

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Authorizing Levy and Collection of Special Taxes Within City and County of San Francisco Special Tax District No. 2009-1 - Seismic Safety Retrofits]

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 16-10 to authorize the levy and collection of Special Taxes within City and County of San Francisco Special Tax District No. 2009-1 (San Francisco Sustainable Financing) for seismic safety retrofits to certain privately owned buildings or real property; and directing the Clerk of the Board to publish a notice of public hearing and other matters related thereto.

Existing Law

The Board of Supervisors previously established its “City and County of San Francisco Special Tax District No. 2009-1 (San Francisco Sustainable Financing)” (the “Special Tax District”) for the purpose of financing and refinancing the acquisition, installation and improvement of energy efficiency, water conservation and renewable energy improvements to or on real property and in buildings, whether such real property or buildings are privately or publicly owned.

The Special Tax District was formed under the Special Tax Financing Law, constituting Article 43.10 of the Administrative Code, as amended by Ordinance 205-13, passed by the Board on October 1, 2013 and signed by the Mayor on October 11, 2013, to authorize the financing of earthquake retrofit work for wood-framed structures as required under Section 34B of the Administrative Code, which requires the mandatory earthquake retrofit of certain wood-framed buildings.

Ordinance No. 16-10 authorized the levy of and collection of special taxes for the purposes permitted under Special Tax Financing Law.

Amendments to Existing Law

The amendments to Ordinance No. 16-10 would expand the permitted Facilities to be financed to authorize the levy and collection of special taxes within City and County of San Francisco Special Tax District No. 2009-1 (San Francisco Sustainable Financing) to include work for seismic retrofits to wood-framed structures as required under Section 34B of the Administrative Code (which requires the mandatory earthquake retrofit of certain wood-framed buildings).

Background Information

The proposed Ordinance would amend Article 16.10 of the Administrative Code to allow financing by special tax districts of work deemed necessary to bring buildings or real property, including privately owned buildings or real property, into compliance with City seismic safety standards or regulations (Article 34B of the Administrative Code). The new regulations impose seismic retrofit requirements on certain residential buildings with critically vulnerable lower stories to significantly reduce the risk of collapse and increase the likelihood that these buildings will be structurally safe to occupy shortly after an earthquake.

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ORDINANCE NO.

The proposed Ordinance would authorize the levy and collection of special taxes within the Special Tax District to finance the costs of seismic retrofit improvements imposed by Article 34B of the Administrative Code.

The Ordinance requires the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to publish the Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation within 15 days of passage.