

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative, Environment Codes - Zero Emission Vehicle Requirements for City Fleet]

Ordinance amending the Administrative and Environment Codes to require that any new passenger vehicle procured for the City fleet be a Zero Emission Vehicle, absent a waiver, and that all passenger vehicles in the City fleet be Zero Emission Vehicles by December 31, 2020; and to encourage selection of Zero Emission Vehicles in other vehicle classes as technology improves.

Existing Law

The City Administrator and Departments are restricted in purchasing motor vehicles considered light duty or passenger in nature to the Vehicle Selector List issued by the City Administrator. Light duty or passenger vehicles include passenger vehicles (generally sedans), light duty trucks, and passenger vans. The purchasing restrictions do not apply when the City Administrator waives the requirements, or the purchase is exempt. The Vehicle Selector List takes into account environmental considerations with the goal of purchasing vehicles that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Amendments to Current Law

The City Administrator and Departments will be restricted to only Zero Emission Vehicles when purchasing new passenger vehicles. Light duty trucks and passenger vans will not be required to be Zero Emission Vehicles, but as technology improves, selection of Zero Emission Vehicles will be encouraged. The purchasing restrictions do not apply when the City Administrator waives the requirements, or the purchase is exempt. By December 31, 2020, the entire passenger vehicle fleet must transition to consist of entirely Zero Emission Vehicles.

Background Information

To be considered a Zero Emission Vehicle (“ZEV”), the vehicle must be defined as such by the California Air Resources Board. Generally, this requires that a vehicle produce no emissions from the on-board source of power. Vehicles that do not fully meet the zero emission standard such as a hybrid or a Partial Zero Emission Vehicle (“PZEV”) do not comply with the new requirements of this law.

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