

CITY ATTORNEY'S AUTHORITY TO APPOINT HEARING OFFICERS



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BACKGROUND



- City Code § 1.2.409
 - The City Attorney shall appoint Hearing Officers to resolve disputes as otherwise authorized in this Code or in the tariffs of the Utilities.
- The proposed change to City Code § 1.2.409 reads as follows:
 - The City Attorney shall appoint Hearing Officers to resolve disputes as otherwise authorized in this Code or in the tariffs of the Utilities and any other reason required or permitted by law.
- Necessary change in order to effectuate the dispute resolution for the Transit Safety Committee.

BACKGROUND



- Federal laws and regulations require public transportation agencies to develop and implement a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP).
- Per federal regulations, the PTASP requires the agency to facilitate the operation of a joint labor-management Safety Committee.
- The Safety Committee was formalized by an administrative regulation signed by the Mayor.
 - The Safety Committee must establish its own bylaws and procedures for conducting its business and resolving disputes.
 - Bylaws adopted and attached to the administrative regulation.

BACKGROUND



- This ordinance empowers the City Attorney to appoint Hearing Officers to serve as independent hearing officers to resolve Safety Committee disputes (tied votes unable to be resolved internally).

QUESTIONS?