LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Surveillance Technology Policy - Department of Emergency Management - Gunfire Detection]

Ordinance approving Surveillance Technology Policy for the Department of Emergency Management's use of ShotSpotter, a gunfire detection technology.

<u>Background Information and Proposed Law</u>

Administrative Code Chapter 19B establishes requirements that City departments must follow before they may use or acquire new surveillance technology. A City department must obtain Board of Supervisors approval by ordinance of a surveillance technology policy before: (1) seeking funds for surveillance technology; (2) acquiring or borrowing new surveillance technology; (3) using new or existing surveillance technology for a purpose, in a manner, or in a location not specified in a Board-approved surveillance technology policy; (4) entering into an agreement with a non-City entity to acquire, share, or otherwise use surveillance technology; or (5) entering into an oral or written agreement under which a non-City entity or individual regularly provides the department with data or information acquired through the entity's use of surveillance technology.

The proposed ordinance would approve a policy allowing the Department of Emergency Management ("DEM") to use the gunfire detection hardware, ShotSpotter, managed and operated by the San Francisco Police Department at specified locations, to respond to daily emergencies by reporting potential incidents involving gunfire. DEM's dispatch center will receive notifications of gunshots through the ShotSpotter application and then DEM dispatchers will create calls for service for police officers to respond to the location where the gunshot(s) were detected.

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