

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Shelter Expansion Program]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (“HSH”) to submit to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor a plan to implement a program to provide unsheltered persons in San Francisco with a safe place to sleep overnight (“Place for All Program”), including a cost estimate of implementation; requiring HSH to fully implement the Place for All Program; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Currently, there is no law requiring the City to operate a sufficient number of shelters to allow every unsheltered person in San Francisco to be offered a place to sleep at night.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance, known as the “A Place for All Ordinance,” would establish that it is the policy of the City and County of San Francisco (“City”) to offer every person experiencing homelessness in San Francisco a safe place to sleep. The proposed ordinance would also require the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (“HSH”) to plan for and implement a Place for All Program (“Program”) by opening, leasing, funding, or otherwise making available enough shelters to serve all of the unsheltered people in San Francisco who may be expected to accept a referral to such sites or facilities. The requirement to operate the Program would be subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter, and would require the appropriation of funds by the Board of Supervisors.

For purposes of the ordinance, “shelter” means any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary shelter for Unsheltered people, including but not limited to, congregate facilities, non-congregate facilities, Navigation Centers, Shelter-in-Place hotels, Safe Sleep Sites, and tiny homes. As part of the Program, at least 50% of the shelter units opened would have to be in non-congregate facilities, and no more than 20% of the shelter units opened may be at Safe Sleep Sites

To inform the Board’s consideration and funding of the Program, the proposed ordinance would require HSH to submit to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors within three months of the effective date a plan (“Implementation Plan”) to operate the Program, assuming a 36-month implementation period. The Plan must include, among other things, a cost estimate of the Program, both during an implementation period and after full implementation; an estimate of the number of people who may be expected to accept referral to shelter facilities; and an analysis of the cost-effectiveness of different shelter models. The proposed ordinance would also require the Director of Real Estate to submit to the Board of Supervisors within three

months of the effective date a survey of real estate that may be used to operate the Program. Three months after HSH's submission of the Implementation Plan and the Director of Real Estate's submission of the survey of real estate, the Clerk of the Board would be required to schedule a hearing at the full Board of Supervisors to consider the submissions.

The proposed ordinance would require HSH to annually update its estimate of the number of unsheltered people who may be expected to accept a referral to a shelter, and would require the Controller to submit a report to the Mayor, the Board, and HSH every other year evaluating the Program.

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