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MEMORANDUM

TO: Derrick Lew, Police Chief, Police Department
Michael Lambert, City Librarian, Library Department

FROM: Monique Crayton, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood
Services Committee, Board of Supervisors

DATE: May 27, 2026

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following ordinance request, introduced on May 19, 2026:

File No. 260544

Police Code - Lending Books to Individuals Under 21 Years Old

Ordinance amending the Police Code to repeal the prohibition on certain types of libraries lending or renting any book, magazine, pamphlet, or other printed matter to any person under the age of 21, unless the person has obtained a membership card with the consent of a parent or legal guardian.

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

CC:
Office of Chair Dorsey
Office of Supervisor Wong
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Sgt Stacy Youngblood, Police Department
Carl Nicita, Police Department
Giannina Miranda, Police Department
Michael Perlstein, Library Department
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 4 **libraries lending or renting any book, magazine, pamphlet, or other printed matter to**
 5 **any person under the age of 21, unless the person has obtained a membership card**
 6 **with the consent of a parent or legal guardian.**

7 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
 8 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
 9 **Deletions to Codes** are in ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*~~.
 10 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
 11 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
 12 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
 13 subsections or parts of tables.

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12 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

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14 Section 1. Article 8 of the Police Code is hereby amended by deleting Sections 515
 15 and 516, to read as follows:

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17 **~~SEC. 515. REGULATING ISSUANCE OF BOOKS TO MINORS BY CIRCULATING~~**
 18 **~~LIBRARIES.~~**

19 ~~*It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association owning, operating or*~~
 20 ~~*having charge of any circulating or lending library to lend or rent to any person under the age of 21*~~
 21 ~~*years any book, magazine, pamphlet or other printed matter, unless and until such minor shall have*~~
 22 ~~*registered with such circulating or lending library, and shall have received therefrom a membership*~~
 23 ~~*card; provided, however, that such membership card shall not be issued to any person under the age of*~~
 24 ~~*21 years without the consent of the parent or legal guardian of such minor in writing, signed by such*~~
 25 ~~*parent or legal guardian in the presence of the Librarian in charge of such Library. In case such minor*~~

1 ~~has no regularly appointed legal guardian in the City and County of San Francisco, then such written~~
2 ~~consent must in like manner be obtained from the person who has the care or custody of said minor.~~

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4 **~~SEC. 516. EXCEPTIONS.~~**

5 ~~—The provisions of Section 515 of this Article shall not apply to libraries maintained or~~
6 ~~operated by the United States, the State of California, the City and County of San Francisco, or any~~
7 ~~non-profit, technical and reference libraries.~~

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9 Section 2. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors
10 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,
11 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal
12 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment
13 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that appears under
14 the official title of the ordinance.

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16 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective on the 31st day after
17 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
18 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
19 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.

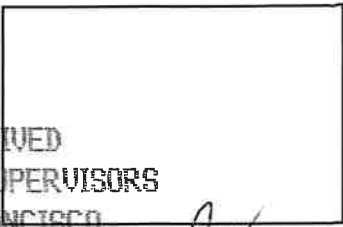
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21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
22 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

23 By: /s/ Bradley A. Russi
24 BRADLEY A. RUSSI
25 Deputy City Attorney

Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

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I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor _____ inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. _____ from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. _____
- 9. Reactivate File No. _____
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on _____

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission Youth Commission Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Wong, Sherrill

Subject:

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Long Title or text listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: