

BILL/ RESOLUTION REQUEST

- 1. Title:** Amends the contract with Senter Goldfarb & Rice, to increase the cap amount by \$350,000 for a total of \$800,000, for legal services to the City and County of Denver for cases when the City Attorney's Office is precluded from representing the City (CE13018).
- 2. Requesting Agency:** City Attorney
- 3. Contact Person *with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance***
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- 4. Contact Person *with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance who will present the item at Mayor Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary***
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- 5. Describe the proposed ordinance, including what the proposed ordinance is intended to accomplish, who's involved**
 - a. Scope of Work**

This first amendment will increase the cap amount of the contract by \$350,000, taking it from \$450,000 in the original contract to \$800,000. The contract provides legal services to the City and County of Denver for cases in which there is a conflict, and the City Attorney's Office is precluded from representing the City. The cases sent to this law firm are primarily police excessive force cases which present a sizable liability to the City if not defended appropriately. In addition to legal fees, the contract provides for reimbursement of litigation expenses incurred by the firm.
 - b. Duration**

1/1/2011-12/31/2012-no change
 - c. Location**

N/A
 - d. Affected Council District**

N/A
 - e. Benefits**

City and/or its officers obtain high-quality outside legal representation at an extremely favorable rate.
 - f. Costs**

With a partial payment of the invoices for May services, the entire contract amount of \$450,000 will have been expended. Based on payment for the remaining May services and for an estimated future monthly expenditure of approximately \$45,000, it is anticipated that

the additional \$350,000 increase in the contract cap will be required by year end. These costs will impact the General Fund in 2012.

6. Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance, groups or individuals who may have concerns about it? Please explain.

No.

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