

## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Administrative Code - Short-Term Contract Extensions and Amendments to Modify Scope and Compensation]

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to authorize short-term extensions for construction contracts, goods and services contracts, and grants to mitigate staffing shortages, and to authorize amendments to modify scope and compensation for goods and services contracts to mitigate supply shortages.**

### Existing Law

Currently extensions of agreements subject to Chapter 6, Chapter 21, and Chapter 21G (contracts and grants) require authority to amend those agreements to extend. Most often the authority is that the original solicitation allows for such an extension. Amending an existing goods or services contract to modify scope and compensation requires a narrowly applied approval process.

### Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance authorizes extensions for a period of twelve months without any additional procurement authority for contracts and grants. This ordinance authorizes the Purchaser to modify agreements to change scope and compensation. The authority granted in this ordinance expires on July 1, 2023. Reports of the instances where these authorities were used must be kept.

### Background Information

This legislation was advanced in response to the continuing supply and staffing shortages caused by the Covid-19 global pandemic. It is a limited term response that will give departments and the Purchaser the authority to more effectively manage agreements and procurement for the City. With this short-term relief from the City's complex procurement requirements, departments will have an opportunity to mitigate deferred contracting needs.

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