

Emergency Ordinance Overview

Budget and Finance Committee – January 29, 2025

Context for this legislation

The current approach is not working: The situation on the streets of San Francisco is dire, with people tragically losing their lives every day.

To address this crisis, we need to bring people indoors: To address street conditions and provide humane treatment quickly, it is critical to hire more public safety and public health professionals, stabilize those in need indoors, and provide pathways to real treatment

It is too hard to act quickly: addressing the crisis requires many solutions, but complex bureaucracy too often leads to piecemeal half-measures that end up being costly. We need speed with responsibility.

Goals of this legislation

Allow us to act quickly: The legislation allows the city to enlist the personnel and services needed to act more quickly

Enable us to better address street conditions and bring people in need indoors to receive the treatment or shelter needed

Create time certainty, while preserving oversight: by introducing a “shot clock”, Supervisors still play a critical oversight role and departmental reporting requirements ensure there is accountability for outcomes

What this legislation will help us deliver together



24/7 first responder friendly drop-off stabilization center



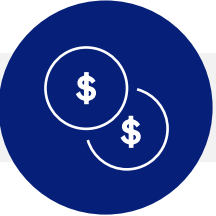
1,500 shelter beds



More treatment beds

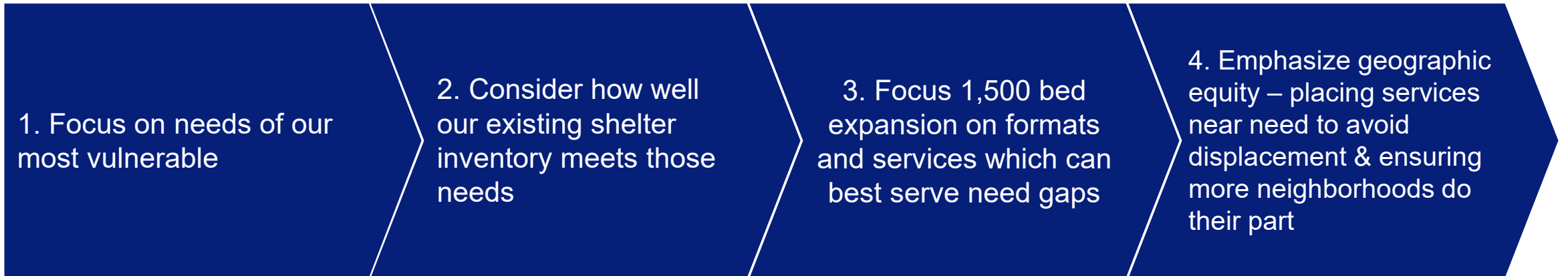


Hire public safety & behavioral health professionals to make interventions effective



