

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code – Film Rebate Program Extension and Funding]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by amending Section 57.8, to: 1) extend the Film Rebate Program for two additional years, through June 30, 2014; and 2) to increase the total amount of available funds to \$2,000,000 for film rebates during that period.

Existing Law

Under Chapter 57 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, the Film Rebate Program expires on June 30, 2012 and provides for \$1.8 million of rebate funding over the three year period spanning from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would extend the Film Rebate Program for two additional years, through June 30, 2014, and increase the total amount of available funds to \$2,000,000 for film rebates during that two-year period.

Background Information

The purpose of the San Francisco Rebate program, known as the "Scene in San Francisco Rebate Program," is to increase the number of film productions being made in San Francisco, increase the number of City residents employed in the filmmaking industry, and encourage the resulting economic benefits from filmmaking in San Francisco. Since 2006, the Film Rebate Program has offered rebates to several qualified film and television production companies for certain expenses paid to the City in an effort to increase local film and television production, support local hiring, and provide economic benefits to the City. Specifically, the current Film Rebate Program provides rebates for certain "qualified production costs" paid to the City, including, for example, film permit fees, payroll taxes, expenses for certain police services as described in Chapter 10B of the Administrative Code, and rental fees for City property or equipment used for film production activities.