

[Administrative Code - Street Light Policy]

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to provide a Street Light Policy; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

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

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

Section 1. Environmental Findings. The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 140981 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

SEC. 98.3. SAN FRANCISCO STREET LIGHT POLICY

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

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

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

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

1                   (4) Roadway and pedestrian level lighting are both important aspects of  
2 street lighting responsibilities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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6 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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**Date Passed:** November 25, 2014

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November 03, 2014 Land Use and Economic Development Committee - AMENDED

November 03, 2014 Land Use and Economic Development Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

November 18, 2014 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee  
Excused: 1 - Campos

November 25, 2014 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee  
Excused: 1 - Cohen

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I hereby certify that the foregoing  
Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on  
11/25/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of  
the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor  
Date Approved