

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
(11/1/2016, Amended in Board)

[Administrative Code - Prohibition on Leasing for the Extraction of Fossil Fuels]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to prohibit the City from entering into or extending leases for the extraction of fossil fuel from City-owned land, and requiring inspections of any such land and evaluation of constructive future uses for such land; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Current law does not restrict the extraction of fossil fuel from City-owned land.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would amend the Administrative Code to prohibit the City from entering into or extending leases for the extraction of fossil fuel from City-owned land.

Background Information

The City and County of San Francisco owns real property located outside of its boundaries throughout California, including at least one parcel in Kern County that was bequeathed to the City and is currently leased for oil and natural gas extraction. As a means of furthering the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and exercising leadership in local actions to reduce global warming, this ordinance: (a) prohibits the City from extending any such existing leases and from entering into any new fossil fuel leases on all City-owned property; and (b) requires the City to inspect any such property to ensure compliance of the property with environmental laws, and to evaluate possible constructive future uses for the property.

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