

1 [Settlement of Attorney's Fee Claim - Contest Promotions, LLC - City to Receive \$580,000]

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3 **Ordinance authorizing settlement by payment of \$580,000 to the City and County of**
4 **San Francisco, of the City's claim for attorney's fees and costs arising from the lawsuit**
5 **that Contest Promotions, LLC filed against the City; the lawsuit was filed on August 26,**
6 **2015, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-15-547630; entitled Contest**
7 **Promotions, LLC vs. City and County of San Francisco; San Francisco Superior Court**
8 **Case No. CPF-16-514771 was filed on February 9, 2016, and the actions were**
9 **consolidated; the lawsuit involves a dispute about the City's compliance with a prior**
10 **settlement agreement between the parties, and the constitutionality of sections of the**
11 **Planning Code regulating on-site and off-site commercial signs.**

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

14 Section 1. Pursuant to Charter Section 6.102(5), the Board of Supervisors hereby
15 authorizes the City Attorney to settle the City's claim for attorney's fees and costs in the
16 matter of Contest Promotions, LLC vs. City and County of San Francisco, Superior Court of
17 California, County of San Francisco, Case No. CPF-16-514771 (consolidated with Case No.
18 CGC-15-547630) by the payment of \$580,000 to the City. Under the terms of this fee
19 settlement, (1) Contest Promotions will release \$250,000 that is currently held in escrow for
20 the benefit of the City; (2) when the appeal is final, the prevailing party receives the funds in
21 escrow; and (3) Contest Promotions will pay the remaining \$330,000 in 12 monthly payments
22 of \$27,500/month. This settlement modifies the terms of a 2019 fee settlement in this lawsuit.
23 The lawsuit involves a dispute about the City's compliance with a prior settlement agreement
24 between the parties, and the constitutionality of sections of the Planning Code regulating on-
25 site and off-site commercial signs.

1 Section 2. The above-named consolidated actions were filed in San Francisco
2 Superior Court on August 26, 2015, and February 9, 2016, and the following parties were
3 named in the lawsuits: Contest Promotions, LLC and the City and County of San Francisco.
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5 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
6 RECOMMENDED:

7 DENNIS J. HERRERA
8 City Attorney

RECOMMENDED:

SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING
DEPARTMENT

9 /s/
10 KATE H. STACY
11 Chief Land Use Deputy City Attorney

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13 RICH HILLIS
14 Director

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