

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Equitable Citywide Access to Shelters, Transitional Housing, and Behavioral Health Services]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the City to approve one new homeless shelter, transitional housing facility, behavioral health residential care and treatment facility, or behavioral health specialized outpatient clinic (collectively, “Covered Facilities”) in each Supervisorial District by June 30, 2026, and prohibiting the City from approving a Covered Facility that would be located within 1,000 feet of another Covered Facility unless the Board of Supervisors waives the 1,000 foot rule by Resolution based on a finding that approving the Covered Facility at the proposed location is in the public interest.

Existing Law

Currently, there is no law that requires the City to open or operate homeless shelters, transitional housing, or behavioral health clinics in each supervisorial district within the City.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would require that the City to approve the opening of at least one new Covered Facility in each Supervisorial district before June 30, 2026. For purposes of this ordinance, a Covered Facility is a project that is undertaken by the City that is a Homeless Shelter, Transitional Housing Facility, Behavioral Health Specialized Outpatient Clinic, or Behavioral Residential Care and Treatment Facility.

The ordinance would also prohibit the City from approving the opening of new Covered Facilities within 1,000 feet of existing Covered Facilities. But this prohibition could be waived by the Board of Supervisors upon a finding that approving the Covered Facility at the proposed site would be in the public interest.

Covered Facilities do not include projects that are undertaken by non-City entities. Therefore, the proposed ordinance would not impact the opening or siting of privately funded facilities.

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