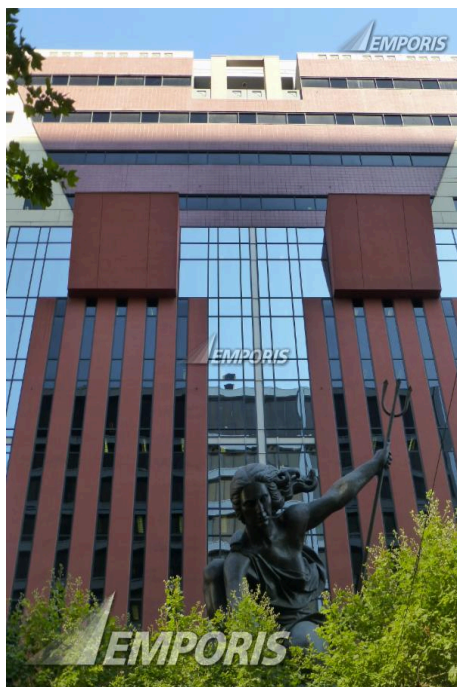


# Portland Building



## Identification

**EBN** 122646

**Name** Portland Building

**Alternative Name** Portland Municipal Services Building

**Construction Type** high-rise building

**Current Status** existing [under renovation]

## Location

<b>Continent Name</b>	North America	<b>District (2nd level)</b>	Downtown
<b>Country Name</b>	U.S.A.	<b>Postcode</b>	97204
<b>State Name</b>	Oregon	<b>Address (as text)</b>	1120 SW 5th Avenue
<b>Metro Area Name</b>	Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton Metro Area	<b>Main Address</b>	1120 SW 5th Avenue
<b>City Name</b>	Portland	<b>Virtual Address</b>	SW Main Street

SW Madison Street  
SW 4th Avenue

**District (1st level)** Downtown

## Description

<b>Structural Material</b>	steel	<b>Facade Color</b>	light yellow dark green dark red
<b>Facade System</b>	applied masonry	<b>Architectural style</b>	postmodernism
<b>Facade Material</b>	concrete glass	<b>Main Usage</b>	governmental office

## Spatial dimensions

<b>Height (structural)</b>	231 ft	<b>Parking places</b>	75
<b>Height (roof)</b>	215 ft	<b>Gross Floor Area (GFA)</b>	<a href="#">Buy full PDF</a>
<b>Floors (overground)</b>	15		

## Years and costs

<b>Year (construction end)</b>	1982	<b>Building costs</b>	\$ 41,200,000
<b>Year (last renovation)</b>	2018		

## Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings
- City landmark

## Facts

- Portlandia, in front of the Portland Building, is the second largest copper statue in the United States after the Statue of Liberty.
- Original design by Los Angeles architect Frank Gehry.
- National AIA Honor Award, May 1983.

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- Opened and dedicated on October 2, 1982.
- Portland Building is located on a 200-square feet block area.
- The original building budget was \$22.4 million.
- In September, 1995 during a small renovation on the 14th floor, revealed extensive cracking in the overlying floor slab.
- The Portland Building has been both on Time and Newsweek front covers.
- Graves building design was the most inexpensive design submitted at US \$24,500,000.
- During the design phase, eleven design-build teams initially responded to the published RFP (Request For Proposals).
- Erickson's proposed design consisted of reflective glass facade suspended on pilotis, with a series of setbacks at ground level for public use.
- In 1933, Tourtellotte and Hummel proposed a high-rise building that was never built on the spot where the Portland Building is currently located.
- The Portland Building is considered to be among the earliest examples of U.S. postmodern large-scale structures.
- Portlandia's dedication was on October 6th, 1985.
- Belluschi, one of Portland most recognized architects, lobbied against Graves' building design as it looked like "...oversized beribboned Christmas package".
- The initial proposed designs of the final three design-build teams did not fully meet the city's requirements.
- Above the entrance of Portland Building, the 38-foot tall Portlandia holds a trident in one hand and reaches toward the street with the other.
- The proposal put forth by the Giurgola design team mostly met the set specifications of the City; however, it exceeded the budget by US \$6 million.
- In 1985, a case study conducted by an independent agency revealed that the building's energy consumption was at 57,500 BTU/sq ft/yr; 22 percent over the Graves, Hoffman and Morse/Diesel team's prediction.
- The final three design-build teams were Arthur Erickson and Mitchell/Giurgola, and Michael Graves.
- The building's first 3 stories are clad in dark green tiles. The building's main section is cream-colored with small, 4 feet square windows and terracotta-colored pilasters.
- The initial design called for an office building, 360,000 square-feet, and an underground level for parking.
- Sculptor/architect Raymond Kaskey of Washington, D.C. assembled the statue's nine sections before the Willamette River trip towards the Portland Building.

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