

ORDINANCE NO. 1066

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF BEAUMONT, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION
3.12.020 OF THE BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL CODE
REGARDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF
WARRANTS**

WHEREAS, Sections 37202, 37203 and 37208 of the California Government Code permit General Law cities to establish procedures for the approval and signing of warrants and/or checks; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that modifications to the City's current procedures for the approval of warrant registers would reduce staff and Council Member workloads and would lessen the turnaround time required for the City to pay certain vendors for goods and services received; and

WHEREAS, the proposed procedural modifications will not undermine the City's ability to account for and control the use of public funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT DOES
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. CEQA. The City Council finds that the actions contemplated by this Ordinance are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15060 (c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

SECTION 2. Severability. The City Council hereby declares that if any provision, section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Ordinance is rendered or declared to be invalid or unconstitutional by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of any preemptive legislation, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this Ordinance, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof and intends that the invalid portions should be severed and the balance of the Ordinance enforced.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby amends Section 3.12.020 of the City of Beaumont Municipal Code in its entirety to read as follows:

Section 3.12.020

Payment of Claims, Demands, etc.

A. Payment Approval. Pursuant to §37202 of the California Government Code, demands against the city for payment shall be audited by the city treasurer and city finance director and thereafter submitted to the city council for approval or rejection prior to payment, either separately or in a register of audited demands, and shall have attached thereto an affidavit or certificate of the city treasurer and city finance director certifying as to the accuracy of the demands and the availability of funds for payment thereof;

B. Prepayment. In conformance with the authority provided by §37208 of the Government Code, the following demands and payments need not be audited by the city council prior to payment provided such payments shall be included in the register of audited demands presented to the city council at the first meeting after delivery of such warrants or checks:

- i. Properly approved and certified payroll warrants or checks;
- ii. Warrants or checks certified or approved by the city treasurer and city finance director as conforming to the authorized expenditures set forth in the council-adopted city budget.

C. City Finance Director Approval. The responsibilities of the city clerk to audit, certify and present warrants under Government Code §§ 37201-37208 are hereby delegated to the city finance director as authorized by Government Code §37209.

SECTION 4. Effective Date and Publication. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and cause the same or a summary thereof to be published within 15 days after adoption in accordance with Government Code Section 36933. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after adoption in accordance with Government Code Section 36937.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, approves this amendment to the Municipal Code.

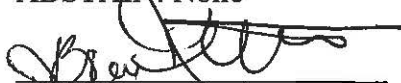
INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time and ordered posted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, held on the 6th day of October, 2015, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Knight, Lara, Orozco, White

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fox

ABSTAIN: None


Brenda Knight, Mayor

Attest:


Julio Martinez, City Clerk

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, held on the 27th day of October, 2015.

AYES: Knight, Lara, Orozco, White

NOES: none

ABSENT: Fox

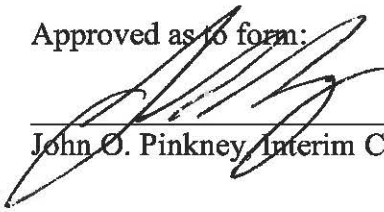
ABSTAIN: none

Brenda Knight, Mayor

(Seal)

Attest: _____
Julio Martinez, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



John O. Pinkney, Interim City Attorney