

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Vehicle Registration Fees and Police Fingerprint Identification Fund]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to authorize fees for vehicles registered to a San Francisco address to fund law enforcement programs related to fingerprint identification of persons involved in crimes committed while operating motor vehicles, in accordance with California State law, and to establish the Police Fingerprint Identification Fund to receive the fee revenue.

Existing Law

Currently, the Administrative Code does not address the imposition of fees for vehicle registration to fund fingerprint identification of persons involved in crimes committed while operating motor vehicles, and does not include a Police Fingerprint Identification Fund.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would amend Chapter 10, Article XIII of the Administrative Code to add Section 10.100-173 to authorize the imposition of: (1) a \$2 fee to be paid at the time of registration or renewal of registration of every vehicle registered to an address within the City except those expressly exempted under State law; and (2) the imposition of an additional fee of \$4 to be paid at the time of registration or renewal of every commercial motor vehicle subject to California Vehicle Code Section 9400.1 registered to an address within the City, totaling \$6 for commercial vehicles. In addition, the proposed ordinance would create the Police Fingerprint Identification Fund to receive such funds and require that they be used exclusively to fund programs that enhance the capacity of local enforcement to provide automated mobile and fixed location fingerprint identification of individuals involved in the commission of crimes while operating motor vehicles.

Background Information

California Vehicle Code Section 9250.19 (Section 9250.19) authorizes a fee of \$2 to be paid to a county at the time of registration, renewal, or supplemental application for apportioned registration of every vehicle registered to an address within the county, except those expressly exempted from payment of registration fees. In addition to the \$2 fee, Section 9250.19 authorizes a fee of \$4 to be paid to a county for commercial motor vehicles subject to California Vehicle Code Section 9400.1 registered to an address within a county, totaling \$6 for commercial vehicles. The Department of Motor Vehicles collects the fees authorized by Section 9250.19 at the time of vehicle registration and transmits the funds to the county. The county is authorized to expend funds allocated under Section 9250.19 exclusively for programs that enhance the capacity of local law enforcement to provide automated mobile

and fixed location fingerprint identification of individuals involved in crimes committed while operating a motor vehicle. The Police Department, in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department, operates an automated fingerprint identification system and desires to continue to support, enhance, and expand the system with funds collected under Section 9250.19.

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