

1 [Administrative Code - Extending Sunset Date of Contracting Waivers for Homeless Services]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to extend by five years, from May 5,**

4 **2024, through May 5, 2029, the sunset date of the provisions authorizing the**

5 **Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (“HSH”) to enter into and amend**

6 **contracts without requiring competitive bidding for services relating to sites and**

7 **programs for people experiencing homelessness (“Projects Addressing**

8 **Homelessness”), and the Department of Public Works to enter into and amend**

9 **contracts without adhering to the Environment Code or to provisions relating to**

10 **competitive bidding, equal benefits, local business enterprise utilization, and other**

11 **requirements, for construction work and services relating to Projects Addressing**

12 **Homelessness; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the**

13 **California Environmental Quality Act.**

14 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.

15 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.

16 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.

17 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.

18 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.

19 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

19 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

21 Section 1. Findings.

22 (a) California Government Code Sections 8698 through 8698.2 authorize the

23 governing body of a political subdivision to declare the existence of a shelter crisis upon a

24 finding by the governing body that a significant number of persons within the jurisdiction are

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1 without the ability to obtain shelter, and that the situation has resulted in a threat to the health
2 and safety of those persons. In 2016, the Board of Supervisors made the requisite finding in
3 Ordinance No. 57-16, declaring the existence of a shelter crisis in San Francisco.

4 (b) In April 2019, the City enacted Ordinance No. 61-19 to streamline the contracting
5 and siting of homeless shelters, and Ordinance No. 60-19 to expedite the permitting process
6 for homeless shelters during a declared shelter crisis.

7 (c) Ordinance No. 61-19 added Chapter 21B and Section 6.76 to the Administrative
8 Code to waive competitive bidding requirements for the Department of Homelessness and
9 Supportive Housing (“HSH”) and the Department of Public Works (“DPW”) contracts for
10 professional and other services related to Projects Addressing Homelessness and authorized
11 DPW to enter into and amend contracts without adhering to the Environment Code or to
12 provisions relating to competitive bidding, equal benefits, local business enterprise utilization,
13 and other requirements, for construction work and professional and other services relating to
14 Projects Addressing Homelessness. “Projects Addressing Homelessness” means projects
15 designed to prevent homelessness through the provision of housing subsidies or other
16 services, and projects designed to provide shelter, housing, food, and/or social services to
17 people experiencing homelessness.

18 (d) Chapter 21B and Section 6.76 will sunset on May 5, 2024, or on the effective date
19 of an ordinance making the finding that according to the most recent Point in Time (“PIT”)
20 Homeless Count that there are fewer than 5,250 homeless persons in San Francisco,
21 whichever date is earlier.

22 (e) For all HSH-funded projects that involve new construction, a change in use, or a
23 significant expansion of an existing use at a specific location, HSH complies with the
24 requirements of Administrative Code Chapter 79 (Citizens’ Right-to-Know Act of 1998) and
25 Chapter 79A by providing community notice that it is considering approval of such a project,

1 and by establishing a process by which members of the public may obtain additional
2 information about the project, and submit comments. Before opening a new facility, HSH staff
3 collaborate with the member of the Board of Supervisors who represents the district in which
4 the facility will be located, to conduct a thorough community outreach process that includes, at
5 a minimum, written notice to neighbors located within 300 feet of the facility, information about
6 how neighbors may provide input into the proposed programming at the facility, and the
7 hosting of at least one public community meeting. After opening a facility, HSH works closely
8 with the selected non-profit provider to be a good neighbor to the host community by following
9 the contractually required Good Neighbor Policy.

10 (f) According to the 2022 PIT Count, since 2019, San Francisco has had a 15%
11 decrease in unsheltered homelessness and a 3.5% decrease in overall homelessness. The
12 decreases reflected in the 2022 PIT Count were due to a number of initiatives and
13 investments in services across the homelessness response system including: preventing
14 homelessness for 5,500 at-risk households and placing approximately 2,300 formerly
15 homeless households into permanent housing in Fiscal Year 2021-22, adding over 3,000 new
16 units and subsidies of permanent supportive housing between 2020 and 2022, permanently
17 housing nearly 1,800 guests from the COVID-19 emergency Shelter in Place Hotel Program,
18 and re-opening and expanding the shelter system to a greater capacity than before the
19 COVID-19 pandemic. In April 2023, HSH released a five-year, citywide strategic plan, “Home
20 by the Bay: An Equity-Driven Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness”, that calls for an
21 expansion of prevention, shelter, and housing to meet the strategic plan’s goals, including a
22 50% reduction of unsheltered homelessness from the 2022 PIT Count. The City has made
23 progress addressing homelessness over the past few years, but the City has not reduced
24 homelessness below 5,250 people in the 2022 Point in Time Count, which was the goal
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1 articulated in Ordinance 61-19, therefore more time is needed to build on progress and
2 achieve the new strategic plan goal of reducing unsheltered homelessness by 50% by 2028.

