

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(6/5/2017, Amended in Committee)

[Housing Code - Timers and Devices Restricting Showerhead Water Flow]

Ordinance amending the Housing Code to prohibit the installation of timers or devices, other than required water conservation fixtures, that restrict or interrupt the water flow from showerheads in dwellings, apartment houses, dormitories, lodging houses, and hotels, subject to an exception for owner-occupied dwelling units; requiring shower heads to have a flow of no more than 2.5 gallons per minute; affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings under the California Health and Safety Code; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward this Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission upon final passage as required by State law.

Existing Law

Currently, the San Francisco Housing Code (“Housing Code”) does not prohibit the installation of timers or devices that restrict or interrupt the water flow from showerheads in dwellings, apartment houses, dormitories, lodging houses, and hotels.

Existing law requires shower heads to have a flow of no more than 3 gallons per minute.

Amendments to Current Law

This legislation would amend the Housing Code to prohibit the installation of timers or devices, other than water conservation fixtures required under State law and the Housing Code, that restrict or interrupt the water flow from showerheads in dwellings, apartment houses, dormitories, lodging houses, and hotels, subject to an exception for owner-occupied dwelling units. In addition, the legislation would affirm the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act, make findings of local conditions required under the California Health and Safety Code, and direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward this ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission upon final passage, as required by State law.

As a result of an amendment adopted by the Board of Supervisors’ Land Use and Transportation Committee on June 5, 2017, the legislation would also require shower heads to have a flow of no more than 2.5 gallons per minute.

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