

ORDINANCE NO. .
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 2.10.090 OF CHAPTER 2.10 AND SECTION 2.14.110 OF CHAPTER 2.14 OF TITLE 2 OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE AUTHORIZING USE OF THE TITLES “COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER” AND “COUNTY ATTORNEY”

WHEREAS, San Mateo County Ordinance Code (“Ordinance Code”) Chapter 2.10 sets forth the duties of the County Manager to execute on behalf of the Board of Supervisors its administrative supervision and control of the affairs of the County, among other duties; and

WHEREAS, other counties in the Bay Area use modernized and clearer titles for the role of County Manager, including County Administrator and County Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to authorize the County Manager to use, at the County Manager’s discretion, the alternate title of “County Executive Officer;” and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Code Chapter 2.14 sets forth the duties of the County Counsel, including providing legal advice and representation to the Board of Supervisors, County departments, and various other public offices and agencies; and

WHEREAS, county attorneys with similar duties in most other states are referred with the clearer title “County Attorney,” which is unambiguous and consistent with the title used for city and town attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to authorize the County Counsel to use, at the County Counsel's discretion, the alternate title of "County Attorney;"

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, **ORDAINS** as follows:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals constitute facts and findings of the Board of Supervisors and are hereby incorporated by this reference and made part of this Ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Section 2.10.090 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code is hereby added to Chapter 2.10 to read as follows:

2.10.090 – County Executive Officer.

The County Manager may, in the County Manager's discretion, use the alternate title of "County Executive Officer." Any reference to "County Manager" in this Ordinance Code or any other location, including, but not limited to County Charter, Board resolution, administrative memorandum, policy, or agreement, shall be interpreted to include the County Executive Officer. Conversely, any reference to "County Executive Officer" shall also be interpreted to include the County Manager. This authority includes the discretion to use either title for the name of the office and any assistants, chief deputies or deputies of the position.

SECTION 3. Section 2.14.110 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code is hereby added to Chapter 2.14 to read as follows:

2.14.110 – County Attorney.

The County Counsel may, in the County Counsel's discretion, use the alternate title of "County Attorney." Any reference to "County Counsel" in this Ordinance Code or any other location, including, but not limited to County Charter, Board resolution, administrative memorandum, policy, or agreement, shall be interpreted to include the County Attorney. Conversely, any reference to "County Attorney" shall also be interpreted to include the County Counsel. This authority includes the discretion to use either title for the name of the office and any assistants, chief deputies or deputies of the position.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

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