

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Prevailing Wage for Special Event or Trade Show Work on City Property]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require that prevailing wages be paid for work involving the on-site installation, set-up, assembly, and dismantling of temporary exhibits, displays, booths, modular systems, signage, drapery, specialty furniture, floor coverings, and decorative materials in connection with trade shows, conventions, expositions, and other special events on City property.

Existing Law

In addition to prevailing wage requirements governing public works projects, several ordinances require the payment of prevailing wages for certain types of work connected with City property, including, among others, janitorial services, parking garage attendant services, theatrical workers services, and moving services. See S.F. Admin. Code §§ 21C.1-21C.7. There is no prevailing wage ordinance governing trade show work.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would require the payment of prevailing wages on “Exhibit, Display, or Trade Show Work at a Special Event” when a contract, lease, franchise, permit, or other agreement for the use of property owned by the City is involved.

The proposed ordinance defines such work as “the on-site installation, set-up, assembly, and dismantling of temporary exhibits, displays, booths, modular systems, signage, drapery, specialty furniture, floor coverings, or decorative materials in connection with or related to a Special Event.” And it defines a “Special Event” as a “trade show, convention, exposition, or other temporary event with the characteristics of a trade show, convention, or exposition.”

The proposed ordinance contains several exceptions to the prevailing wage requirement, including, among others, where the Special Event is open to the public for free and occurs in a public park or street, so long as the cost of advertising and promoting the event is less than \$10,000; or where the Special Event requires the payment of prevailing wage rates applicable to public works projects.

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