

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative, Business and Tax Regulations Codes - Homelessness Oversight Commission and Related City Bodies]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code and Business and Tax Regulations Code as required by Proposition C, adopted at the November 8, 2022 election, to provide that the Homelessness Oversight Commission (“Commission”) appoint all members of the Local Homeless Coordinating Board (“Coordinating Board”); that the Coordinating Board’s sole duties are to serve as the governing body required to participate in the federal Continuum of Care Program and to advise the Commission on issues relating to the Continuum of Care; that the Shelter Monitoring Committee advise the Commission in lieu of the Coordinating Board; that the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee (“Oversight Committee”) advise and make recommendations to the Commission and the Health Commission; and that the Oversight Committee inform the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing’s strategic planning process.

Existing Law

Currently, the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and the Controller appoint all members of the Coordinating Board. In addition to serving as the governing body of the federal Continuum of Care program, pursuant to 24 C.F.R. Part 578, the Coordinating Board advises the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (“Department”) on homeless policy and budget allocations. The Shelter Monitoring Committee issues reports to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, the Coordinating Board, appropriate City departments, the relevant shelter, and the public. Finally, the Oversight Committee makes recommendations to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

Amendments to Current Law

The Proposed Ordinance would provide that the Commission appoint all members of the Coordinating Board and provide for staggered initial terms for Coordinating Board members starting July 1, 2023. The Coordinating Board would no longer advise the Department on homeless policy and budget allocations and instead serve only as the Continuum of Care governing body and report to the Commission on issues relating to the Continuum of Care program. The Proposed Ordinance would also require the Shelter Monitoring Committee to advise the Commission in lieu of the Coordinating Board. Finally, the Proposed Ordinance would provide that the Oversight Committee make recommendations to the Commission and the Health Commission, in addition to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

Background Information

On November 8, 2022, the voters approved Proposition C, which established the Homelessness Oversight Commission to oversee the Department. One subsection of Proposition C, codified in Charter Section 4.133(h), requires the City to enact an ordinance to amend various provisions of the Administrative and Business and Tax Regulations Codes to reflect changes to the duties, methods of appointment, and reporting structures of several City bodies that advise on issues relating to homelessness. The intent of this Proposed Ordinance is to comply with the requirements set forth in Charter Section 4.133(h).

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