



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 5/6/2025

Item Creation Date:

OBO - Changes to chapter 15

Agenda Item#: 14.

Summary:

ORDINANCE adopting Disparity Study performed by **MGT CONSULTING GROUP, LLC**, to inform future program recommendations and policy decisions affecting the City's Minority, Women, and Small Business Enterprise Program; amending various provisions of **CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON TEXAS**, relating to Minority, Women, and Small Business participation in City contracting; adding Article XII establishing a Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise Program; adopting City-Wide Goals for the City's Minority, Women, and Small Business Enterprise Program; making various findings and provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability

Background:

Council is asked to approve changes to Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances. The proposed changes accomplish the following:

- Allows the City to adopt the data of the disparity study conducted by MGT Consulting
- Maintains the current MBE and WBE categories
- Expands the Small Business Enterprise Program for application across all spending categories (Construction without a cap, Professional Services, Goods, and Other Services)
- Adds a certification for Veteran Owned Small Business entities
- Adds Wrap-Around programs to ensure the success of micro and small businesses
- Provides OBO additional time to consider public feedback received to make additional recommendations around goal credit participation for all our small businesses

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