

**REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

(11/4/2025, Amended in Board)

[Administrative Code - Artist Housing Certification Program]

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Arts Commission to develop and administer a certification process to identify artists in San Francisco who may be eligible for affordable housing for artists.**

Existing Law

Currently, there is no law requiring the Arts Commission to establish and maintain an Artist Housing Certification program.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would require the Arts Commission to establish an Artist Housing Certification program and maintain a registry of artists who may qualify for affordable housing in San Francisco that is being programmed and/or prioritized for artists. The Arts Commission may adopt rules and/or regulations related to the Artists Housing Certification, including the addition of eligible art disciplines. The proposed ordinance will have an operative date of May 31, 2026.

Background Information

This legislative digest reflects amendments introduced in the Rules Committee on October 27, 2025 and the full Board on November 4, 2025.

Currently, the City lacks an Artist Housing Certification program. A recent \$100 million private gift is helping to fund the 1687 Market Street project, a new development that will provide over 90 affordable apartments and creative spaces for artists—including rehearsal spaces and a black box theater. This philanthropic investment underscores both the need and the opportunity to create an Artist Housing Certification program to replicate such efforts citywide. By supporting the creation of stable affordable housing opportunities for artists, the City reinforces its commitment to preserving its uniquely diverse cultural landscape.

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