

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Housing Code - Community Kitchens]

Ordinance amending the Housing Code to prohibit removal of existing community kitchens in group housing; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Section 507 of the San Francisco Housing Code requires that community kitchens, if provided to the occupants of a building, must meet certain size requirements based on the number of guest rooms the community kitchens serve. The provisions do not explicitly prohibit removal of existing community kitchens currently serving occupants of guest rooms.

Amendments to Current Law

The Proposed Legislation would explicitly prohibit the removal of existing community kitchens serving occupants of guest rooms in group housing, but would allow replacement or remodel of existing community kitchens.

Background Information

The City's existing stock of group housing contains buildings with community kitchens, limited in-room kitchens, and some without any kitchen facilities. The Proposed Legislation preserves the option to construct or otherwise establish new group housing without providing community kitchens. But where community kitchens have been established and relied upon by occupants of guest rooms, the Proposed Legislation would confirm that there is no option to remove those kitchen amenities without replacement.

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