



## Legislation Text

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Ordinance No. 18-41 amending multiple sections within Chapter 1 (Administration, Personnel, and Finance) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to Colorado Springs Utilities

**Presenter:**

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**Summary:**

Revisions to Chapter 1, Administration, Personnel, and Finance, of the City Code are proposed. These revisions define the Chief Executive Office of Utilities, and prescribe the authorities, powers, and duties of the Utilities Chief Executive Officer, along with other miscellaneous changes to the existing City Code replacing "Executive Director" with "Chief Executive Officer".

**Previous Council Action:**

N/A

**Background:**

The City Council/Utilities Board has reviewed the governance model for Utilities over a three-year time period. After much discussion, review, and input the Utilities Board will adopt a new governance manual at its May 16, 2018 formal meeting. These City Code revisions are necessary to adapt the present City Code to the new governance procedures.

**Financial Implications:**

N/A

**Board/Commission Recommendation:**

The Utilities Board at its May 16, 2018 formal meeting will adopt a revised governance manual. The City Code revisions are necessary to adapt the present City Code to the revised governance manual. The Utilities Board recommended that the City Council adopt the proposed City Code revisions

**Stakeholder Process:**

As a result of the 2016 Governance Process Review, the Utilities Board developed a new Excellence in Governance model, which defines its role by detailing the fiduciary, statutory, and regulatory duties; responsibilities for direction, outcome, oversight, and accountability; the specific authorities of the Utilities Board and City Council; and partnership expectations with the CEO. The Excellence in Governance Policy Manual implements the new processes. The Governance Process Review entailed public meetings, including qualitative and quantitative surveys, in 2015 and 2016. Utilities Board committees reviewed sections of the Excellence in Governance Policy Manual throughout

2017 and 2018.

**Alternatives:**

The City Council could leave the City Code as it presently exists. The revised Utilities governance manual then would not become effective and Utilities' governance procedure would stay as it is.

**Proposed Motion:**

Move to adopt ordinance amending multiple sections within Chapter 1 (Administration, Personnel, and Finance) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to Colorado Springs Utilities.

The ordinance revises sections of Chapter 1, Administration, Personnel, and Finance of the City Code to define Utilities Chief Executive Officer, to change references to the CEO and the CEO's duties, and to remove references to Utilities Policy Governance.