

ARTICLE 19

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE STABILIZATION ORDINANCE

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Sec. 10.45. Purpose.

The City awards many contracts to private firms to construct public works improvements. This Article, also referred to as the Public Infrastructure Stabilization Ordinance advances the interests of the City by promoting the use of project labor agreements for those public works improvements that meet certain criteria.

Project labor agreements are the preferred tool to ensure that important proprietary goals of the City are achieved, including completion of construction projects on-time and within budget by minimizing labor misunderstandings, grievances and conflict along with emphasizing worker safety.

Project labor agreements also advance the City's interests by ensuring that unemployed and underemployed residents will receive employment opportunities at City public works construction projects. Over the years, project labor agreements have proven to be an excellent mechanism to promote the hiring of unemployed and under-employed City residents. These agreements have proven their effectiveness in targeting construction employment and training opportunities to mitigate the harms caused by geographically-concentrated poverty.

City public works of improvement construction contracts are subject to the State's Prevailing Wages Law or in some instances the Federal Davis Bacon Wage statute, each of which provides covered workers with substantially greater wages and benefits than otherwise required by law. Increasing access to employment opportunities with