

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code--Planning Commission Review of Medical Cannabis Dispensary Location Regulations]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code by adding section 2A.54 to direct the Planning Commission to prepare and submit a report to the Board of Supervisors evaluating the provisions of the Planning Code related to the location of medical cannabis dispensaries.

Existing Law

There is currently no requirement to submit a report to the Board of Supervisors about Planning Code provisions addressing locations of medical cannabis dispensaries.

Amendments to Current Law

Section 2A.54 of the Administrative Code would direct the Planning Commission to prepare and submit to the Board of Supervisors by January 1, 2014, a report evaluating the impacts of location requirements and restrictions for medical cannabis dispensaries ("MCDs") on the public health, safety and welfare, and to make recommendations regarding whether Planning Code provisions governing the location of MCDs should be amended. The Ordinance would direct the Planning Commission to address certain considerations in the report, and to consult with various City departments and community stakeholders in preparing the report.

Background Information

This purpose of this legislation is to direct the Planning Commission to study the effects of current requirements regarding the location of MCDs in the City on local communities and medical cannabis patients. The purpose of the study is to consider the benefits of MCDs for the residents of San Francisco, the accessibility of medical cannabis for patients in San Francisco, and the effects of MCDs on the communities where MCDs are allowed and concentrated.