

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Environment Code - Bottle Filling Stations]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Environment Code by adding Chapter 23 to require new and remodeled buildings that have drinking fountains to provide bottle filling stations, setting an operative date, and making environmental and other findings.

Existing Law

Current law does not require building owners or developers to provide bottle filling stations in addition to drinking fountains.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal would amend the Environment Code to require that the project sponsor for any new construction or change in occupancy that would already be required to install drinking fountains provide an equal number of Drink Tap Stations. This requirement would also apply to the project sponsor for a major plumbing alteration that would affect the plumbing system that supplies an existing drinking fountain.

The ordinance would define “Drink Tap Station” as a bottle filling unit that:

- Supplies potable water;
- Delivers a minimum of 8.0 gallons per hour (GPH) of ambient water;
- Is wall or floor mounted and is a separate unit or a combination unit including a drinking fountain; and
- Complies with ADA standards, is a U.L. listed, and is certified to be lead-free.

The Director of the Department of the Environment would be responsible for educating building owners, developers, contractors, and others about the requirements of the ordinance, and for providing them with a list of vendors who sell Drink Tap Stations. The General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission would compile the list.

The Director of the Department of the Building Inspection would be responsible for notifying developers, contractors, and others of the requirements of the ordinance when such persons request a building permit. The ordinance would also require the DBI Director to keep a list of all Drink Tap Stations installed during the first three years of the program and to report to the Board of Supervisors the total number of installations for each of those years.

The ordinance and its requirements would become operative on January 1, 2013.