

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Sections 64.00 and 64.30 to modify the City's wastewater treatment program to maintain consistency with the National Pretreatment Program established pursuant to the federal clean water act.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE amending LAMC Sections 64.00 and 64.30 to modify the City's wastewater treatment program to maintain consistency with the National Pretreatment Program established pursuant to the federal clean water act.
2. FIND that the Ordinance, attached to the Council file, is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the provisions of the California Code of Regulations Section 15308 and Article III, Section 1, Class 8 of the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines in that the Ordinance consists of actions to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment and does not authorize construction activities or relax standards allowing environmental degradation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 17, 2015, your Committee considered a March 10, 2015 City Attorney report and Ordinance relative to amending LAMC Sections 64.00 and 64.30 to modify the City's wastewater treatment program to maintain consistency with the National Pretreatment Program established pursuant to the federal clean water act. On September 9, 2014, Council requested the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance amending LAMC Section 64.00, Definitions and Abbreviations of the LAMC, and Section 64.00, the Industrial Waste Control Ordinance.

According to the City Attorney, the Ordinance makes technical changes to the industrial wastewater significant industrial user permit template, permit standard conditions, permit fact-sheet, record-keeping procedures, slug evaluation form, reporting requirements and industrial user monitoring requirements, and amends definitions and abbreviations relevant to those revised provisions. Also, the Ordinance provides for the recovery of the City's treatment costs associated with the discharge of water from construction and other dewatering activities to the City's sewer collection system.

Finally, the Bureau of Engineering has prepared a notice of exemption, attached to the Council file, determining that the ordinance is categorically exempt under the CEQA pursuant to the provisions of California Code of Regulations Section 15308 in that the ordinance consists of actions to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement or protection of the environment, and does not authorize construction activities or relax standards allowing environmental degradation. If the subject Ordinance is enacted, the City Council should cite such determination, and staff should file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with CEQA.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Ordinance. This matter is now submitted to City Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
FUENTES:	YES
BLUMEFIELD:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES

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