

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** Expand the authority of the Risk Manager and designees to serve as agents of the City Attorney to investigate and settle tort claims and clarify the scope of fair and moral claims for which the Risk Manager is authorized to investigate and settle (Ordinance; amend Code Section 3.15.020 G.)

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

The Code amendments strengthen the authority and clarify the language regarding the Risk Manager’s duties relative to investigating, evaluating, and settling tort claims brought against the City.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

There are no immediate financial impacts that will result from these Code amendments. However, it is expected that the amendments will increase the effectiveness of the City to defend itself against tort claims and lawsuits brought against the City, and therefore reduce the potential costs the City bureaus might have to pay from negative verdicts in lawsuits.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

The amendments to City Code are an internal administrative and legal matter for the City as an organization. No community input was requested.

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**Does this action change appropriations?**

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

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