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## ORDER DESIGNATING HOUSE ISLAND AS A HISTORIC DISTRICT AND AMENDING THE MAP OF HISTORIC DISTRICTS

- **WHEREAS,** the City Council is authorized pursuant to Portland City Code Chapter 14, Section 622 to designate a defined area in the City as an historic district; and
- **WHEREAS,** the Portland Historic Preservation Board and Planning Board have both unanimously recommended the designation of the House Island Historic District; and
- **WHEREAS,** the designation of the House Island Historic District will fulfill a stated objective of the Comprehensive Plan to protect the City's historic resources through ongoing identification and designation of eligible landmarks and districts; and
- **WHEREAS**, the designation will formally recognize the unique history and landmarks situated on House Island; and
- **WHEREAS,** the designation will provide future generations the opportunity to view in person Fort Scammel and buildings on House Island associated with its role as a Federal immigration and quarantine state more than a hundred years ago; and
- WHEREAS, the designation will ensure that alterations to historic structures within the island district are compatible with the buildings' and the fort's historic character and will prevent the incremental loss of character that can occur through small inappropriate changes over time; and
- **WHEREAS**, the designation will stabilize and enhance the property value and economic vitality of House Island; and
- **WHEREAS**, the designation will increase the attractiveness of the island district to tourists; and
- **WHEREAS**, the designation will provide property owners access to federal and state tax incentives available for the rehabilitation of historic properties;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED t**hat, pursuant to Chapter 14, Section 622, the Portland City Council hereby designates House Island, as shown on the attached map, as the House Island Historic District; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that the map of Historic Districts with Landmarks and Historic Landscape Districts is hereby amended to include the House Island Historic District as set forth on the attached map.

