

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Amendments to Public Works Surveillance Technology Policies]

Ordinance approving amended Surveillance Technology Policies for the Department of Public Works' use of unmanned aerial vehicles ("Drones"), and the Department of Public Works' use of an illegal dumping camera system with automatic license plate reader technology and cameras; and making required findings in support of said approvals.

Existing Law

Currently, the Department of Public Works ("Department") uses Surveillance Technology, as defined in Administrative Code Chapter 19B, according to the Surveillance Technology Policy titled, "Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones)" (Board File No. 210559), for the use of Drones for disaster preparedness and response, environmental monitoring and documentation, inspections and surveys of the Department's properties and assets, inspections and documentation of the Department's projects, and surveying and mapping data collection. In addition, the Department uses Surveillance Technology to discourage illegal dumping onto City streets according to the Surveillance Technology Policy titled, "OnSight Portable License Plate Reader" (Board File No. 210559).

Under Administrative Code Section 19B.2(m), any amendment to an existing Surveillance Technology Policy shall be submitted directly to the Board and not to the Committee on Information Technology ("COIT").

Amendments to Current Law

On August 1, 2025, the Department provided COIT with a courtesy copy of amendments to the Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones) Surveillance Technology (the "Amended Drones Policy"), as well as a courtesy copy of amendments to the Department's OnSight Portable License Plate Reader Surveillance Technology Policy, which has now been retitled, the "Illegal Dumping Camera System" Surveillance Technology Policy (the "Amended Illegal Dumping Camera Policy").

If approved by the Board of Supervisors, the Amended Drones Policy would authorize the Department to use Drones for the purposes of public education, the promotion of Department operations, and identifying illegal dumping refuse for garbage collection operations. Moreover, if approved, the Amended Illegal Dumping Camera Policy would authorize the Department to utilize automated license plate reader ("ALPR") technology together with pan, tilt, and zoom ("PTZ") cameras as part of an "Illegal Dumping Camera System" comprised of the two technologies. The Illegal Dumping Camera System would be used to improve the

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identification of illegal dumping violators and enforcement actions directed at illegal dumping violators by capturing evidence of vehicle drivers' and passengers' illegal dumping activity along with the associated vehicles' license plate. In addition, the Department would use the Illegal Dumping Camera System for public education and to promote awareness of the Department's operations.

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