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MEMORANDUM

TO: Paul Yep, Interim Police Chief, Police Department
Brooke Jenkins, District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney
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FROM: Monique Crayton, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood
Services Committee, Board of Supervisors

DATE: October 7, 2025

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following Ordinance request, introduced by Supervisor Danny Sauter on September 30, 2025:

File No. 250983

[Police Code - Vehicle Sideshows]

Ordinance amending the Police Code to increase the fine for misdemeanor convictions for sideshow offenses from a maximum of \$500 to a maximum of \$1,000.

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.

CC:
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NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncoded text** are in plain Arial font.
Additions to Codes are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
Deletions to Codes are in ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*~~.
Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font.
Board amendment deletions are in ~~Arial font~~.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

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

Section 1. General Findings.

Under California law, a standard monetary penalty for misdemeanor offenses is \$1,000. The state law addressing sideshows and street takeovers, California Vehicle Code Section 23109, sets the maximum fine at \$1,000. Many other California cities and counties, including Oakland, Fresno, Santa Rosa, and Sonoma County, have set the fine for a violation of their local sideshow ordinance at an amount not to exceed \$1,000. It is in the public interest that San Francisco align the maximum monetary penalty for violations of its local sideshow ordinance with state law and Bay Area municipalities to reflect the seriousness of these offenses.

Section 2. Article 56 of the Police Code is hereby amended by revising Section 5608 as follows:

SEC. 5608. PENALTY.

Any person who violates Sections 5603, 5604, 5605, or 5607 is guilty of a

1 misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed
2 ~~\$500~~1,000, or by imprisonment for a period of not to exceed six months, or by both such fine
3 and imprisonment.

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5 Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors
6 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,
7 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal
8 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment
9 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under
10 the official title of the ordinance.

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

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18 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
19 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

20 By: /s/ Jen Huber
21 JEN HUBER
22 Deputy City Attorney

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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☒ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☐ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor _____ inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. _____ from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. _____
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No. _____
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on _____

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Sauter; Mandelman, Sherrill, Dorsey

Subject:

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Long Title or text listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

