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**AMENDMENT TO PORTLAND CITY CODE
CHAPTERS 2 and 15
RE: ENDING COLLECTION OF PAST DUE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FROM
SUBSEQUENT PROPERTY OWNERS**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,
MAINE IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. *That Section 2-203 is hereby amended to read as follows:*

Sec. 2-203. Applicability.

The provisions of this article shall not apply to the following:

(a) Debts subject to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court;

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(f) Debts and/or Amounts owed, which the Director of City Manager or his or her designee, Finance in his or her sole discretion, determines are not owed by the applicant seeking an approval, license or permit from the City and/or which should may be the subject of a resolution by a court of law rather than through the mechanisms provided by this ~~article~~ Article.

2. *That Section 15-8 is hereby amended to read as follows:*

Sec. 15-8. Standards for denial, suspension or revocation.

(a) *Grounds.* In addition to any other specific provision of this Code authorizing such action, a license or permit may be denied, suspended or revoked upon a determination of the existence of one (1) or more of the following grounds:

(1) Failure to fully complete the application forms;

knowingly making an incorrect statement of a material nature on such form; or failure to supply any additional documentation required or reasonably necessary to determine whether such license is issuable, or failure to pay any fee required hereunder;

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- (7) The applicant's or licensee's real or personal property taxes, or final judgments due and payable to the city, are determined to be in arrears as of the date of the license or application; or that real or personal property taxes or final judgments due and payable to the city on account of the premises for which application has been made or a license issued have not been paid in full as of the date of the license or application. Real or personal property taxes or final judgments that are less than thirty (30) days past due at the time of the license or permit application, that are less than \$500.00, or that are determined by the City Manager of his or her designee to not be owed as per §2-203(f) shall not be considered in arrears for purposes of this section.

- (b) *Hearings.*

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