

City Matters

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\$2,900 to \$4,500, depending on the size of the housing unit.

The measure, which will only last through October is part of emergency reprieve granted to low and middle-income renters in the city. Wheeler says that his soon-to-be-released Fiscal Year 2018 budget will be reflective of longer-term solutions for abetting the housing crisis.

The mayor would like to see more regulatory wiggle room for future housing developments winning city approval, insisting that zoning rules can be loosened up to aid developers who are attempting to create more housing. By allowing more structures such as duplexes to be constructed within single residence zones, for example, the city can maximize usage

on its increasingly expensive real estate, Wheeler said.

“If we’re really serious about housing affordability, then we need to go down that road,” Wheeler asserts.

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The mayor is bracing for little immediate help on housing from state and federal resources. He said the Trump Administration in Washington, D.C. has clearly sig-

naled its support for cutting federal funds for low-income assistance programs. A budget crisis affecting Oregon state government also limits new funding options.

“I don’t want to be one of those politicians who paints a doom and gloom view,” Wheeler said, “but the truth is, there’s very little reason for optimism beyond City

anti-gang task force at the Police Bureau’s North Precinct on Friday and helped dedicate a Rotary Club of Portland Peace Pole at the precinct, said changes to police use of force policies and other changes to root out bias in the system must be approached holistically.

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“My job as mayor isn’t to create this unattainable vision of what policing will look like in the future,” Wheeler says, “It’s being consistent in terms of stating what our values are, and making sure that our practices are consistent with those values.”

Wheeler explains that while increasing diversity in the Portland Police Bureau is a key component of success, other reforms which would make young people of color feel more comfortable in law enforcement presents a unique challenge.

The city is currently reviewing the police bureau’s use of force guidelines, and the mayor supports creating clearer expectations and guidelines for how officers will engage with citizens in future confrontations.

“Those standards are under review right now, and we have solicited community input,” he said.

Wheeler recently imposed some of his own new rules on decorum at City Council meetings hoping to help protestors safely express their First Amendment rights while limiting disruptions on the council’s agenda.

“Civil disobedience, the right to assemble, the right to express discontent with government is fundamental to American democracy,” said the mayor. “I support that 100 percent.”

Hall. The federal government is not going to be supportive of the interests of people with lower incomes and their housing issues.”

Wheeler, who also attended the Community Peace Cooperative’s

tion,” he explained.

The aim is to give Portland the most diverse administration in the history of city government which will ultimately help run the city more effectively, Wheeler said.

“I believe I have achieved that objective in terms of having a great leadership team that actually can relate to and understand the issues in our community,” he said.

Reforming the city’s police bureau to address bias, officer involved shootings and other issues, has presented Wheeler with a unique challenge, he said.

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