



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 260275

Submitted Department/Preparer: Law

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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

Executive Summary

Authorizing the City Attorney to execute a specialized Legal Services Contract with the law firm of Grant & Eisenhofer, P.A. for the provision of legal services related to certain firefighter protective gear; and waiving contract solicitation and award provisions

Discussion

This ordinance would authorize the City attorney to engage the law firm of Grant & Eisenhofer, P.A. to provide legal representation of the City in connection with pursuing one or more lawsuits, from pre-suit investigation through final appeal, against all those responsible for developing, designing, manufacturing, distributing marketing, selling, providing, or otherwise facilitating delivery and utilization of firefighter turnout gear known or suspected or believed to contain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS"). The firm has expertise with these issues and is currently representing other governmental entities in similar lawsuits. The representation is on a contingent fee basis and does not require the City to advance any funds.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? Yes No
2. What is the funding source?
Contingent fee with all legal fees and expenses subtracted from any future settlement or damage recovery.
3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
No impact
4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.

The fiscal impact is a possible recovery for damages.

5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
Yes

Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

- 1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. Yes No
- 2. This fund has a structural imbalance. Yes No
- 3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. Yes No

Additional Discussion (if needed)

This legislation authorizes a specialized legal services contract on contingency in which the contracted 3firm will subtract their fees and expenses from future settlement or damage recovery.

Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

- 1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)
- 2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Finance and Governance (Press tab after selecting.)
- 3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):
 - Ensure the resiliency of a responsive, representative, engaged, and transparent City government.
 - Engage in workforce planning including employee recruitment, development, retention, and engagement.
 - Foster a solutions-oriented, welcoming culture for employees and City Partners.
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Prior Legislation

None

Service Level Impacts

None

Staff Recommendation

Law

Select One: Sponsored
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Select One: Recommend
 Do Not Recommend
 Not Applicable

[Click or tap here to provide reasoning.](#)

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
N/A
2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
N/A
3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
New Firefighter turn out gear would not contain PFAS chemicals.
4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
No (Press tab after selecting)

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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and

Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)

Please provide reasoning why not:

Legal Services Contracts with outside counsel for specialized litigation are exempted from contract goals based on availability analysis, historical data, and feasibility fo subcontract opportunities.

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?

No(Press tab after selecting)