

Resolution No. 6343-2021

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK AUTHORITY (CIRA) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 OR CALIFORNIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK AUTHORITY WITH REGARD TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol participates in a pool named the Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund (REMIF). REMIF is merging with another pool named the Public Agency Risk Sharing Authority (PARSAC) to become the California Intergovernmental Risk Authority (CIRA). CIRA, like REMIF, will function as an extension of the City of Sebastopol and will be governed by a board of directors comprised of members in the pool; and

WHEREAS, rather than purchase commercial insurance through a commercial insurance carrier, the City of Sebastopol participates in an intergovernmental arrangement through which a group of cities and towns (referred to as the members) contribute to a shared fund that pays for liability and workers' compensation claims and provides risk management services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol will become a member of the California Intergovernmental Risk Authority (CIRA) on July 1, 2021, which will obtain employment practices liability (EPL) coverage for its members from ERMA, a statewide risk sharing pool that provides EPL coverage and loss prevention services to California public entities; and

WHEREAS, with the merger, new claims with a date of loss on or after 07/01/21 will fall under the obligation of CIRA. Further, the attached resolution authorizes staff to execute any other document(s) (such as the application) that may be necessary or appropriate to enter into and implement the agreement on behalf of the CITY; and

WHEREAS, the resolution consents the City of Sebastopol to be governed and abide by the master program documents, the memoranda of coverage, and other documents and policies that are adopted by CIRA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol Council is asked to adopt the attached resolution and further direct staff to work with the CIRA on steps necessary to ensure participation in the workers' compensation program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol wishes to participate in the California Intergovernmental Risk Authority (CIRA) coverage for the period starting on July 1, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sebastopol approves participation in ERMA on July 1, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager on behalf of the City is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to implement the foregoing resolution.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 4th day of May 2021 by the following vote:

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hinton, Rich, Slayter, Vice Mayor Gurney and Mayor Glass


Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

APPROVED: 
Mayor Una Glass

ATTEST: 
Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney