

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Permanent Supportive Housing - Rent Contribution Standard]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish a standard of 30% of the monthly adjusted household income as the maximum contribution to rent for households participating in Permanent Supportive Housing Programs operated by the City and County of San Francisco.

Existing Law

S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 20, Article VI, defines Permanent Supportive Housing (“PSH”) as housing with on-site supportive services, and requires agencies that contract with the City to administer PSH (“Housing Providers”) to provide those PSH tenants with information regarding the availability of, and assistance in applying for, various public benefit programs for which those tenants may be eligible.

Amendments to Current Law

This amendment will require Housing Providers to set a standard rent contribution for tenants in Permanent Supportive Housing of 30% of the household’s monthly adjusted income, as calculated in accordance with a specific project and/or unit’s prescribed calculation methodology, or under the calculation methodology set forth in 24 C.F.R. Sections 5.603 and 578.77.

Background Information

The City and County of San Francisco contains approximately 8,000 units of Permanent Supportive Housing serving approximately 10,000 formerly homeless individuals and families that are funded by a variety of local, state, and federal programs. Recognizing the impacts of “rent burden” on low income tenants, providers of PSH subsidize rents in amounts based on the rules of the funding source for the respective housing unit, and calculate the tenant’s rent contribution accordingly. However, due to the diversity of funding sources with different regulations, rent contributions can vary greatly between buildings, or even between units in a particular building. These inconsistent practices lead to inequities among PSH tenants based simply on the funding stream. This ordinance is intended to reduce such inequities and set a consistent 30% standard of adjusted household income rent contribution for all participants in PSH programs.

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