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Ms. Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors, City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4694

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

RE: File No. 231163

Ordinance amending the Fire Code to require filing with the Fire Department records of five-year inspection of fire sprinkler systems and annual inspection of fire alarm and detection systems, mandate a filing fee to ensure that the costs of providing for such filings are recovered without producing revenue that is significantly more than such costs, and require a minimum five feet access from the public-right-of-way to residential structures on newly subdivided lots; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward this Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission upon final passage.

The Code Advisory Committee (CAC) considered this Ordinance on January 10, 2024 and voted to return this proposed ordinance to Supervisor Chan’s office and requested the following clarifications: What is the underlying reason for the Code change and are there redundancies or conflicts with the current fire alarm tracking regulation requirements? The CAC also recommended separating the items into two separate ordinances. Supervisor Chan responded to the CAC’s questions and feedback in a letter to the Building Inspection Commission.

The Building Inspection Commission met and held a public hearing on January 17, 2024 regarding the proposed amendment to the Fire Code contained in Board File No. 231163. There was extensive discussion among the Commissioners regarding the importance of fire safety; However, there was also concern about the legislation possibly preventing the creation of new housing. The Commissioners voted 4 to 2, with Commissioners Chavez and Neumann dissenting, to **recommend approval of the ordinance.**

Interim President Alexander-Tut	Yes
Commissioner Chavez	No
Commissioner Neumann	No
Commissioner Shaddix	Yes
Commissioner Sommer	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (628) 652-3510.

Sincerely,

Sonya Harris
Commission Secretary

cc: Patrick O'Riordan, Director
Mayor London N. Breed
Supervisor Connie Chan
Board of Supervisors