

## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Administrative Code - Reimbursement for Broken Windows Due to Vandalism]

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to provide reimbursement to qualifying businesses for the costs of repairing or replacing storefront windows broken due to vandalism or break-ins, create a special fund for this purpose, and establish a sunset date of two years after enactment.**

### **Existing Law**

Current law does not require the City to reimburse businesses for the costs of repairing or replacing storefront windows broken due to vandalism or break-ins.

### **Amendments to Current Law**

The proposed ordinance would amend the Administrative Code to require the City, through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), to reimburse qualifying businesses for costs of repairing or replacing storefront windows broken due to vandalism or in connection with a break-in at the premises. A business could seek reimbursement in an amount of up to \$2,000 per incident, for up to two incidents occurring within a 12 month period. To be eligible for reimbursement, the business would have to have a total annual revenue of less than \$5 million and could not be a Formula Retail use.

The ordinance would also create a special fund to receive monies appropriated for this program.

The ordinance would expire two years after the date of enactment.

### **Background Information**

In September 2020, the San Francisco District Attorney's Office launched a pilot program providing victim assistance program for small businesses impacted by broken windows in Supervisorial District 5. (<https://www.sfdistrictattorney.org/victim-services/district-5-business-broken-window-reimbursement>) Eligible businesses can be reimbursed up to \$1,000 of the cost of replacing a storefront window with a maximum of two reimbursements per year. (*Id.*)