



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 14.6(a) AND 14.6(b) OF CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1 OF DIVISION 19 OF THE LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO ENHANCE THE CITY'S ABILITY TO IDENTIFY, APPLY FOR, AND RECEIVE GRANTS DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY, GENERALLY, AND DURING THE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TO THE PALISADES, HURST, SUNSET, AND KENNETH FIRES, SPECIFICALLY

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. CF 25-0006-S31

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance approved as to form. This draft ordinance would amend Sections 14.6(a) and 14.6(b) of Chapter 1, Article 1, of Division 19 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to enhance the city's ability to apply for and receive grants during a declared emergency.

Background and Summary of Ordinance

In January 2025, multiple wildfires resulting from a windstorm within the City of Los Angeles (City) and the surrounding metropolitan area destroyed life, public and private property, and other critical infrastructure, and prompted numerous evacuation orders and road closures, resulting in significant impacts to the provision of City services including, but not limited to, utility services, public safety services, and transportation services. As a result of the fires, the City Council adopted a motion



instructing this Office to prepare and ordinance amending the LAAC to allow City departments to apply for and receive grants related to federal and state emergency declarations for response and recovery activities, including, specifically, the response and recovery activities for the Palisades, Hurst, Sunset and Kenneth Fires. The draft ordinance would create a framework that allows offices and departments to identify, apply for, and accept non-matching funded emergency-related grants without approval from the City Council and Mayor. The draft ordinance would also allow offices and departments to apply for any matching funded grants for the emergency response and recovery for the Palisades, Hurst, Sunset and Kenneth Fires. Those matching funded grants would still need Mayor and City Council approval before being accepted.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the City Administrative Officer, with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Barak Vaughn at (213) 712-6153. He or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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