

ORDINANCE NO. 189038

An ordinance adding Article 29 to Chapter 1, Division 10 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, establishing the Litigation Disclosure Ordinance.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Article 29 is added to Chapter 1, Division 10 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 29

LITIGATION DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE

Sec. 10.41.10. Findings and Purposes.

The City utilizes contracts with various vendors and companies to secure the material, equipment, supplies, and services essential for daily operations. As the City continues to initiate new contracts, it should be fully informed of any existing legal disputes between the City and prospective contractors. Awarding a city contract without knowledge of ongoing litigation between the City and a prospective vendor may create conflicts of interest, expose the City to increased liability, or otherwise compromise the City's legal and financial interests. To ensure transparency and enable informed decision-making, a formal disclosure requirement should be incorporated into the City's contracting process.

Sec. 10.41.11. Definitions.

A. "Awarding Authority" means the governing body, board, officer, or employee of the City authorized to award a Contract and shall include a department which has control of its own funds if the department adopts policies consonant with the provisions of this article.

B. "City" means the City of Los Angeles, a municipal corporation, and all Awarding Authorities thereof.

C. "Contract" means any agreement, franchise, lease, license, or concession, including an agreement for occasional, professional, or technical services, the performance of any work or service, the provision of any materials or supplies, or rendering of any service to the City of Los Angeles or the public, as well as any amendment or assignment thereof, which is let, awarded or entered into with or on behalf of the City of Los Angeles or any Awarding Authority of the City.

D. "Designated Administrative Agency (DAA)" means the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contract Administration.

E. “Litigation” means any civil action, including cross-complaints, court proceeding, or formal process of structured dispute resolution, arbitration, or mediation.

F. “Person” means any individual, proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation, limited liability company, trust, association or other entity that may enter into a Contract.

G. “Plaintiff” means any Person who initiated, or intervened in, any Litigation matter against the City.

H. “Plaintiff’s Counsel” means any law firm of record representing a Person who initiated, or intervened in, any Litigation matter against the City. For purposes of this definition, “law firm” shall include, but is not limited to, any law partnership; professional law corporation; lawyer acting as a sole proprietorship; association authorized to practice law; or lawyers employed in a legal services organization or in the legal department, division, or office of any corporation, or of another structured organization.

Sec. 10.41.12. Disclosure Requirement

No Contract shall be awarded to any Person who has failed to complete fully and accurately an affidavit listing all Litigation matters involving the Person as a Plaintiff or Plaintiff’s Counsel. The Awarding Authority may terminate a Contract if at any time it determines a Person failed to fully and accurately complete the affidavit.

Sec. 10.41.13. Exceptions

This article shall not be applicable to the following Contracts:

A. Contracts for the investment of:

- (1) City trust moneys or bond proceeds;
- (2) pension funds;
- (3) indentures, security enhancement agreements for City tax-exempt and taxable financings;
- (4) deposits of City surplus funds in financial institutions;
- (5) the investment of City moneys in securities permitted under the California State Government Code and/or the City’s investment policy;
- (6) investment agreements;

(7) repurchase agreements; and

(8) City moneys invested in United States government securities.

B. Grant funded Contracts if the application of this article would violate or be inconsistent with the terms or conditions of a grant or grant Contract with an agency of the United States, the State of California or the instruction of an authorized representative of any of those agencies with respect to any grant or grant Contract.

C. Contracts with a governmental entity such as the United States of America, the State of California, a county, city or public agency of one of these entities, or a public or quasi-public corporation located in the United States and declared by law to have a public status.

D. Contracts entered into during time of war or national, state or local emergency declared in accordance with federal, state or local law, where the Council adopts a resolution by two-thirds vote and is approved by the Mayor, the suspension of any or all the restrictions of Section 371 of the Los Angeles City Charter or their applicability to the Awarding Authority.

Sec. 10.41.14. Administration.

A. The DAA shall administer the requirements of this article and monitor compliance.

B. The DAA shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement this article within sixty days after the effective date of this ordinance.

C. The DAA shall develop an affidavit to be used by Awarding Authorities within sixty days after the effective date of this ordinance.

Sec. 10.41.15. Application of this Article.

This article shall apply to any Contract entered into after the rules and regulations have been promulgated by the DAA.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Pete J. Latta

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