

1 [Administrative Code - Street Light Policy]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to provide a Street Light Policy; and to**
4 **make relevant findings.**

5 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
6 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
7 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
8 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
9 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
10 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
11 subsections or parts of tables.

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

13 Section 1. Environmental Findings. The Planning Department has determined that the
14 actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act
15 (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with
16 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. ____ and is incorporated herein by reference.

17 Section 2. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Section 98.3, to read
18 as follows:

19 SEC. 98.3. SAN FRANCISCO STREET LIGHT POLICY

20 (a) The San Francisco Board of Supervisors finds that:

21 (1) Quality street lighting helps define a positive urban character and
22 supports nighttime activities.

23 (2) Nighttime lighting is critical for both traffic safety and pedestrian safety
24 and security.

25 (3) Functioning street lights are essential for maintaining high quality of life,
public safety, and economic activity in San Francisco.

(4) Roadway and pedestrian levellighting are both important aspects of
street lighting responsibilities.

1 (5) Pursuant to the Charter, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
2 has jurisdiction over the provision of City-owned street lighting.

3 (6) Ownership and maintenance responsibility of the City's streetlights is
4 currently divided primarily between the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and a
5 private utility.

6 (7) The current division of ownership and maintenance responsibility of the
7 City's street lights between the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and a private utility
8 does not best advance the interests of San Francisco residents.

9 (8) The ultimate development of a single, municipally-managed street light
10 program would benefit all San Francisco residents and the City shall strive to unify streetlight
11 management under a municipal program. As an initial step, the Board of Supervisors urges the
12 San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to perform a study of the costs, benefits and methods
13 of a single, unified municipal program.

14 (b) In furtherance of the Street Light Policy, it shall be the policy of the City

15 (1) That lighting should be designed not only for vehicular traffic on the
16 roadways, but also for pedestrians on sidewalks and pedestrian paths;

17 (2) That whenever at least 50% of the lighting along an existing street block
18 is upgraded, or lighting along a new street block is added, adequate pedestrian level lighting
19 should be evaluated and included consistent with the Better Streets Policy and Plan, as funds
20 are available;

21 (3) That management of street lights and coordination with the private utility
22 to more effectively provide, maintain, and repair the City's street lights should include:

23 (A) Transitioning to light-emitting diode (LED) technology, with the
24 exception of those lights deemed inappropriate or not conducive to LED transition, as described
25 in the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's Guide to San Francisco Street Lights;

1 (B) Further integrating the private utility's street light maintenance
2 operations into the City 311 system, and including more detailed and timely reporting of
3 completed repairs;

4 (C) Integrating up to date street light infrastructure information into
5 the existing City GIS database by December 1, 2014, and developing pedestrian scale lighting
6 standards by December 1, 2014;

7 (D) Establishing a uniform, shared standard for levels of service for
8 the repairs of all street lights, such that simple outages should be corrected within 48 hours of
9 being reported; and

10 (E) Whenever a street light is repaired or replaced, repairing or
11 replacing such street light should be in accordance with the Street Light Policy.

12 (4) That the City shall strive to unify streetlight management under a
13 municipal program.

14 (c) All public and private entities operating and maintaining street lights in the City shall
15 provide an annual report to the Board of Supervisors documenting their efforts to manage street
16 lighting in a manner consistent with the Street Light Policy.

17 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
18 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
19 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
20 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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