

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code – Food Purchasing Standards and Departmental Goals]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to introduce standards and goals for food purchasing by the Department of Public Health and Sheriff’s Department in hospitals and jails.

Existing Law

Administrative Code Chapter 21 governs the procurement of goods and commodities, including food. The current laws contain no specific provisions on how to procure food at San Francisco hospitals and jails.

Amendments to Current Law

This legislation sets policy priorities and goals for the City’s food procurement. Chapter 21D is being added to the Administrative Code to state principles to which the City will strive to adhere, and detailed goals over the next five years in procuring food at San Francisco hospitals and jails.

Background Information

Various City stakeholders, including the Board of Supervisors, Department of Public Health, and Sheriff’s Department, have been engaged for several years in planning to include more values-based food procurement in San Francisco hospitals and jails. As of the end of 2019, baseline assessments of the City’s hospital and jail food procurement to assess alignment with values-based procurement have been completed by a third party nonprofit organization, the Center for Good Food Purchasing. These baseline assessments inform the goal-setting for departments. The Good Food Purchasing Program intends to transform the way public institutions purchase food, by creating a transparent and equitable food system built on five core values: local economies, health, valued workforce, animal welfare, and environmental sustainability.

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