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The Rev. E.D. Mondainé

## City to Require Placards on Unreinforced Masonry

Ordinance is part of a larger push to upgrade older buildings – and some worry it could cause displacement

By Christen McCurdy  
Of The Skanner News

Last week Portland City Council passed an ordinance that requires owners of buildings with unreinforced masonry to place placards on those buildings and notify tenants and visitors the building could be un-

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## Prince Harry and Meghan's Child On Way

The royal baby would be seventh in line for the British throne

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# EARSHOT JAZZ



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

The Marquis Hill Blacktet including trumpeter Marquis Hill, the Winner of the 2014 Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition, played Oct. 8 at the Royal Room as part of the 30th Annual Ear Shot Jazz Festival. The 2018 festival features 60 events in a variety of venues including the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute, The Triple Door, the Royal Room and several other places around the city. The festival runs through Nov. 4. Winner of the 2014 Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition, Hill embodies the new Chicago sound with Braxton Cook (sax), Joel Ross (vibes), Jeremiah Hunt (bass), and Jonathan Pinson (drums). Earshot Jazz Presents: Marquis Hill Blacktet. For more information about the festival, visit [www.earshot.org](http://www.earshot.org).

## Portland Reduces Fees for Cannabis Businesses

New rules lower licensing fees for minority-owned businesses and those businesses who owners or staff were impacted by prohibition

By Melanie Sevcenko  
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News

**P**ortland City Council recently passed a milestone in marijuana regulations when it voted to reduce fees for all cannabis businesses in the city.

Already in effect, the new rules decrease the annual license fees from \$4,975 to \$3,500, as well as lower the cost of both the initial and renewal application fees, and allow all license types

to defer payment for up to six months.

Local licensing fees, in addition to those collected on the state-level by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, can sometimes be a tipping point for small businesses trying to stay afloat in the budding cannabis industry.

"The fees are so high we literally had to stop ordering product, which is going to reduce our customer base and make us look like we're not on the same tier as other dispensaries

because we don't have the financial backing," said Tararra Shaw, an employee of Green Hop dispensary and small business owner herself.

Shaw testified in favor of the reductions during the city council vote on Sept. 26, adding that the steep fees affected most aspects of running a business, from paying the electricity bill to scheduling employees.

Jeannette Ward Horton, who assisted in reviewing the language of the new re-

ductions, told *The Skanner* that these changes were critical. "A lack of access to capital is the biggest barrier for businesses of color, but it's a barrier for any small business," she said. "And the licensing fees are just extra and really can break you as a business."

Horton runs NuLeaf Project, a first-of-its-kind initiative that awards annual grants to cannabis businesses owned by people of color.

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## Official: Police Found Evidence of Khashoggi Slaying

Journalist vanished Oct. 2 while visiting consulate to pick up marriage paperwork

By Fay Abuelgasim, Suzan Fraser  
and Jon Gambrell, Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Police searching the Saudi Consulate found evidence that Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi was killed there, a high-level Turkish official said Tuesday, and authorities appeared ready to also search the nearby residence of the consul general after the diplomat left the country.

The comment by the Turkish official to The Associated Press further intensified the pressure on Saudi Arabia to explain what happened to Khashoggi, who vanished Oct. 2 while visiting the consulate to pick up paperwork he need to get married.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo traveled to Saudi Arabia to talk to King Salman and his son,

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The Saudi Arabia consul's residence, in Istanbul, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018. A high-level Turkish official says police who searched the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul found evidence that Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi was killed there.