

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Public Works, Police Codes - Prohibiting Autonomous Delivery Devices on Sidewalks and Right-of-Ways]

Ordinance amending the Public Works Code to prohibit the operation of autonomous delivery devices on sidewalks and right-of-ways within the jurisdiction of Public Works, amending the Police Code to provide for administrative, civil, or criminal penalties for unlawful operation of autonomous delivery devices; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Current municipal law does not prohibit the operation of autonomous delivery devices in or on public streets or sidewalks.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would amend the San Francisco Public Works and Police Codes to prohibit the operation of autonomous (these could also be described as “robotic”) delivery devices in or on public streets and sidewalks in the City of San Francisco. The proposed ordinance establishes criminal, civil, and administrative penalties for any unlawful operation of such devices.

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