

Electronic Signatures Code Amendment

This legislation will authorize the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance to amend the City of Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances at Title I: Administrative, Article VII: Procedures, to include a new Chapter 172:- Electronic Signatures. This amendment to City Code will allow electronic signatures to hold the same legal effect as the use of hand-written signatures.

Currently, the City of Pittsburgh Code of Ordinance states general references to signatures as “electronic, hand-written, or unspecified”, and the Law department advised that there should be specific language stating that electronic signatures should hold the same legal effect as hand-written signatures.

The Department of Innovation and Performance has conducted internal reviews and research to determine the ability of the City to accept and receive electronic signatures and will create guidelines and regulations for use to ensure security, integrity, and authentication of signatures and all data.

Electronic signatures will increase the safety, efficiency and productivity for City staff and vendors, as well as further the City’s climate goals by reducing the consumption and storage of paper documents.

This amendment to City Code will cost the City of Pittsburgh Zero Dollars (\$0).

Your favorable consideration is appreciated. Given the impending Council recess and the value this code change will bring to the City, we respectfully request the waiver of Rule 8.

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| 2020 | \$0 | N/A |