

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Overtime Appropriations]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by adding Section 3.17 to:
1) require separate overtime items in the budget for the Airport, Emergency Management, Fire, Police, Public Health, Public Utilities, Public Works, Recreation and Park, and Sheriff; and 2) require those departments to obtain a separate supplemental appropriation to exceed those amounts.

Existing Law

Under current law, money for overtime expenditures is not separately appropriated in a department's budget. Money for overtime is included in the department's overall appropriations for salaries and mandatory fringe benefits (collectively, its "salaries appropriation"). The department may use any of the money in its salaries appropriation for overtime—even if the amount exceeds the budget estimates for overtime in the department—without further action by the Board of Supervisors, so long as the department does not exceed its total salaries appropriation.

Amendments to Current Law

Under the proposal, money for overtime expenditures for specified departments would be appropriated as a separate line item in the department's budget. A department that wished to spend more money on overtime than the amount contained in its budget would have to come back to the Board of Supervisors for a separate supplemental appropriation.

The proposal would apply to departments that spend the most on overtime: Airport; Emergency Management; Fire; Police; Public Health; Public Utilities; Public Works; Recreation and Park; and Sheriff. (The MTA is not included in the list because it is subject to its own budget procedures under the Charter.)