

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Community Policing and Foot and Bike Patrols]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Chief of Police to adopt a foot and bike patrol strategy for the Police Department, and to require the Police Commission to hold annual hearings regarding community policing and foot and bike patrols.

Existing Law

Existing law requires the Police Department (SFPD) to create a community policing plan for each district station. The district plan must incorporate foot and bike patrol deployment, among other strategies. SFPD must publicly post community policing plans and update them annually.

For foot and bike patrols specifically, SFPD must adopt a foot and bike patrol strategy to deploy foot and bike patrol officers at every district station, and SFPD must develop a formula for designating the foot and bike patrol streets and boundaries.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would require the Police Commission to hold a hearing at least once a year to consider policies or strategies for SFPD regarding community policing and foot and bike patrols.

In addition to adopting a foot and bike patrol strategy and developing a formula for designating the foot and bike patrol streets and boundaries, SFPD would also be required to develop a map outlining the footprint of the foot and bike patrol beats within the boundaries of each district station. The ordinance would require the Chief of Police to submit the foot and bike patrol strategy, map, and formula to the Police Commission. And the ordinance would authorize the Chief of Police to modify the strategy, map, and formula in the future.

Foot and bike patrol officers would need to have the knowledge and skills required of a foot or bike patrol officer, as well as ties to the community the district station serves or the ability to readily develop such ties.

The ordinance would also require the Chief of Police to propose a budget and level of staffing for foot and bike patrols as part of SFPD's proposed budget each year.