

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING SECTIONS 2-71(d) (f) and ((k) AND ADDING SECTION 2-71(q) OF ARTICLE X, CHAPTER 2, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara ordain as follows:

SECTION 1.

Sections 2-71 (d) (f) and (k) of Chapter2, Article X, of the Santa Barbara County Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) The county executive officer shall be responsible for the management of all county functions and operations except those committed by law to elected or appointed officers of the county and be cognizant of the administration of all departments. In so doing, the county executive officer shall ensure that board of supervisors and administrative policies, regulations and operating programs are implemented. The county executive officer shall coordinate interdepartmental activities and assist department directors in solving problems that inhibit efficient operations within a department or create friction among departments. In cases of interdepartmental disputes, the county executive officer shall mediate and seek a resolution of conflict.

(f) The county executive officer shall exercise direct oversight of all appointed department directors and their agencies and departments except for the county counsel, who reports directly to the board of supervisors. Such appointed department directors and their agencies shall report to and be supervised by the county executive officer. The county executive officer shall annually evaluate the performance of appointed department directors and submit such evaluations to the board of supervisors. Except as expressly provided by California law, the county executive officer shall select, appoint, suspend, remove and retain appointed department directors. The board of supervisors shall approve the appointment or removal of an appointed department director.

k) The county executive officer shall cause both the operating and capital budget planning processes to be compatible with approved county policies and long range plans. The county executive officer shall direct the preparation of and evaluate the budget requests of all departments including actual and estimated expenditures, revenues, reserves and designations. The county executive officer shall direct the preparation of the proposed budget including its timing, schedule, forms and format of department input. The county executive officer shall submit the proposed annual operating and capital budgets to the board of supervisors and shall exercise continuous review of revenues and expenditures to ensure budgetary integrity. The county executive officer shall implement any necessary fiscal controls and keep the board of supervisors informed of the financial status of the county. All departmental requests for supplemental appropriations and budget revisions shall be reviewed by the county executive officer for approval or denial with a recommendation to the board of supervisors for final approval or denial.

SECTION 2.

Section 2-71 (q) of Chapter 2, Article X, of the Santa Barbara County Code is hereby added to read as follows:

q) Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed as restricting the ability of county officers or appointed department directors from directly contacting members of the board of supervisors.

SECTION 3.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from the date of its passage; and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage it, or a summary of it, shall be published once, with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same in the \_\_\_\_\_, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

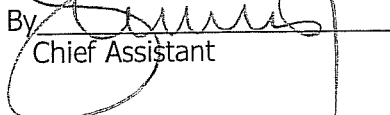
MICHAEL BROWN  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

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