

MOTION

Given the number of active wells in the City of Los Angeles and the amount of oil and gas production that occurs, the City needs to take a more proactive approach to ensure that oil and gas production in the city is conducted in the safest manner possible. To do so, the City must make sure that the duties of the Petroleum Administrator are being fulfilled on a full-time basis.

Chapter 4 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code entitled Petroleum Administration contains the following:

Sec. 19.48. Management by Director of the Office of Administrative and Research Services.

- a. To examine and render a report and recommendation concerning matters related directly or indirectly to the exploration for or production of petroleum within the City of Los Angeles which may be referred to him by any department, bureau or officer of this City and obtain requested technical advice;
- b. To report, upon request, to any department, bureau or officer of this City concerning creation of oil well drilling districts under the provisions of the Los Angeles Municipal Code;
- c. To establish general rules and procedures to be followed with respect to the leasing for oil and gas production purposes on any City-owned property;
- d. To administer and determine the compliance with all provisions of oil and gas leases and the production thereunder from all lands owned by the City, the jurisdiction and control of which has not been heretofore or hereafter expressly assigned to any other department or officer;
- e. To negotiate with those requesting drilling rights or oil leases on City-owned property, to determine the minimum price of oil at which the operator shall suspend his production, abandonment and other protective provisions to be included in leases of City-owned land for exploration and to determine the terms on which bids are to be requested;
- f. To investigate subsidence problems and explore possible protective measures;
- g. To recommend proper measures to prevent or eliminate drainage from beneath City-owned lands;
- h. To investigate and make recommendations concerning existing restrictions on exploration for and production of petroleum in the City;
- i. To coordinate all matters respecting or concerning the exploration for or production of petroleum within this City; and



- j. To perform any other duty or duties respecting petroleum which may be requested of him by the Council.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to immediately fill the position of Petroleum Administrator on a full-time basis as set forth in administrative code sections 19.48 and 19.49.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council approve resolution authority for one principal project coordinator in the CAO through June 30, 2016.





I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO evaluate and report on how best to institutionalize the petroleum administration function in the City, including where to house this function in the City organization.

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