

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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[Administrative Code - Open Data Policy.]

Ordinance establishing the City's Open Data policy and requiring City departments to make appropriate data available to the public, and amending the San Francisco Administrative Code to add Section 22D.

Existing Law

None.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would modify the Administrative Code to establish as City policy that City datasets appropriate for public disclosure be made available through DataSF.org or a successor website. The ordinance would require all City departments, boards, commissions, and agencies ("Departments") to publish data sets in compliance with the policies and standards promulgated by the Committee on Information Technology ("COIT").

COIT would develop rules and standards to implement the open data policy. COIT would also consider whether to use a generic license, such as those offered by "Creative Commons", for publishing the City's data sets. Such a license could grant any user the right to copy, distribute, display and create derivative works at no cost and with a minimum level of conditions.

Background Information

On October 21, 2009, the Mayor issued Executive Directive 09-06, entitled Open Data. The directive stated the City's commitment to transparency in government by declaring that all datasets determined to be appropriate for public disclosure would be published through DataSF.org. This ordinance would adopt an open data policy in line with Executive Directive 09-06.

In developing rules and standards for the open data policy, COIT may consider the eight principles of open government data that were developed by a group of open government advocates to provide guidance for entities implementing open data policies. (<http://www.opengovdata.org/home/8principles>)