



**Port of Portland  
Federal and Port Airport Regulations and Policy Guidelines Memo**

**ADDENDUM**

**Statutory Authority of the Port of Portland as defined in the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS).**

The Port of Portland derives its existence from the Oregon Revised Statutes. In ORS 777.065, there is a list of cities that are allowed to have Ports with the goal of enhancing world trade and economic activity. A copy of that section is provided below. ORS 777 outlines the structure for Ports state wide. The full text can be found at: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/777.html>

777.065 Development of port facilities at certain ports as state economic goal; state agencies to assist ports. The Legislative Assembly recognizes that assistance and encouragement of enhanced world trade opportunities are an important function of the state, and that development of new and expanded overseas markets for commodities exported from the ports of this state has great potential for diversifying and improving the economic base of the state. Therefore, development and improvement of port facilities suitable for use in world maritime trade at the Ports of Umatilla, Morrow, Arlington, The Dalles, Hood River and Cascade Locks and the development of deepwater port facilities at Astoria, Coos Bay, Newport, Portland and St. Helens is declared to be a state economic goal of high priority. All agencies of the State of Oregon are directed to assist in promptly achieving the creation of such facilities by processing applications for necessary permits in an expeditious manner and by assisting the ports involved with available financial assistance or services when necessary. [1981 c.879 §6; 1993 c.106 §1]

The structure of the Port of Portland is specifically detailed in ORS 778 with the general powers listed in also 778.015 which is provided below. The full text can be found at: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/778.html>

778.015 Purposes and general powers of port. The object, purpose and occupation of the Port of Portland shall be to promote the maritime, shipping, aviation, commercial and industrial interests of the port as by law specifically authorized. The port may acquire, hold, use, dispose of and convey real and personal property, make any and all contracts the making of which is not by this chapter expressly prohibited. It may do any other acts and things which are requisite, necessary or convenient in accomplishing the purpose described or in carrying out the powers granted to it by law. The port may supply surface and air craft with fuel and other supplies at reasonable cost as may be for the best interests of the port. [Amended by 1959 c.362 §1; 1971 c.728 §104]