

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Street Teams Reporting]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require regular reporting to the Board of Supervisors by the Department of Emergency Management, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Department of Public Health, and Fire Department, concerning the efficiency and effectiveness of the City's street teams.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would require the Department of Emergency Management, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Department of Public Health, and Fire Department to coordinate in order to provide the Board of Supervisors and Mayor regular reports about the City's street teams' efforts to address street conditions. The Department of Emergency Management will serve as the coordinating agency. The initial four reports will be due every six months starting on February 1, 2025, and then subsequent reports will be due annually on August 1 starting in 2027.

Background Information

Several City departments, including the Department of Emergency Management, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Department of Public Health, and Fire Department have dedicated street teams that provide emergency crisis response and outreach services to address behavioral health, medical, and/or homeless related issues, including mental health crises, wellbeing concerns, drug overdoses, and homeless encampments on the City's streets and in public spaces. In November 2023, the Budget and Legislative Analyst ("BLA") published a report outlining its findings and recommendations from a performance audit of the City's street teams. The BLA reviewed the street teams' structures as well as how City departments manage and coordinate street teams. The BLA found several opportunities to improve and streamline the efficiency and effectiveness of City departments' planning, coordination, and communications. The BLA issued a series of recommendations, including that City departments provide the Board of Supervisors regular reports concerning street teams' goals, outcomes, and barriers to achieving goals.

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