



Council Meeting – Regular

Meeting Date:

Introduced, August 11, 2022

Public Hearing Scheduled, September 1, 2022

Submitted By: City Attorney

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Information

**TITLE**

Ordinance 2022-06; An Ordinance of the Dillingham City Council Adopting a False Claims Act

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

I move to introduce Ordinance 2022-06.

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE**

The ordinance authorizes certain investigative tools and lawsuits by the city to recover double or trebled damages and fines from persons and business who knowingly make or maintain false claims for payment from the city. Most such claims would be the basis for a lawsuit without the ordinance, but the investigative tools, additional damages and fines, and specific definitions make such suits much more viable. More important, and the true goal, is to *deter* false claims before they're made. Having a false claims ordinance provides stronger deterrence than the possibility of a lawsuit based on (somewhat nebulous) common law.