

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

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**ORDINANCE AMENDING: (1) SECTION 2.14.040 OF CHAPTER 2.14 OF THE SAN
MATEO COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE TO ALIGN WITH CHANGES TO THE
GOVERNMENT CODE AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO B-1**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California,

ORDAINS as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.14.040 of Chapter 2.14 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows (additions to the current text are in *italics*; deletions to the current text are in ~~striketrough~~):

**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 \$100,000~~ *not exceeding the threshold set forth in California Government Code Section 25502.5* may be approved and entered into by the County Counsel. Contracts for such services in an amount ~~over \$100,000~~ *exceeding the threshold set forth in California Government Code Section 25502.5* 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. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is the intent of the Board that such invalid provisions(s) be severed from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty days after adoption.

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