



# OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR



London N. Breed, Mayor  
Carmen Chu, City Administrator

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Department Heads  
City Financial Officers  
Contracting Officers

**FROM:** Carmen Chu, City Administrator

**CC:** Sailaja Kurella, Acting Purchaser and Director of Office of Contract Administration  
Kimberly Ellis, Director, Department on the Status of Women  
Clair Farley, Executive Director, Office of Transgender Initiatives

**SUBJECT:** Reissue - Ban on City Contracts and Travel to States with Anti-LGBT and Abortion-Restrictive Laws – Massachusetts Removed from List of Covered States.

**DATE:** February 22, 2021

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On October 14, 2016, the Board of Supervisors enacted Chapter 12X of the Administrative Code (Ordinance No. 189-16, **file No. 160425**) ("Ordinance") which prohibits city-funded travel and City contracts involving states with certain anti-LGBT laws. Administrative Code Section 12X.3 requires the City Administrator to create and maintain a list of states with laws meeting the definition of a "Covered State."

On August 9, 2019, the Board of Supervisors enacted an ordinance amending Chapter 12X (Ordinance No. 200-19, **file No. 190658**). The ordinance moved the existing provisions concerning states with anti-LGBT laws into Article I and created a new Article II, which prohibits city-funded travel and City contracts involving states with laws that prohibit abortion prior to the viability of the fetus. Administrative Code Section 12X.13 requires the City Administrator to create and maintain the Covered State List, including states that have enacted abortion prohibitions and meet the definition of a Covered State under Article II.

### **Generally:**

Subject to certain exceptions, Chapter 12X prohibits the City from funding travel to states on the Covered State List under Article I or under Article II. Chapter 12X provides that the City shall not enter into any Contract with a Contractor that has its United States headquarters in a state or where any or all of the work on the Contract will be performed in a state on the Covered State list under Article I or Article II. Unless otherwise exempted, this contracting ban applies to all contracts entered into by the City. (See Administrative Code Sec. 12X.5(b) and 12X.15(b) for specific circumstances where the contracting prohibition is not applicable, exempted, or eligible

for a waiver). However, please note that the contracting ban only applies to the prime contractor and does not extend to lower tier subcontractors, suppliers, or vendors.

### **Update to the Covered State List:**

The following state is removed from the Covered State List based on recent legislative action meeting the definition above:

- Massachusetts:
  - On January 4, 2021, amendments to Massachusetts' state law went into effect (Bill H.5179), which allow for an abortion beyond 24 weeks of pregnancy if “the fetus is incompatible with sustained life outside of the uterus” in the best medical judgment of the physician. As a result, the Department on the Status of Women recommended removing the state of Massachusetts from the Covered List.
  - The removal of Massachusetts from the Covered State List was effective on January 4, 2021.

The list below indicates all the states currently on the Covered State List. States with an asterisk have anti-LGBT laws meeting the definition of a Covered State under Article I of Chapter 12X and also have anti-abortion laws meeting the definition of a Covered State under Article II of Chapter 12X. States with two asterisks have only anti-LGBT laws meeting the definition of a Covered State under Article I of Chapter 12X. States with no asterisk have only anti-abortion laws meeting the definition of a Covered State under Article II of Chapter 12X.

- Alabama (effective 6/30/2017)\*
- Arkansas (effective 1/1/2020)
- Florida (effective 1/1/2020)
- Georgia (effective 1/1/2020)
- Idaho (effective 7/1/2020)
- Indiana (effective 1/1/2020)
- Iowa (effective 10/4/2019)\*
- Kansas (effective 2/11/2017)\*
- Kentucky (effective 6/30/2017)\*
- Louisiana (effective 1/1/2020)
- Mississippi (effective 2/11/2017)\*
- Nebraska (effective 1/1/2020)
- Nevada (effective 1/1/2020)
- North Carolina (effective 2/11/2017)\*\*
- North Dakota (effective 1/1/2020)
- Ohio (effective 1/1/2020)
- Oklahoma (effective 11/1/2018)\*
- Pennsylvania (effective 1/1/2020)
- South Carolina (effective 04/15/2019)\*
- South Dakota (effective 3/14/2017)\*
- Tennessee (effective 2/11/2017)\*\*
- Texas (effective 9/1/2017)\*
- West Virginia (effective 1/1/2020)

- Wisconsin (effective 1/1/2020)

The Covered State List is reviewed on a semiannual basis. When a state is removed or added the Office of the City Administrator will make that information public and post the updated list on its website, available at <https://sfgsa.org/chapter-12x-state-ban-list>.

If you have questions or require further clarification on City-funded travel, please contact your Financial Officer or accountant representative.