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# MEMORANDUM

## RULES COMMITTEE

### SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Matt Dorsey, Chair  
Rules Committee

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk *Victor Young*

DATE: October 31, 2023

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING**  
Tuesday, October 31, 2023

The following file should be presented as a **COMMITTEE REPORT** at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 31, 2023. This item was acted upon at the Rules Committee Meeting on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., by the votes indicated.

**Item No. 22**                      **File No. 231008**

[Administrative Code - Community Policing and Foot and Bike Patrols]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Chief of Police to adopt a foot and bike patrol strategy for the Police Department.

RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

Vote: Supervisor Shamann Walton - Aye  
Supervisor Ahsha Safai - Aye  
Supervisor Matt Dorsey - Aye

c: Board of Supervisors  
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director  
Anne Pearson, Deputy City Attorney

1 [Administrative Code - Community Policing and Foot and Bike Patrols]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Chief of Police to adopt a**  
4 **foot and bike patrol strategy for the Police Department, and to require the Police**  
5 **Commission to hold annual hearings regarding community policing and foot and bike**  
6 **patrols.**

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

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

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14 Section 1. Chapter 96F of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by revising  
15 Section 96F.1, to read as follows:

16 **SEC. 96F.1. COMMUNITY POLICING PLANS; FOOT AND BIKE PATROLS.**

17 (a) ~~Creation of District Station Community Policing Plans~~ **Police Commission**  
18 **Hearings; Development of Community Policing Plans.**

19 ~~————(1)—— At least once each calendar year beginning in 2024, the Police~~  
20 ~~Commission shall hold a public hearing to consider policies or strategies for the Police~~  
21 ~~Department (“SFPD”) regarding community policing and foot and bike patrols.~~

22 ~~————(2)—— The Police Department (“SFPD”) shall *continue to create* implement a~~  
23 ~~Community Policing Plan (“CPP”) for each police district station. *The CPP that* shall be publicly~~  
24 ~~available and posted on SFPD’s website and on each station’s website. SFPD shall submit~~  
25 ~~each CPP to the Police Commission so that the Police Commission may consider the CPP in~~

1 conjunction with its consideration of SFPD’s budget under Chapter 3 of the Administrative  
2 Code.

3 (b) **Community Policing Plans.** ~~The Police Department~~ SFPD shall finalize the CPPs  
4 no later than January 1, 2023, and review and update them on an annual basis by January 1  
5 of each year. The purpose of CPPs ~~are~~ is to foster collaboration and open communication  
6 between police officers and community members, including neighborhood associations and  
7 groups, small businesses, merchant groups, non-profits, school groups, and neighborhood  
8 leaders. The CPPs shall:

9 (1) Support a culture and practice of policing that reflects the values of  
10 protection and promotion of the dignity of all people, and, especially, the most vulnerable in  
11 the community.

12 (2) Foster an environment where requests for service and information from  
13 SFPD are handled in a timely and transparent manner.

14 (3) Support ~~the Police Department’s~~ SFPD’s ongoing reform efforts to increase  
15 community engagement, trust, positive interactions, and relations between the community and  
16 police officers.

17 (4) Promote collaboration with groups ~~as~~ described in this subsection (b);  
18 ~~above~~, to identify problems as well as solutions that will produce meaningful results for the  
19 community, and incorporate information learned from the Community Process in subsection  
20 ~~(d)~~.

21 (5) Subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter and staffing  
22 availability, deploy foot and bike patrol officers, ~~as specified in subsection (c)~~, at each district  
23 station.

24 (6) Include a succession plan for the transfer and continual implementation of  
25 CPPs when changes in district station captains occur.

1            (c)        **Foot and/or Bike Patrol Strategy and Assignments.**

2            (1)        **Foot and/or Bike Patrol Strategy.** By no later than ~~June 30,~~ January 1,

3 2024, the Chief of Police shall (A) adopt a foot and/or bike patrol strategy that identifies the areas

4 where foot and/or bike patrol officers are most needed to effectively reduce crime and strengthen

5 SFPD's partnership and trust with the community, (B) develop a map outlining the footprint of the foot

6 and/or bike patrol beats within the boundaries of each of SFPD's district stations to dictate the street

7 locations foot and/or bike patrol officers may travel as described in subsection (c)(2), and (C) develop

8 a formula for designating the foot and/or bike patrol streets and boundaries based on the reporting of

9 crime, high volume foot traffic, maximizing crime prevention, and any other factors the Chief of Police

10 deems appropriate to meet the needs of the community. The Chief of Police shall submit to the Police

11 Commission the foot and/or bike patrol strategy, map, and formula described in this subsection (c)(1)

12 and a staffing analysis for foot and/or bike patrols to the Police Commission so that the

13 Commission may hold a hearing to review the strategy, map, ~~and~~ formula, and staffing analysis.

14 Thereafter, the Chief of Police may modify the strategy, map, or formula from time to time in the

15 Chief's discretion.

16            (2)        **Foot and Bike Patrols Assignments.** The Chief of Police shall assign foot

17 and/or bike patrol officers to each district station in the City, in the geographic locations identified as

18 described in subsection (c)(1). Foot and bike patrol officers shall have the knowledge and skills

19 required of a foot or bike patrol officer, as well as ties to the community the district station serves or

20 the ability to readily develop such ties. To the extent permitted by law and labor agreements, the Chief

21 of Police shall give due consideration to minimizing the reassignment of foot and bike patrol officers in

22 order to promote continuity between the officers and community members with the goal of

23 strengthening SFPD's relationships with the community.

