

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Food Purchasing for Hospitals and Jails]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to revise the goals and reporting requirements for food purchasing by the Department of Public Health and the Sheriff's Department for City hospitals and jails; and eliminating the sunset date such that the program's standards and reporting requirements will remain in effect indefinitely.

Existing Law

Currently, local law requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Sheriff's Department to procure food for City hospitals and jails in alignment with Good Food Purchasing Standards.

The sections of the Code that establish food-related procurement goals for hospitals and jails, and impose reporting requirements on those departments, are scheduled to sunset in September 2025.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would remove the sunset date so that the food-related goals for hospitals and jails, and the reporting requirements imposed on City departments, remain in effect without interruption. In addition, the ordinance would revise the goals for hospitals by:

- establishing a goal of sourcing 5% of food from medium/small farms;
- increasing sourcing from medium/small farms to 10-15%;
- requiring DPH to share its findings relating to vendor labor violations; and
- decreasing the goal for meat use from 15% of total purchases to 10%.

The ordinance would revise the goals for jails by:

- increasing its local food allocation goal to 20-40%;
- increasing the goal for purchasing foods grown without pesticides from 5% to 10%;
- requiring the Sheriff's Office to share its findings relating to vendor labor violations.

The ordinance would also require DPH and the Sheriff's Department to submit a report to the Board of Supervisors every two years describing their adherence to the Good Food Purchasing Standards, and providing a summary of their outreach to vendors to encourage compliance with labor laws.

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