

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance adding a new Section 23.146 to Chapter 7, Article 3 of Division 23 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to establish procedures for setting the budget of the Office of Public Accountability pursuant to Charter Section 683, and setting an initial budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A new Section 23.146 is added to Chapter 7, Article 3 of Division 23 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

Sec. 23.146. Budget of the Office of Public Accountability.

In accordance with Charter Section 683(c)(6), (f) and (g):

(a) Prior to December 31st of each year, the Executive Director shall submit to the City Administrative Officer a proposed annual budget for the ensuing fiscal year covering the anticipated expenditures of the Office of Public Accountability (OPA).

(b) The budget shall be set at a level no less than 0.025 percent of Department annual revenues from the sale of water and electric energy for the previous fiscal year. The budget shall consist of expenditures specified by ordinance or budget appropriations made under its authority.

(c) Unexpended funds at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to the Water Revenue Fund and Power Revenue Fund in proportion to each fund's participation in the funding of the OPA budget for that fiscal year.

(d) Positions to be authorized for the OPA shall be those authorized by ordinance or by resolution employment authority.

Sec. 2. The Council is informed that it is anticipated that 0.025 of revenues of the Department of Water and Power for Fiscal Year 2010-11 is \$1,050,000.

(a) The initial budget of the Office of Public Accountability for Fiscal Year 2011-12 shall be in the amount of \$1,050,000.

(b) In the event that audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 indicate that 0.025 percent of Department annual revenues from the sale of water and electric energy is an amount greater than \$1,050,000, the City Administrative Officer shall so inform the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall thereupon prepare and present a supplemental proposed budget in the amount exceeding \$1,050,000, which proposal shall be considered in accordance with Charter Section 683 and this section.

Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of _____.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk

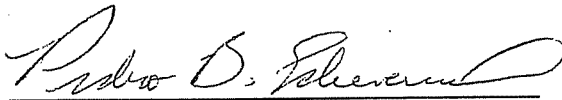
By _____ Deputy

Approved _____

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

CARMEN A. TRUTANICH, City Attorney

By 

PEDRO B. ECHEVERRIA
Chief Assistant City Attorney

Date Dec. 5, 2011

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