



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the City Attorney's Office**

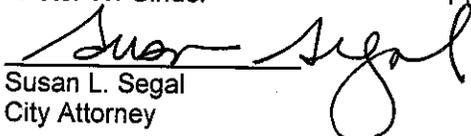
Date: January 8, 2013  
To: Committee of the Whole  
Referral to:

**Subject:** Amending Title 16, Chapter 415 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances Relating to Planning and Development; Department of Community Planning and Development; also amending Title 11, Chapter 214 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances Relating to Health and Sanitation: Department of Health and Family Support.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the amendments to Title 16, Chapter 415 relating to Planning and Development and to Title 11, Chapter 214 relating to Health and Sanitation and that such ordinances be approved by unanimous consent for introduction and first reading and unanimous consent for second reading and passage.

**Previous Directives:**

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Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).  
 Action requires an appropriation increase to the \_\_\_\_\_ Capital Budget or \_\_\_\_\_ Operating Budget.  
 Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.  
 Action requires use of contingency or reserves.  
 Business Plan: \_\_\_\_\_ Action is within the plan. \_\_\_\_\_ Action requires a change to plan.  
 Other financial impact (Explain):  
 Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

**Community Impact**

**Background/Supporting Information**

In December, 2012, the City approved the reorganization of the Department of Regulatory Services. In brief, the duties and functions of the housing inspections, problem properties, animal control, traffic control and fire inspection services remain with the reorganized Regulatory Services Department; the duties and functions of construction code services, Minneapolis development review, and business licensing were transferred to the Community Planning and Economic Development Department; and, the duties and functions of environmental management were transferred to the Department of Health and Family Support except that the duties and functions of the rain leader disconnect program were transferred to Public Works. The transfers of the full time equivalent (FTEs) and budgetary actions necessary to implement the transfer of the functions and duties were detailed in the 2013 Council Adopted Budget.

The reorganization of the Department of Regulatory Services has impacted numerous ordinances. In addition to the impact due to the reorganization, numerous ordinances need to be reviewed and amended because they have not kept pace with operational and organizational changes through the years. It will take a significant period of time for the CAO and the affected departments to complete this review for amendment of the ordinances. In the meantime, to ensure that

necessary authority exists in ordinance for the departments to continue the work of the transferred duties and functions, we are proposing general grants of authority to CPED and the Health Department to exercise any of the authority granted in ordinance to the Department of Regulatory Services for those purposes. Certain minor changes are also recommended to the affected ordinances to reflect current department operations. We are also recommending that the amendments be introduced and approved by unanimous consent so they can become effectively quickly. Certain sections are to become effective retroactive to January 1, 2013.