Bring private funds in during the budget crisis

Our approach to shelter & treatment expansion



We will focus on locations & formats to match the needs of our communities

EXAMPLE

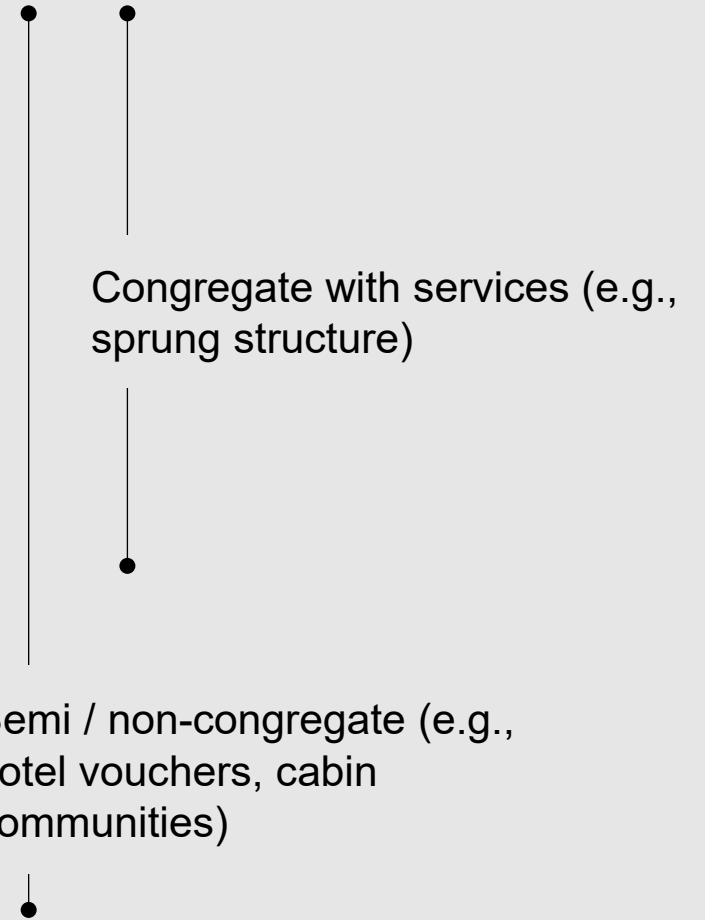
Example sub-population

Example housing types

Single adults 25+

Youth & Transitional Aged Youth

Persons in families



Overview of key elements in the ordinance

Key Definitions

Core Initiatives

- Projects Addressing Homelessness
- Projects Addressing Drug Overdoses and Substance Use Disorders
- Projects Addressing Mental Health Needs
- Projects Addressing Integrated Health Needs
- Projects Addressing Public Safety and Behavioral Health Hiring

Designated Departments

- Department of Public Health, Department of Public Works, Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing, Police Department, Sheriff's Department, Department of Emergency Management, Human Services Agency, MOHCD, City Administrator, and Dept. of Human Resources.
- Additional departments related to “Core Initiatives” may be designated by the mayor.*

*amendment forthcoming

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Expedition of Lease Approvals Under Specific Codes: Department head must provide written justification, detailing why the contract is essential to support a core initiative*

9.118 Contracts:

- **Resolution Timeline:** Must be introduced before January 8, 2026
- **Signatures Required:** The contract must be signed by both the department head and the mayor, with a statement explaining why the contract is necessary for core initiatives
- **Financial Scope:** The contract value must be between \$10 million and \$50 million. Contracts valued under \$10 million do not require Board of Supervisors (BOS) approval. For modifications to existing contracts, the financial impact must not reach or exceed \$50 million*
- **Duration:** The contract must not exceed a term of ten years. For modifications, the extension must not add ten years or more to the original contract term
- **Exceptions:** Affordable housing leases with terms under 99 years, loans for affordable housing, grants for affordable housing with terms under 30 years
- **Shot Clock:** If BOS fails to act within 45 days from the date of introduction, delegation takes effect*

Designated departments are authorized to accept and expend donations

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- 1. Clarification of long title – pg. 1**
- 2. Clarification of definition of “core initiative lease” – pg. 3**
- 3. Process for adding departments by resolution – pg. 3**
- 4. Clarification of definition of “lease” – pg. 4**
- 5. Copy of justification be also sent to the BOS – Pg. 5**
- 6. Re-inserting unchanged existing law re: homelessness projects - pg. 5**
- 7. Maintaining appraisal requirements; above market rate requiring BOS approval - Pg. 6-7**
- 8. Delegating contract authority to mayor vs. departments – pg. 7 line 8**
- 9. Changing contract expenditure thresholds to \$25M for new and amended – pg. 7 lines 16-17**
- 10. More clarification of lease requirements – pg. 7 lines 17-24**
- 11. Tolling the 45-day shot clock during BOS recess, etc. – pg. 8 lines 4-8**
- 12. Clarifying sunset date for A&E provision – pg. 8 line 11**
- 13. Clarifying transfer of funds is *within* a department & sunset date – pg. 8 lines 19-20**
- 14. Quarterly reporting of contracts and leases – pg. 9 lines 8-9**
- 15. Clarifying removal of amendments to Charter section 6.76 – pg. 16 lines 7-10**