

**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, 2022; 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 Passenger Vehicles have been defined to align with federal standards for class 2 vehicles. The definition of Emergency Vehicles has been narrowed to eliminate vehicles used primarily for administrative functions that are not equipped with sirens and lights.

By December 31, 2022, the entire passenger vehicle fleet must transition to consist of entirely Zero Emission Vehicles, unless there is a waiver, exemption, or exception present in Chapter 4 of the Environment Code. 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, and departments do not need to submit waivers on a purchase by purchase basis. Some purchases are exempt from the Zero Emission Vehicle requirements, such as Emergency Vehicles. Up to 10 percent of the Light-Duty fleet does not have to be a Zero Emission Vehicle if they are instead Plug-In Hybrid 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.

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