executed in such manner, all as the board shall prescribe. Such notes may be sold at public or private sale in the manner and at such price or prices as the board shall determine, provided that if such notes be renewal notes, they may be exchanged for notes then outstanding on such terms as the board shall determine.

[1971 c.546 §5]

**778.165 Sale of revenue bonds.** The board may from time to time sell revenue bonds authorized to be issued and sold pursuant to ORS 778.145 to 778.175, at public or private sale, in the manner and at such price or prices as it shall determine.

[1971 c.546 §6]

**778.170 Bonds as obligations of a political subdivision.** Revenue bonds including refunding revenue bonds issued under ORS

778.145 to 778.175 shall be considered to be bonds or obligations of a political subdivision of the State of Oregon for the purposes of all laws of the state.

[1971 c.546 §7]

**778.175 Effect of ORS 778.145 to 778.175.** ORS 778.145 to 778.175 is additional, alternative and supplemental authority for the port and shall not abrogate any power, right or authority otherwise granted by law to the port.

[1971 c.546 §8]

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF PORTLAND

**778.205 Board of commissioners; general powers.** The power and authority given to the port is vested in and shall be exercised by a board of nine commissioners. The board may exercise such powers, at regular or special meetings, as is usual and customary with similar bodies.

[Amended by 1971 c.728 §125]

**778.210 Qualifications of members.** (1) The board shall be composed of residents of the counties constituting the port district. After January 15, 1975, the Governor shall endeavor to appoint commissioners from the counties constituting the port district proportionate to the population of the respective counties.

(2) A person is eligible for appointment as a commissioner of the port who at the time of the appointment is a citizen of the United States and of the State of Oregon, and who has for one year immediately preceding appointment resided within the port.

[Amended by 1961 c.469 §1; 1971 c.403 §17; 1971 c.728 §126; 1973 c.178 §3]

**778.215 Appointment; confirmation; vacancies.** (1) Upon the expiration of the term of a commissioner, his successor shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation as provided by ORS 171.560 and 171.570. Except as provided in ORS 778.220 and 778.235, appointees, when confirmed, shall hold office for a term of four years and until their respective successors have been appointed, confirmed and qualified.

(2) If a vacancy occurs by death, resignation or disqualification of a commissioner, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term subject to confirmation as provided by subsection (1) of this section.

[Amended by 1969 c.695 §15; 1971 c.728 §127]

**778.220 Removal.** If the Governor is at any time satisfied that a commissioner has been guilty of malfeasance in office, the Governor may file with the Secretary of State a written statement of the acts of the commissioner constituting the malfeasance. Thereupon the Secretary of State shall transmit a copy of the statement to the commissioner named and another copy to the clerk of the Circuit Court for Multnomah County. After the expiration of 10 days following the delivery of the statement to the commissioner a hearing shall be held before the court, of which hearing the commissioner is entitled to at least five days' notice. If upon the hearing the court determines that the commissioner has been guilty of malfeasance in office, written findings to that effect shall be made and filed by the court. Thereupon the commissioner shall be considered removed from office. The vacancy so created shall be filled as provided in ORS 778.215.

[Amended by 1971 c.728 §128]

**778.225 Meetings; quorum; executive committee.** (1) The board shall hold at least one regular meeting in each month on a day to be fixed by it, and may hold special meetings as provided by the rules of the board. At all regular and special meetings a majority of the commissioners then members of the board constitutes a quorum.

(2) The board may create an executive committee of which every commissioner shall be a member and of which a number less than a majority, as the board may determine, may constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The committee may hold its meetings under such rules as the board may prescribe. However, the executive committee has no power except as a committee and only as expressly conferred upon it by the rules of the board. In no event shall the committee exercise the general powers of the board. The board has no power to appoint or delegate any part of its power or authority to any committee except the executive committee.

[Amended by 1971 c.728 §129]

**778.230 Board officers.** Annually on a day fixed by it, the board shall choose from its number a president, vice president, treasurer and secretary, who shall hold their offices until the next election of officers and who shall respectively have the powers and perform the duties usual in such cases.

[Amended by 1969 c.345 §19; 1971 c.728 §130]

**778.235 Causes of vacancies; leaves of absence.** (1) If a commissioner appointed pursuant to ORS 778.215 refuses to serve, ceases to have the qualifications required by subsection (1) of ORS 778.210 or fails to attend for the period of 60 successive days any of the regular or special meetings of the board regularly and duly called and held, his place on the board is vacant.

(2) The board may grant a leave of absence not exceeding three months to a commissioner unable to attend meetings of the board by reason of illness or continued absence from the City of Portland.

[Amended by 1961 c.469 §2; 1971 c.728 §131]

**778.240 Biennial report.** The board shall report to the Legislative Assembly of this state, biennially, everything done or performed by the board under this chapter.

[Amended by 1971 c.728 §132]

**778.245 Certain contracts prohibited.**

(1) Except as otherwise provided by ORS 198.120, and except for a contract to repay money borrowed, the port shall not make a contract of any kind with one or more of its commissioners, or with any copartnership, firm or corporation of which a commissioner is a member, or in which he is directly or indirectly interested, nor shall a contract be implied by reason of benefit or advantage received or enjoyed by the port. A contract prohibited by this subsection is void, without regard to whether the port may or may not have received and enjoyed benefit therefrom.

