

RESOLUTION NO. 25 - 34

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ASTORIA ADOPTING THE ASTORIA COMBINED SEWER
OVERFLOW INTEGRATED PLAN**

BE IT RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, the City of Astoria (City) has prepared an Integrated Plan (Plan) to provide a comprehensive strategy for the purpose of extending the implementation schedule for the City Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Program, meeting regulatory obligations, prioritizing capital improvements, and protecting community health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 1993, the City entered into a Stipulation and Final Order (SFO) WQMW-NWR-92-247, which was replaced on November 23, 2010, with an Amended Stipulation and Final Order (ASFO); and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 1993, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Waste Discharge Permit Number 101028 (Permit) to the City, pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 468B.050 and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, P.L.92-500 as amended.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the order was to establish a timeline in which a number of CSO outfalls would be controlled in phases by certain dates; and

WHEREAS, over the past 32 years, the City has implemented four of five phases of our CSO Program as outlined in our CSO Facilities Plan and Plan Updates significantly reducing our overflows in an amount estimated to be 85-90 percent by volume; and

WHEREAS, the first four phases of construction have resulted in the construction of significant stormwater infrastructure, including two large CSO detention facilities and many miles of new dedicated stormwater piping and appurtenances; and

WHEREAS, the financial burden of implementing the SFO/ASFO requirements is excessive, and existing requirements along with our high level of deferred maintenance and age of infrastructure have been shown to be a substantial burden on Astoria ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, Astoria is a financially disadvantaged community (Justice 40) with a limited ratepayer base to distribute the high cost of the CSO Program; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Plan will extend the current Phase 5 completion date from 2028 to 2044; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Plan will reduce the CSO surcharge rate burden as past loans are paid off and no new debt is incurred, allowing a reduction in the CSO surcharge and the development of a stormwater rate to fund the operation, maintenance and replacement of the City stormwater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, an unfunded Stormwater Division within the Public Works Department was established in 2012 using existing sewer rates; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Plan will allow the City to complete current infrastructure projects and allow time to develop the scope of Phase 5 of our CSO Program in a manner that will meet our CSO reduction goals and reduce landslide susceptibility in the project area. The current concept is a large-scale stormwater collection and conveyance project in the Uppertown area (Irving Avenue between 23rd & 38th Streets) that would meet CSO removal objectives while providing landslide hazard reduction thereby potentially qualifying for FEMA grant funding,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Astoria:

1. That the Council hereby expresses support for the new Integrated Planning process that is intended to bring a balanced approach to infrastructure investments in Astoria so that the City can achieve long-term implementation of our CSO Program meeting regulatory obligations in a cost-effective manner while also reducing the financial burden on the ratepayers.
2. That the Council hereby expresses support for the recommendations of the Plan and the appropriate ASFO modifications required to implement the Plan. At this time, it is understood that the ASFO may be terminated and all of its terms incorporated into the City's NPDES Permit renewal.
3. That Council recognizes the financial hardship that the implementation of the CSO Program has had to date on other public works programs, particularly the replacement of critical infrastructure, but also including staffing levels, equipment procurement and level of service of our maintenance programs.
4. That Council recognizes that the Plan includes a Phase 5 project concept to scope a win-win project for the Uppertown area that would meet the objective of the CSO mandate while also qualifying as a Pre-Disaster Landslide Mitigation Project, and potentially qualifying for FEMA grant funding, thereby reducing the future financial burden on the City ratepayers. And that Council hereby expresses support to implement this goal.
5. The City will make a final copy of the Astoria Combined Sewer Overflow Integrated Plan available to the public on the City website and provide a copy to the DEQ for their records.

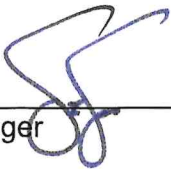
EFFECTIVE DATE: The Resolution shall be in force and effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 6 DAY OF October, 2025.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 6 DAY OF October, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:



City Manager

ROLL CALL ON ADOPTION

YEA

NAY

ABSENT

Councilor

Davis

X

Mazzarella

X

Adams

X

Lump

X

Mayor Fitzpatrick

X