

PROPOSED
ORDINANCE NO. 06-22

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AN ORDINANCE
TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-1-8 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA; ADDING PROVISIONS FOR PURCHASE OF OUTSIDE LEGAL SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. Section 3-1-8 of the Code of the City of Pensacola, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3-1-8. Payment of Claims.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection 1-1-1(c), no claim against the city shall be paid except those certified by the director of the appropriate department or his or her designee, and by means authorized by the director of finance. The director of finance shall cause to have examined all payrolls, bills and other claim and demands against the city and shall issue no payment unless he/she finds that the claim is in proper form, including, with regard to legal services, that the purchase of such services complies with subsection 3-3-2, is correctly computed and duly certified; and that it is justly and legally due and payable, that an appropriation has been made therefor which has not been exhausted, and that the payment has been otherwise legally authorized; and that there is money in the city treasury to make payment. He/she may require any claimant to make oath to the validity of a claim. He/she may investigate any claim, and for that purpose may examine witnesses under oath, and if he/she finds a claim to be fraudulent, erroneous or otherwise invalid, he/she shall not issue payment therefor.
- (b) The City Attorney shall report all purchases of outside legal services to the City Council when such services to a single vendor exceeds \$25,000 during any fiscal year, and he/she shall provide a quarterly update to Council for all additional purchases of legal services from the vendor.

SECTION 2. If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, section or provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Passed: _____

Approved: _____
President of City Council

Attest:

City Clerk