(2) If the port makes a payment on account of a contract prohibited by subsection (1) of this section, the payment shall be taken to be made without consideration and on an implied promise by the party receiving the payment to repay it. The amount of the payment may be recovered from the party receiving it by the port in an action or suit brought for that purpose. The suit or action may be brought in the name of the port by any commissioner thereof.

(3) Nothing in this section affects the liability to the port of a commissioner or officer of the port:

(a) For his official acts in carrying out and performing in good faith the duties of his office; or

(b) For any funds or property of the port coming into his hands as such.

(4) This section does not:

(a) Prevent the treasurer of the port from keeping his account as treasurer at any

bank chosen by him, whether he is interested therein or not;

(b) Affect or render invalid any contract for money borrowed and had, received and used by the port;

(c) Affect the validity of any bonds issued by the port and sold in the open market as authorized by ORS 778.030;

(d) Prevent the port from furnishing to or receiving from a commissioner or a copartnership, firm or corporation of which a commissioner is a member or in which he is directly or indirectly interested, services or facilities at rates established by published tariff for the furnishing thereof to the public; or

(e) Prevent the port from employing a member of a labor organization of which a commissioner is a member, officer or agent.

[Amended by 1961 c.673 §1; 1971 c.728 §133]

**778.250** [Repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

**778.255 Enactment of port ordinances; effective date; passage; effect of referendum.** (1) The board may legislate with respect to the internal affairs of the port by the adoption of ordinances. Every ordinance enacted by the board shall be preceded by an enacting clause substantially as follows: "Be It Enacted by The Port of Portland."

(2) Except as otherwise provided by this section, in order to be effective, all ordinances require the affirmative vote of a majority of the commissioners of the port at a meeting of the board duly and regularly held.

(3) Ordinances making appropriations, the annual tax levy and emergency ordinances take effect immediately upon passage. All other ordinances are subject to the referendum and shall become effective 30 days after enacted, unless a later date is fixed therein, in which event they shall take effect at a later date, subject to the referendum. Except for ordinances making appropriations and the annual tax levy, when an ordinance is enacted, a notice containing a concise summary of the ordinance and the location within the port where a copy of the complete ordinance may be obtained without charge shall, within five days after passage of the ordinance, be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the port.

(4) Ordinances making appropriations and the annual tax levy and emergency ordinances shall be passed by an aye and nay vote. Emergency ordinances shall contain

the statement that an emergency exists and specify with distinctness the facts and reasons constituting the emergency. The unanimous vote of all the commissioners present, and of not less than seven commissioners, is required to pass an emergency ordinance.

(5) In case a referendum petition is filed against an ordinance or part thereof, the operation of the ordinance or part thereof shall be suspended pending the outcome of the referendum election.

[Amended by 1971 c.170 §1; 1971 c.728 §134]

**778.260 Ordinances for policing or regulating use of port airport.** The board of the Port of Portland in accordance with ORS 198.510 to 198.600 may by ordinance make, modify or abolish regulations as convenient or necessary to provide for policing or regulating the use of airports, and any facilities located at or in conjunction with airports, owned, operated, maintained or controlled by the port. The port, for the purpose of enforcing such ordinances, may appoint peace officers who shall have the same authority, for the purpose of the enforcement of such ordinances, as other peace officers.

[1955 c.425 §§1, 2, 3; 1971 c.268 §22; 1971 c.728 §135]

**778.270 Initiative and referendum procedures.** (1) The voters of the port may exercise the powers of the initiative and referendum, with reference to ordinances of the board. The county clerk, district attorney and chairman of the board of county commissioners of the most populous county within the port are substituted for the Secretary of State, Attorney General and Governor, respectively, and appeals by those dissatisfied with the ballot title shall be taken to the circuit court of the most populous county.

(2) An initiative ordinance may be pro-

posed only by a petition signed by a number of registered voters of the port equal to six percent of the total number of votes cast in the port for all candidates for Governor at the election at which a Governor was elected for a term of four years next preceding the filing of the petition. A referendum petition shall be filed not more than 30 days after the date the ordinance is adopted.

[1973 c.178 §5]

778.405 [Repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

778.410 [Repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

778.415 [Repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

778.420 [Repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

778.425 [Repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

778.430 [Repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

778.435 [Repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

778.440 [Amended by 1963 c.9 §41; repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

778.445 [Amended by 1971 c.647 §144; repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

778.450 [Amended by 1971 c.647 §145; repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

778.455 [Repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

778.460 [Repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

778.465 [Amended by 1963 c.9 §42; repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

778.470 [Repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

778.475 [Repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

778.480 [Repealed by 1971 c.728 §138]

## PENALTIES

**778.990 Penalties.** Any person who violates an ordinance adopted by the board of the Port of Portland under ORS 778.085 or 778.260 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250.

[1971 c.728 §136]

## CERTIFICATE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Pursuant to ORS 173.170, I, Thomas G. Clifford, Legislative Counsel, do hereby certify that I have compared each section printed in this chapter with the original section in the enrolled bill, and that the sections in this chapter are correct copies of the enrolled sections, with the exception of the changes in form permitted by ORS 173.160 and other changes specifically authorized by law.  
Done at Salem, Oregon,  
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## CHAPTER 779

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