

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Establishing Neighborhood Crime Advisory Board]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Neighborhood Crime Advisory Board to advise the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and City departments regarding strategies for addressing neighborhood crime; and setting forth the membership and duties of the Advisory Board.

Existing Law

There is no advisory body established in City law that advises the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors or City departments regarding neighborhood crime.

Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance would create the Neighborhood Crime Advisory Board (“Advisory Board”) to advise the Mayor, Board of Supervisors and City departments regarding strategies and policies to address neighborhood crime, such as automobile break-ins, automobile thefts, burglaries, robberies, aggressive pursuit, aggressive panhandling, and similar crimes.

The Advisory Board would be required to submit to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors a report describing the Advisory Board’s findings and recommendations regarding strategies to address neighborhood crime no later than six months after its inaugural meeting, and at least once every six months thereafter.

The Advisory Board would be composed of 25 members, appointed as follows:

- Seats 1-11 would be appointed by individual Members of the Board of Supervisors, with each Member of the Board of Supervisors making one appointment. Each member must reside in the supervisorial district of their respective appointing Supervisor.
- Seats 12-25 would be appointed by the Mayor. Five of those seats would be held by an employee, officer, or member of a neighborhood association, and five of those seats would be held by an employee, officer, or member of a neighborhood merchants association, a community benefit district, or a business improvement district.

The Advisory Board members would serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority, and would serve for the life of the Advisory Board (*i.e.*, three years), unless removed by the appointing authority.

The Advisory Board would sunset three years after the Advisory Board’s inaugural meeting.

Background Information

The City's neighborhoods have recently seen a significant increase in crimes such as home burglaries, automobile break-ins, and automobile thefts. While fighting neighborhood crime is primarily the responsibility of the Police Department, residents also play an important role through efforts such as reporting crime, establishing neighborhood watch program, and providing sworn testimony when the District Attorney seeks to prosecute cases. The purpose of the Advisory Board is to help formalize and organize community efforts to bring about safer neighborhoods.

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