LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Neighborhood Noticing Ordinance]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to direct the San Francisco 311 Customer Service Center to develop a pilot program for expanding public notice of significant projects and permitting decisions in the City, in the areas of construction and infrastructure repair work, public health and safety services and facilities, environment, and transportation.

Existing Law

Current City law sets public notice requirements for various City actions and decisions, but there is no program that gathers in one place all or most such notices.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal is an ordinance that would amend the Administrative Code to direct the San Francisco 311 Customer Service Center ("SF311") to develop a pilot program for expanding public notice of significant projects and permitting decisions. The program would be in addition to, rather than in place of, other official notice requirements.

The program initially would cover significant projects and permitting decisions in the areas of:

- Construction and infrastructure repair work;
- Public health and safety services and facilities;
- Environment; and,
- Transportation.

The first phase of the program would be the creation of a website where members of the public could find information on City projects and permitting decisions in each supervisorial district. The target date for creation of the website would be six months from the adoption of the ordinance.

The second phase of the program would be the creation of a system where the City sends, by e-mail or other electronic means and on a periodic basis, information from the website to members of the public who sign up for the service. The target date for creation of the notification system would be twelve months from the adoption of the ordinance.

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The program would not include Planning Department notices for Environmental Review, Discretionary Review, Conditional Use, Planning Code Section 311 Review ("Residential Permit Review Procedures for RH, RM, and RTO Districts"), and Planning Code Section 312 Review ("Permit Review Procedures for All NC, RED, and Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts").

The Director of SF311 could excuse a City department from participating in the pilot program where it is not currently feasible to provide the department's notices by e-mail or other electronic means on a regular basis.

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