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OREGON ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON HAS MANDATED ALL TYPES OF BUSINESSES TO TURN CAPTIONS ON AND CANNOT BE TURNED OFF DURING THE BUSINESS HOURS

Portland, OR – The Oregon Association of the Deaf (OAD) is pleased with the ordinance that was passed overwhelmingly by yesterday's City Council's votes by the City Commissioners, Amanda Fritz, Steve Novick, Nick Fish, and Dan Saltzman, and the Mayor, Charles Hales.

Commissioner Fritz proudly commended, *"Thanks, particularly, to Carol Studenmund, David Viers, Steven Brown, and Jim House for your work with my staff and his efforts to work with us, and thank you to the community organizations for your support, the Oregon Association of the Deaf, Hearing Loss Association of American, Oregon State Association, Oregon Communications Access Project, which is a local grassroots advocacy group that is credited with implementing captioning at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland Trail Blazers, and many others."*

The Portland City Council on Wednesday passed an ordinance requiring televisions in public places to keep the closed captioning feature on. Effectively started in 30 days from yesterday's votes, owners at bars, restaurants, barber shops and hospitals who turn off captions will risk paying a \$500 fine.

For more information:

http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2015/11/portland_closed_captions.html#incart_river_home

<http://www.kptv.com/story/30554678/portland-city-council-passes-closed-captioning-ordinance>

<https://www.facebook.com/PortlandTurnOnTheCaptionsNow/>

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