

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

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**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.14.040 (USE OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR
LEGAL SERVICES, ADVICE, OR REPRESENTATION) OF CHAPTER 2.14
(COUNTY COUNSEL) OF TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE SAN MATEO
COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE, RELATING TO LEGAL SERVICES FROM
OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California,
ORDAINS as follows

SECTION 1. ORDINANCE CODE AMENDMENT. Section 2.14.040 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code is hereby amended in its entirety as follows (additions in *italics*; deletions in ~~strike~~through) :

**2.14.040 Use of outside counsel for legal services, advice, or
representation**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, except as provided herein, the Board of Supervisors has sole authority to retain the services of any attorney or law firm outside the County Counsel's Office for the purpose of providing legal services, advice, or representation to any County employee or department. Contracts for such services in an amount up to ~~\$50,000~~ *\$100,000* may be approved and entered into by the County Counsel. Contracts for such services in an amount over ~~\$50,000~~ *\$100,000* must first be reviewed by County Counsel and approved by the Board of Supervisors. The Controller shall not pay any bills for outside legal services unless the contract for the use of outside counsel has been approved in accordance with this section.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any provision(s) of this ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors that such invalid provision(s) be severed from the remaining provisions of the ordinance.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days from the passage date thereof.

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