

1 [Reenacting a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program.]

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3 **Emergency ordinance reenacting a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program set**
4 **forth in Chapter 14A of the San Francisco Administrative Code; suspending Chapter**
5 **12D.A; providing for data collection to ensure nondiscrimination in City contracting;**
6 **and adopting a declaration of emergency.**

7 Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;
8 deletions are ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~.
9 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

10 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

11 Section 1. Declaration of Emergency under Section 2.107 of the San Francisco
12 Charter.

13 Section 2.107 of the San Francisco Charter authorizes passage of an emergency
14 ordinance in cases of public emergency affecting life, health, property, or for the uninterrupted
15 operation of any City or County department or office required to comply with time limitations
16 as established by law. The Charter provides that an emergency ordinance may be reenacted
17 upon the same terms and conditions applicable to its initial enactment. The Board of
18 Supervisors hereby finds and declares that an actual emergency exists that requires the
19 passage of this Emergency Ordinance. This emergency declaration is based on the following:

- 20 1. The City and County of San Francisco and its departments are engaged on an
21 ongoing basis in a large number of public services and projects that are vital to the health,
22 safety and welfare of San Francisco and its citizens, such as the construction and repair of
23 energy, water, and transportation equipment and facilities, and the provision of social,
24 medical, public safety and other services to San Franciscans. Many of these services and
25 projects are required or authorized by law.

1 2. In order to perform these services and accomplish these projects, the City often
2 enters into contracts with outside entities. The ability to bid, negotiate, award and enforce
3 contracts in a timely manner is often critical to the accomplishment of public projects and
4 services. In order to receive funding and/or secure or maintain legal authorization to proceed,
5 the City may be under an obligation to execute projects or deliver services according to a
6 determined timeline. Failure to meet these requirements may jeopardize receipt of funding or
7 authority to proceed with a needed project or service. Failure to proceed in a timely manner
8 with public projects and services may jeopardize public health and safety, or damage public
9 property.

10 3. On July 26, 2004, in Coral Construction, Inc. v. City and County of San
11 Francisco (Sup. Ct. No. 421249), the San Francisco Superior Court entered an order
12 enjoining the City from enforcing or attempting to enforce substantial provisions of the City's
13 Minority/Women/Local Business Utilization Ordinance. The injunction became effective
14 immediately.

15 4. Because of uncertainty over the scope and effect of the injunction, and in order
16 to continue contracting for vital public projects and services, the Board of Supervisors adopted
17 an emergency ordinance establishing an interim Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
18 Program.

19 5. The Court subsequently denied the City's requests for an automatic or
20 discretionary stay of the injunction. On August 23, 2004, the Court issued an order that
21 clarified the scope of the injunction. As clarified, the injunction prohibits the City from
22 enforcing identified sections of the 12D.A ordinance in conjunction with any contract for which
23 "bids or proposals are advertised or solicited on or after July 26, 2004."

24 6. The City is appealing the Superior Court's injunction. At the same time that the
25 City is pursuing relief through the courts, the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and City

1 departments, along with interested members of the public, are working to develop a
2 permanent replacement for the Minority/Women/Local Business Utilization Ordinance to be
3 used if relief through the courts is not forthcoming. Because public contracting legislation
4 raises complex issues of policy, administration and law, additional time is needed to finalize
5 permanent legislation. Failure to extend the emergency ordinance will cause confusion and
6 could disrupt vital contracting processes. Accordingly, the Board finds and declares that a
7 continuing emergency exists that requires this ordinance to become effective immediately.
8 This emergency ordinance will ensure that the City and its departments are able to comply
9 with time limits established by law for entering into contracts and performing various public
10 works and functions, and will safeguard public health, safety and property.

11 Section 2. The following sections of emergency ordinance number 208-04, which
12 was enacted on August 11, 2004, are hereby reenacted as provided under Section 2.107 of
13 the San Francisco Charter: Section 1 (amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by
14 adding Chapter 14A to establish a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and suspend
15 Chapter 12D.A), and Section 4 (providing for data collection to ensure nondiscrimination in
16 City contracting).

17 This ordinance shall become effective and operative immediately upon passage, and
18 shall expire on the 61st day following passage unless reenacted as provided by Section 2.107
19 of the San Francisco Charter.

20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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