

<b>SUBJECT: Ordinance amending Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas relating to health</b>		<b>Category #9</b>	<b>Page 1 of 1</b>	<b>Agenda Item #</b>
<b>FROM (Department or other point of origin):</b> Houston Department of Health and Human Services		<b>Origination Date</b> 6/24/15	<b>Agenda Date</b>	
<b>DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> <b>THIS IS A DRAFT</b>		<b>Council District affected:</b> All		
<b>For additional information contact: Kathy Barton</b> <b>Telephone: 832-393-5045; 713-826-5801</b>		<b>Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action:</b>		
<b>RECOMMENDATION: (Summary)</b> Approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas relating to health				
<b>Amount of Funding:</b> N/A			<b>Finance Department:</b>	
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDING:</b> [ ] General Fund [ ] Grant Fund [ ] Enterprise Fund [ ] Other ( Specify) –				
<p><b>SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:</b> The Houston Department of Health and Human Services (HDHHS) requests City Council approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas relating to health.</p> <p>The primary purpose for amending Chapter 21 is to change the name of the Houston Department of Health and Human Services to the "Houston Health Department." Other amendments to the ordinance, the majority of which are a result of outdated language and provisions, includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 21-3 and Art. II - Remove the reference to the board of health of the city;</li> <li>• Section 21-4 - Remove the reference to the hourly rate to be paid to independent contractors who are health care professionals;</li> <li>• Section 21-7 – Change the reference from "Texas Department of Health" to Department of State Health Services;</li> <li>• Section 21-14 – Delete this section from this chapter because city drinking water operations are handled by the Public Works Department;</li> <li>• Section 21-16 – Remove extraneous language regarding public health internships;</li> </ul>				
cc: Finance Department Legal Department Agenda Director				
<b>REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION</b>				
<b>Finance Department</b>		<b>Other Authorization:</b>		<b>Other Authorization:</b>