LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Cigarette Litter Abatement Fee; Timing and Standards for Controller's Review and Adjustment.]

Ordinance amending Section 105.3 of the San Francisco Administrative Code to change the timelines and standards under which the Controller is directed to review and adjust the Cigarette Litter Abatement Fee

Existing Law

Current law imposes a cigarette litter abatement fee and requires the Controller to review abatement and administrative costs and fee revenues and, if necessary, make annual adjustments commencing in fiscal year 2011-2012 to ensure that over time the ordinance recovers no more than the actual costs of cigarette litter abatement.

Amendments to Current Law

This amendment would delete the 2011-2012 commencement of the Controller's obligation to review the fee and make adjustments. Instead the amendment would require the Controller to conduct the first review and if necessary make adjustments not later than December 1, 2010. This amendment would also provide more detailed criteria to guide the Controller's review duties under this ordinance.

Background Information

Updated cost data indicate that it is preferable to require an earlier review of the costs and revenues that support the Cigarette Abatement Fee.