

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Priority for Veterans in City Affordable Housing Programs]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to add a priority for veterans within each category of preferences in the City's affordable housing programs funded or administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development.

Existing Law

Under Administrative Code Chapter 47, the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development ("MOHCD") administers preferences to certain applicants to occupy affordable housing under the City's affordable housing programs. Under Administrative Code Section 47.3, an applicant receives a preference to occupy affordable housing if such applicant is eligible under four categories: (1) a holder of a certificate of preference based on displacement by the former San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, (2) a tenant displaced by a landlord under the Ellis Act or through an owner move-in, a fire to a tenant's unit, or expiration of an affordability restriction, (3) resident living within the District of a new residential building, or (4) a household who lives or works in the City. If an applicant is eligible under a preference category, such applicant will have a preference for an available affordable housing unit over an applicant who is not eligible under any of the preference categories. Within each preference category, there is no prioritization, and applicants eligible under the same preference category will have an opportunity to lease an affordable housing unit in an order established by MOHCD's housing lottery.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance amends Administrative Code Chapter 47 to add a priority for veterans who are eligible for any of the preference categories. MOHCD will verify an applicant as a veteran and eligibility under the applicable preference categories. If a veteran is eligible for a preference, then such veteran will have a priority for an opportunity to lease an affordable housing unit over applicants who are not veterans and within the same preference category.