

ORDINANCE NO. _____
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION _____ OF THE _____ MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____ DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. *Code Amendment.* Section _____ of the _____ Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section _____ Claims

(a) Authority

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to Section 935 of the California Government Code.

(b) Claims Required

All claims against the city for money or damages not otherwise governed by the Government Claims Act, California Government Code Sections 900 et seq., or another state law (hereinafter in this ordinance, “claims”) shall be presented within the time, and in the manner, prescribed by Part 3 of Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the California Government Code (commencing with Section 900 thereof) for the claims to which that Part applies by its own terms, as those provisions now exist or shall hereafter be amended, and as further provided by this ordinance.

(c) Form of Claim

All claims shall be made in writing and verified by the claimant or by his or her guardian, conservator, executor or administrator. In addition, all claims shall contain the information required by California Government Code Section 910. The foregoing reference to Government Code Section 910 shall not be construed to authorize a class claim, and no claim may be filed on behalf of a class of persons unless verified by every member of that class.

(d) Claim Prerequisite to Suit

In accordance with California Government Code Sections 935(b) and 945.6, all claims shall be presented as provided in this section and acted upon by the city prior to the filing of any action on such claims and no such action may be maintained by a person who has not complied with the requirements of subdivisions (b) and (c) of this section.

(e) Suit

Any action brought against the city upon any claim or demand shall conform to the requirements of Sections 940-949 of the California Government Code. Any action brought

against any employee of the city shall conform with the requirements of Section 950-951 of the California Government Code.”

Section 2. *Severability.* Should any provision of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful, unenforceable or otherwise void, that determination shall have no effect on any other provision of this Ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any other person or circumstance and, to that end, the provisions hereof are severable.

Section 3. *Effective Date; Transitional Clause.* This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after adoption as provided by Government Code Section 36937. However, any claim that would have been timely if presented on the day before this Ordinance becomes effective which claim would be untimely under the requirements of the this Ordinance may, notwithstanding this Ordinance, be presented not later than the 45th day after the adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 4. *Certification.* The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this ___th day of _____ 2008.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney