

## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Administrative Code - Establishing Emergency Interagency Fire Safety Task Force]

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish an Emergency Interagency Fire Safety Task Force to review and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on proposed legislation and suggest other solutions to improve fire safety in multi-unit residential and multi-use buildings.**

### Existing Law

The Administrative Code establishes a number of task forces and advisory committees.

### Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance establishes a new Emergency Interagency Fire Safety Task Force. The Task Force will have seven voting members: two from the Department of Building Inspection, two from the Fire Department, two from the Department of Public Health, and one from the Public Utilities Commission. The City Attorney will assign a representative to attend the meetings and advise the Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force is to (1) review and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on legislation proposed by the Board to improve fire safety in multi-unit residential and multi-use buildings, (2) suggest to the Board of Supervisors amendments to the Municipal Code or other solutions that would improve fire safety in these buildings, and (3) specifically make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the advisability of requiring the installation of fire alarms and sprinklers in existing buildings.

### Background Information

San Francisco has recently had several fires in multi-unit residential and multi-use buildings that resulted in the death and displacement of tenants, and multiple City agencies have enforcement authority over the habitability of these buildings and the health and safety of their occupants. Therefore, immediate measures must be taken to improve the fire safety of these buildings.