3 (g) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
4 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources
5 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
6 Supervisors in File No. 231129 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms
7 this determination.

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9 Section 2. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by revising Chapter 21B,
10 Sections 21B.2 through 21B.4, to read as follows:

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12 **SEC. 21B.2. WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS.**

13 Notwithstanding Sections 21.1 and 21G.3 of the Administrative Code or any other
14 provision of the Municipal Code, the Department of Public Works and the Department of
15 Homelessness and Supportive Housing may enter into and/or amend contracts *for services or*
16 *commodities or grants for, including grants, for* professional and other services or commodities
17 relating to Projects Addressing Homelessness without adhering to the requirements of Section
18 21.1, 21G.3, or any other competitive procurement requirements. ~~The power to amend such~~
19 ~~contracts and grants extends to contracts and grants entered into prior to the effective date of the~~
20 ~~ordinance in Board File No. 190047 enacting this Chapter 21B.~~

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22 **SEC. 21B.3. REPORTING.**

23 ~~Within one year of the effective date of this Chapter 21B, and every year thereafter, t~~*The*
24 Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and the Department of Public Works
25 shall submit to the Board of Supervisors *an annual* report that includes the following

1 information for each contract or grant that the respective departments executed during the prior
2 year without adhering to the requirements of Section 21.1 or Section 21G.3, pursuant to the
3 authority in ~~this~~ Section 21B.32: the name of the contractor or grantee; the services to be
4 provided under the contract or grant; the amount of funds conveyed; the duration of the
5 contract or grant; and any measurable outcomes of the contract or grant.

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7 **SEC. 21B.4. SUNSET PROVISIONS.**

8 This Chapter 21B shall expire by operation of law ~~five years from its effective date~~ on May
9 5, 2029, or on the effective date of an ordinance making the finding that according to the most
10 recent Point in Time Homeless Count, that there are no more than 2,199 people experiencing
11 unsheltered homelessness which is a 50% reduction in unsheltered homelessness from the 2022 Point
12 in Time Count ~~there are fewer than 5,250 homeless persons in San Francisco~~, whichever date is
13 earlier. Upon expiration of this Chapter 21B, the City Attorney ~~shall~~ is authorized to cause this
14 Chapter to be removed from the Administrative Code.

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16 Section 3. Article IV of Chapter 6 of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by
17 revising Section 6.76, to read as follows.

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19 **SEC. 6.76. PUBLIC WORKS ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS.**

20 (a) The Department of Public Works is authorized to enter into and/or amend any
21 contract for any Public Work or Improvement, as defined in Administrative Code Section 6.1,
22 including any professional services for a Public Work or Improvement, without adherence to
23 the requirements of this Chapter 6, Administrative Code Chapters 12B and 14B, and the
24 Environment Code; provided, however, that the Public Work or Improvement is for the
25 construction, repair, or improvement of one or more sites that will be used for the primary

1 purpose of providing housing, shelter, or services to people experiencing homelessness. ~~The~~
2 ~~power to amend such contracts extends to contracts entered into prior to the effective date of the~~
3 ~~ordinance in Board File No. 190047 enacting this Chapter 21B.~~

4 (b) This Section 6.76 shall expire by operation of law ~~five years from its effective date on~~
5 May 5, 2029, or on the effective date of an ordinance making the finding that according to the
6 most recent Point in Time Homeless Count, that there are no more than 2,199 people experiencing
7 unsheltered homelessness which is a 50% reduction in unsheltered homelessness from the 2022 Point
8 in Time Count ~~there are fewer than 5,250 homeless persons in San Francisco~~, whichever date is
9 earlier. Upon expiration of this Section 6.76, the City Attorney ~~shall~~ is authorized to cause this
10 Section to be removed from the Administrative Code.

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12 Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
13 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
14 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
15 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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17 Section 5. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors
18 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,
19 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal
20 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment
21 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under
22 the official title of the ordinance.

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24 Section 6. Undertaking for the General Welfare. In enacting and implementing this
25 ordinance, the City is assuming an undertaking only to promote the general welfare. It is not