1                    (3) **Foot and Bike Patrols Budget.** Each fiscal year, the Chief of Police shall  
2 propose submit to the Police Commission a budget and level of staffing for foot and/or bike patrols as  
3 part of the proposed budget that the Chief of Police submits to the Police Commission for approval.

4                    (de) **SFPD Community Policing Strategies.** The Police Department SFPD shall provide  
5 time and resources for departmental involvement in community events, relationship-building  
6 exercises, and problem-solving activities. The Police Department SFPD shall serve the diverse  
7 populations represented in ~~the~~each district station using the principles of the CPPs.

8                    SFPD shall create community policing strategies that address ~~deployment of foot and bike~~  
9 ~~patrols~~, quality-of-life issues, and community language access needs as follows:

10                    ~~———— (1) **Foot and Bike Patrols.** Police Officers working outside the confines of a patrol car~~  
11 ~~may find it easier to interact with community members and to identify otherwise overlooked problems.~~  
12 ~~SFPD shall (A) adopt a foot and bike patrol strategy that will deploy foot and bike patrol officers at~~  
13 ~~every district station to effectively reduce crime and strengthen the SFPD’s partnership and trust with~~  
14 ~~the community, and (B) develop a formula for designating the foot and bike patrol streets and~~  
15 ~~boundaries based on the reporting of crime, high volume foot traffic, crime prevention, and community~~  
16 ~~input. The Police Department shall continue to evaluate the effectiveness of this deployment and~~  
17 ~~readjust the strategy by considering the numbers of calls for service, crime prevention initiatives, and~~  
18 ~~individual interactions with the community.~~

19                    (12) **Quality of Life Issues.** SFPD shall develop a strategy for proactive  
20 problem solving on quality of life issues, nuisances, and crime prevention, and identify  
21 alternatives to criminal law enforcement for quality of life issues. In the face of these concerns,  
22 SFPD community policing strategies shall create a sense of community where members of  
23 the community feel safe and secure.

24                    (23) **Language Access Needs.** SFPD shall incorporate a strategy tailored to  
25 address the distinct language access needs of communities served by each district station.

1           (~~ed~~)   **Community Process.** SFPD shall create a public process for eliciting  
2 community input for the CPPs from community members, including neighborhood  
3 associations and groups, small businesses, merchant groups, non-profits, school groups, and  
4 neighborhood leaders that provide direct services to San Francisco residents in areas served by  
5 their respective district stations before adoption of the CPPs. SFPD shall consider and  
6 incorporate, to the extent possible, community feedback that includes a proactive problem-  
7 solving approach in designing CPPs. This public process is intended to allow the community  
8 to provide valuable input to SFPD as a measure of accountability.

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10           Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
11 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
12 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
13 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.

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15           Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors  
16 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,  
17 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal  
18 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment  
19 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that appears under  
20 the official title of the ordinance.

21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
22 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

23 By:    /s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
24           JON GIVNER  
25           Deputy City Attorney

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

Revised 10/30/2023

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**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Chief of Police to adopt a foot and bike patrol strategy for the Police Department.**

Existing Law

Existing law requires the Police Department (SFPD) to create a community policing plan for each district station. The district plan must incorporate foot and bike patrol deployment, among other strategies. SFPD must publicly post community policing plans and update them annually.

For foot and bike patrols specifically, SFPD must adopt a foot and bike patrol strategy to deploy foot and bike patrol officers at every district station, and SFPD must develop a formula for designating the foot and bike patrol streets and boundaries.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would require SFPD to submit the community policing plan for each police district station to the Police Commission.

In addition to adopting a foot and/or bike patrol strategy and developing a formula for designating the foot and bike patrol streets and boundaries, SFPD would also be required to develop a map outlining the footprint of the foot and/or bike patrol beats within the boundaries of each district station. The ordinance would require the Chief of Police to submit the foot and bike patrol strategy, map, formula, and a staffing analysis for foot and/or bike patrols to the Police Commission. And the ordinance would authorize the Chief of Police to modify the strategy, map, and formula in the future.

Foot and bike patrol officers would need to have the knowledge and skills required of a foot or bike patrol officer, as well as ties to the community the district station serves or the ability to readily develop such ties.

The ordinance would also require the Chief of Police to submit a budget and level of staffing for foot and bike patrols as part of SFPD's proposed budget each year.

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