

Background: On August 26, 2008, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 5794 amending Chapter 2, Division 2, Section 2-8 of the Sonoma County Code concerning the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the County Administrator. Among other things, the ordinance delegated appointing authority (the authority to hire and dismiss) with respect to most County department heads to the County Administrator. The proposed ordinance would amend this same code to remove the appointing authority with respect to the group of County department heads that was delegated in Ordinance 5794 to the County Administrator and return certain clarifying provisions that were removed at that time. Appointing authority for department heads conferred upon the County Administrator as specified in the code prior to Ordinance 5794, generally those providing central, internal services to other County departments and agencies, would remain unchanged by the proposed ordinance before your Board today. Language added in the proposed ordinance replaces language that was removed by Ordinance 5794. The Board can consider any delegation of appointing authority or other executive authority they may wish to make to the new County Administrator at a future time.

The proposed ordinance, if this action is approved today, will be considered for final adoption on November 3, 2009 and then would become effective in 30 days. The proposed ordinance is attached along with a red-lined version to identify specific changes from the current law.

Attachments: Resolution, Proposed Ordinance, Add/Delete Version of Chapter 2, Division 2, Section 2-8 of the Sonoma County Code.

On File With Clerk: None.

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote: