

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Surveillance Technology]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to authorize the Police Department to acquire and use surveillance technology with respect to certain criminal events, as defined herein, and criminal activity that is concentrated in certain geographically distinct areas.

Existing Law

Administrative Code Chapter 19B defines Surveillance Technology and sets forth the procedure City Departments must follow to obtain Board of Supervisors approval by ordinance before acquiring or using Surveillance Technology.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 19B to add a new section 19B.7-1 that authorizes the San Francisco Police Department to temporarily acquire and use Surveillance Technology to monitor, review, or respond to a Critical Event or to monitor, review, or respond to criminal activity occurring in a Public Safety Crisis Area. The new section 19B.7-1 also imposes restrictions on the length of time the Police Department may possess or use Surveillance Technology in response to a Critical Event or Public Safety Crisis Area declaration and reporting requirements following such possession or use.

The proposed ordinance also amends section 19B.1 to define “acquire,” “Chief of Police,” “Critical Event,” “Public Safety Crisis Area,” and “use.”

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