

**Board of Supervisors
Consent Item
October 25, 2022**

Introduce, waive reading, and set November 8, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. as the date and time to consider adoption of an ordinance amending Paragraph F of Section 2.32.030 of the Monterey County Code to authorize the Purchasing Agent to engage independent contractors to perform services for the County and the offices thereof.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

California Government Code Sections 25500-25509 authorized the Board of Supervisors to employ a Purchasing Agent and such assistants as are necessary to properly fulfill the duties of the position. Effective in 2019, California Government Code Section 25502.5 amendment permits counties having a population of 200,000 or more for the County's Board of Supervisors a) to authorize the purchasing agent to engage independent contractors to perform services for the County or County Officers, with or without furnishing materials, when the annual aggregate cost does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000); and, b) to establish rules and regulations to effectuate the purpose of this section.

On May 15, 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved to amend Paragraph F of Section 2.32.030 of the Monterey County Code to increase the signature authority of the Purchasing Agent to engage independent contractors to perform services for the County and the offices thereof, with or without the furnishing of material, where the aggregate cost does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). Approval of this ordinance would increase the amount to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).

The County Administrative Office Contracts and Purchasing division has included the proposed Purchasing Policy to support the amendment to the County Ordinance to ensure stewardship and transparency in alignment with amended California Government Code Section 25502.5.

The proposed amendment to the Monterey County Code is consistent with the foregoing sections of the Government Code.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The CAO concurs in the recommendation. County Counsel has reviewed and approved this request.

FINANCING:

This action has no financial impact not otherwise incurred by the County.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

- Economic Development
- X Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- X Public Safety

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Attachments:

1. Attachment A- County of Monterey Ordinance Section 2.32.030
2. Attachment B- Cal. Gov. Code 25502.5