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[Raising the dollar limit for small debts that may be referred to an outside collection agency from \$2,500 to \$4,000; authorizing the Bureau of Delinquent Revenue Collection to recover collection costs, including attorneys' fees.]

Ordinance amending Part I, Chapter 10, Article V, of the San Francisco Municipal Code (Administrative Code), by amending Section 10.39-1, raising the dollar limit for small debts that may be referred to an outside collection agency, and adding Section 10.40-1, authorizing the Bureau of Delinquent Revenue Collection to recover collection costs.

Note:

Additions are *italic*; *Times New Roman*; deletions are *strikethrough italic*., *Times New Roman*Board amendment additions are <u>double underlined</u>.
Board amendment deletions are <u>strikethrough normal</u>.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Chapter 10 of the San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by amending Section 10.39-1, to read as follows:

SEC. 10.39-1. ASSIGNMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR PURPOSES OF COLLECTION.

Upon recommendation of the Bureau of Delinquent Revenue Collection, delinquent accounts may be assigned for purposes of collection by the Board of Supervisors by resolution pursuant to the provisions of Sections 26220, 26221 and 26222 of Government Code of the State of California. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Bureau of Delinquent Revenue Director, with the approval of the Tax Collector and Treasurer, to assign any account receivable that was transferred to it pursuant to this Article, to a duly licensed collection agency for collection when the amount outstanding on the account is \$4,000 \$2,500 or less. The Bureau of Delinquent Revenue Director is authorized to make any and all contracts on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco that are necessary to carry out the terms of this Section.

Section 2. Chapter 10 of the San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Section 10.41-1, to read as follows:

SEC. 10.41-1. RECOVERY OF COLLECTION COSTS.

The Bureau of Delinquent Revenue Collection is authorized to collect reasonable attorneys' fees, collection fees, and other costs incurred in prosecuting claims for money owed to the City.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LOUISE H. RENNE, City Attorney

By:

THOMAS J. OWEN Deputy City Attorney



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December 4, 2000 Board of Supervisors — PASSED, ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

December 11, 2000 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng,

Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Becerril

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on December 11, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.