

ORDINANCE NO. 1862

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 3.24.020 (DELEGATION OF CLAIMS AUTHORITY TO CITY MANAGER) OF CHAPTER 3.24 (CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AGAINST THE CITY) OF TITLE 3 (REVENUE AND FINANCE) OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, Section 3.24.020 of the Gardena Municipal Code, last amended in 2014, currently authorizes the City Manager to allow, compromise, or settle claims in an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to increase the City Manager's authority with regard to claims so that claims can be more expeditiously settled;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 3.24.020 of the Gardena Municipal Code is amended to read, as follows:

3.24.020 Delegation of claims authority to city manager.

A. The City Manager or his designee is authorized and directed to perform, on behalf of the City, all functions relating to claims against the City, in the manner provided in California Government Code section 900 et seq.

B. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to allow, compromise or settle a claim against the City, if the payment thereof does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

SECTION 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify the passage of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be entered in the book of original ordinances of said City; shall make a minute passage and adoption thereof in the records of the meeting at which time the same is passed and adopted; and shall, within fifteen (15) days after the passage and adoption thereof, cause the same to be published as

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required by law, in a publication of general circulation.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall not become effective or be in force until thirty (30) days from and after the date of its adoption.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 9th day of January, 2024.

Tasha Cerda, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Mina Semenza

MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carmen Vasquez

CARMEN VASQUEZ, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF GARDENA)

I, **MINA SEMENZA**, City Clerk of the City of Gardena, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of said City is five; that the foregoing Ordinance, being **Ordinance No. 1862** duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City of Gardena, approved and signed by the Mayor of said City, and attested by the City Clerk, all at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the **9th day of January 2024**, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS, MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON,
COUNCIL MEMBERS TANAKA AND LOVE, AND MAYOR CERDA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Bucky Romero
for _____
City Clerk of the City of Gardena, California

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