

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Plan Review and Site Inspection to Ensure Compliance with Federal Disability Laws Fee]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code Section 2A.22.1 to revise and increase the fees charged to City administered or City funded construction projects for plan review and site inspection by the Mayor's Office on Disability for compliance with federal disability access laws; and making environmental findings and findings of consistency with the General Plan.

Existing Law

Under Section 2A.22.1 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, the Mayor's Office on Disability ("MOD") charges fees for its plan review and site inspection of City administered and City funded construction projects.

Amendments to Current Law

This Ordinance would revise and increase the fees for the MOD's plan review and site inspection services to help cover the costs of such services. Specifically, the new fee structure would provide standard fees for standard services based on the cost of the project. Further, the new fee structure provides hourly charges for projects that require supplemental plan review and site inspections. This Ordinance would also require the Controller to adjust the fee annually to ensure cost recovery.

Background Information

The MOD has an architectural access program for plan review and field inspection to ensure that all City construction projects and any City funded construction projects, are accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities, consistent with applicable disability access laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act. This program includes construction projects that receive public funding administered by the City of San Francisco through the Mayor's Office on Housing, the former Redevelopment Agency, and other City Departments including Public Health and the Human Services Agency among others. According to the MOD, the current fee structure does not cover the actual costs of performing the plan and site reviews.