

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Establishment of Office of Citywide Food Coordination, Dissolution of Food Security Task Force]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish an Office of Citywide Food Coordination (“OCFC”) within the Human Services Agency, charged with coordinating citywide efforts to address food insecurity among San Francisco residents, preparing a Food Security Report every five years that examines the scope of food insecurity among San Francisco residents, and seeking the input of community organizations and other City departments to inform the Food Security Report and the OCFC’s efforts; and dissolving the Food Security Task Force on July 1, 2025, instead of July 1, 2026.

Existing Law

Currently, there is no law establishing an office within the City that is charged with coordinating citywide efforts to address food insecurity.

The Administrative Code requires that the Department of Public Health prepare a biennial Food Security and Equity Report. The Administrative Code also establishes a Food Security Task Force, which is an advisory body charged with recommending to the Board of Supervisors legislative action and city-wide strategies to increase participation in federally funded food security programs, and provide general advice with regard to funding priorities, legislative action, and City policies on addressing hunger. Currently, the Food Security Task Force is scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2026.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would establish an Office of Citywide Food Coordination (OCFC) within the Human Services Agency, charged with coordinating citywide efforts to address food insecurity among San Francisco residents. It would eliminate the requirement that the Department of Public Health prepare a biennial Food Security and Equity Report, and would instead require the OCFC to prepare a Food Security Report every five years that examines the scope of food insecurity among San Francisco residents. The ordinance would also amend the sunset date of the Food Security Task Force so that the body dissolves on July 1, 2025 instead of July 1, 2026.

Background Information

Currently, the City lacks a centralized office with authority to support strategic collaboration across departments to effectively address gaps in need, reduce duplication of efforts, and develop a cohesive network of supports.