

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending the expiration date applicable to Southern California Gas Company Franchise Ordinance No. 168164 to extend the term of the franchise.

WHEREAS, in 1992, the City granted a franchise authority, Ordinance No. 168164, to Southern California Gas Company to: (a) install, construct, replace, reconstruct, repair, and retain its gas system in streets located in the City of Los Angeles; (b) maintain and operate said gas system; and (c) engage in the business of the transmission and distribution of gas to customers within the City of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, the franchise authority granted to Southern California Gas Company in Ordinance No. 168164 was for a 20-year term set to expire on December 31, 2012;

WHEREAS, in the course of the last several years, the City has been negotiating the terms and conditions of a new franchise ordinance to allow Southern California Gas Company to prepare a bid for said franchise;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 186137 extended the term of the franchise to December 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2019, the Department of Public Works - Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety (OPNGAS) released a Request for Proposals for a Southern California Gas Utility Franchise Agreement Valuation Study (RFP) to determine the value of the franchise; however, the RFP process did not result in a contract;

WHEREAS, OPNGAS continues to solicit proposals through the RFP for a valuation study, but a contract has not yet been executed;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the current franchise beyond the December 31, 2020, expiration date to ensure that Southern California Gas Company continues to operate in the City under the terms set forth in Ordinance No. 168164.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Section 2.2 of Ordinance No. 168164 granting to Southern California Gas Company a franchise authority is hereby amended by deleting "December 31, 2020" and inserting therein "December 31, 2021."

Sec. 2. 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.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____