



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

County Counsel

**DATE:** November 8, 2002

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** December 3, 2002

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** County Counsel

**SUBJECT:** Introduction of Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.144 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code (County Hearing Officer) and Waiver of Reading of Ordinance in its Entirety

**Recommendation**

Introduce the Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.144 (County Hearing Officer) of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, and Waive the Reading of the Ordinance in its Entirety.

**Background**

Chapter 2.144 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code provides for an Office of the County Hearing Officer. The existing ordinance provides that the County Manager may enter into a contract with an independent contractor to provide for the services of a County Hearing Officer. Since that ordinance was adopted, technical changes have been made to the state statute authorizing establishment of the County Hearing Officer.

**Discussion**

This ordinance would make technical changes to the existing ordinance to reflect similar changes in state law. In addition, the ordinance clarifies the role of the County Manager by providing that the Office of the County Hearing Officer would be under the supervision of the County Manager and by authorizing the County Manager to assign hearings to individual hearing officers from a panel designated by the County Manager. The County Manager would continue to be authorized to execute contracts for the services of these designated hearing officers. State law also authorizes other entities such as school districts to contract with the County. This ordinance would authorize the County Manager to execute such contracts.

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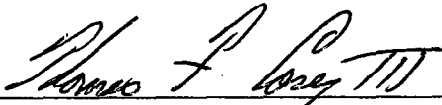
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**Vision Alignment**

This ordinance will further the commitment of providing responsive, effective and collaborative government and goal number 22 (county and local governments effectively communicate, collaborate and develop strategic approaches to issues affecting the entire County).

**Fiscal Impact**

This ordinance will have no fiscal impact on the County as it makes only technical changes to an existing ordinance.

  
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**RECOMMENDED**  
  
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ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER