

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Amend City Code Office of the City Attorney duties and responsibilities. (Ordinance; amend Code Section 3.10.030).

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Legal issues often arise requiring a very quick response by the City Attorney's office. Two of these issues concern employee safety and short deadlines that, if missed, would harm the City's interests.

This code change would allow the City Attorney's office to do the following upon approval of the Commissioner-in-charge:

1. Represent City employees in their personal capacity in legal proceedings that have a connection to their City employment and are related to their personal safety, including initiating litigation on behalf of City employees for restraining orders, injunctions, and other protections and remedies.
2. Respond quickly when the City's interests could be affected by appeals or other legal proceedings to which the City is not a party. Given the potential benefits to the City and the short deadlines, it's appropriate to be able to file briefs and motions quickly.
3. File notices of appeal to protect the City's legal right to appeal in situations where the City Attorney believes an appeal is advisable and it is not practicable to obtain a Council resolution in the time allowed. The City Attorney shall seek Council authorization by resolution to continue the appeal as soon as practicable and shall immediately dismiss any appeal which Council declines to authorize by resolution.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

There is no budgetary impact. Any additional work would be handled with existing staff resources and expenses will be minimal, such as court filing fees, which will be paid with existing resources.

Community impacts and community involvement:

This legislation is not expected to have direct impact on the community. Appeals filed under this section will come before council by resolution and may involve the community at that time as appropriate. Employees' personal safety as it relates to their employment does not require community involvement.

100% Renewable Goal:

If applicable, discuss how this action contributes to the City's goal of meeting 100 percent of community-wide energy needs with renewable energy by 2050.

- Does this action increase or decrease the City's total energy use? NA
- Does this action increase or decrease the City's renewable energy use? AN

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

