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[Administrative Code - San Francisco Homicide Reward Fund]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the San Francisco Homicide Reward Fund.

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Findings.

- (a) Since 2009, San Francisco has averaged approximately 50 homicides per year.
- (b) Although the City has a general reward process that applies, in part, to cases of willful misconduct resulting in someone's death, and periodically offers rewards in homicide cases, it does not have a reward fund specifically for unsolved homicides.

Section 2. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Section 10.100-306 to read as follows:

SEC. 10.100-306. SAN FRANCISCO HOMICIDE REWARD FUND.

(a) Establishment of Fund. The San Francisco Homicide Reward Fund (the "Fund") is established as a category six fund to receive any monies appropriated or donated for the purpose of providing rewards as set forth in this Section 10.100-306. Donations to the Fund are deemed approved for acceptance and expenditure.

- (b) Use of Fund. Monies in the fund shall be used exclusively by the Chief of Police in the following manner:
- (1) The Chief of Police may pay a reward to any person or persons providing information that leads, in the judgment of the Chief after consultation with the District Attorney, to the arrest and conviction of a person for the crimes of murder (Cal. Penal Code Sec. 187, as amended, or any successor legislation) or manslaughter (Cal. Penal Code Sec. 192, as amended, or any successor legislation) committed within the City. If more than one claimant is eligible for a reward under this Section, the Chief of Police may divide the reward in a manner the Chief deems appropriate, but the total reward in connection with a single incident, whether made to one person or divided among several persons, may not exceed \$250,000.
- (2) A person claiming a reward from the Fund may not have participated in the planning, commission, or concealment of the crime, and the information provided by the person must have been unknown to the Police Department or the District Attorney at the time it was provided.
- (3) The Chief of Police shall pay a reward from the Fund only where the Chief determines, in his or her judgment, that: (A) no one has been charged with the crime for more than one year from the date of the incident; (B) the Police Department has exhausted all investigative leads; and (C) assistance from the public and a reward are necessary to achieve an arrest and conviction for the crime.
- (4) Rewards are entirely in the Chief of Police's discretion and there is in no circumstance a right to an award. The amount of the reward rests in the discretion of the Chief and shall be based on, among other considerations, the nature of the crime, the length and difficulty of the investigation and prosecution, and the usefulness of the information furnished by the person claiming the reward.
- (5) For the purposes of this Section 10.100-306, "conviction" shall mean a finding of guilty following a trial, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere by

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - San Francisco Homicide Reward Fund]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the San Francisco Homicide Reward Fund.

Existing Law

Administrative Code Section 10.177-1 authorizes the Mayor to offer a reward, not to exceed \$100,000, for information leading to the identification, arrest, and conviction of any person whose willful misconduct results in injury or death to any person or who willfully damages, destroys or appropriates any property. The reward must be recommended by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 10.177-1 covers, but is not specific to, unsolved homicides, and does not establish a specific fund for this purpose.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal is an ordinance that would amend the Administrative Code to establish the San Francisco Homicide Reward Fund (the "Fund") to receive donations or appropriations for the purpose of providing rewards as set forth in the ordinance. The Fund would be a category six fund, which means that the monies in the Fund would be deemed automatically appropriated for these purposes and the fund balance would be carried forward at the end of the budgetary cycle, but interest on the monies would go to the General Fund. Donations to the Fund would be deemed approved for acceptance and expenditure and would not require Board approval, even if in excess of \$10,000.

The proposal would authorize the Chief of Police to pay a reward to any person or persons providing information that lead, in the judgment of the Chief after consultation with the District Attorney, to the arrest and conviction of a person for the crimes of murder or manslaughter committed within the City, where the Chief determined that no one had been charged with the crime for more than one year from the date of the incident, the Police Department had exhausted all investigative leads, and a reward was necessary to achieve an arrest and conviction for the crime.

If more than one claimant was eligible for a reward, the Chief could divide the reward in a manner he or she deemed appropriate, but the total reward in connection with a single incident could not exceed \$250,000. A person claiming a reward from the Fund could not have participated in the planning, commission, or concealment of the crime, and the

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information provided by the person must have been unknown to the Police Department or the District Attorney at the time it was provided.

Any individual reward of \$100,000 or more would require Board of Supervisors approval by resolution.

To the extent permitted by law, the Chief of Police could keep confidential information identifying individual reward recipients.

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MEMORANDUM

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FROM:

Erica Major, Assistant Committee Clerk, Government Audit and Oversight

Committee, Board of Supervisors

DATE:

January 20, 2016

SUBJECT:

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Government Audit and Oversight Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Breed on January 12, 2016:

File No. 160023

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the San Francisco Homicide Reward Fund.

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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REFERRAL FYI (160023) Administrative Code - San Francisco Homicide Reward Fund

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Thank you for your attention.

Best,

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