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(6/7/2016, Amended in Board)

[Administrative Code - Telematic Vehicle Tracking Systems for City Vehicles]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the installation and use of telematic vehicle tracking systems in all motor vehicles owned or leased by the City, other than vehicles used for law enforcement, and submission of an annual report by the City Administrator on vehicle use based on data derived from those systems; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Current law does not specifically require the installation of vehicle tracking systems in City vehicles.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal is an ordinance that would amend the Administrative Code to require the City Administrator and each department head or other City official with jurisdiction over motor vehicles to install telematic vehicle tracking systems in those vehicles by January 1, 2017. A "telematic vehicle tracking system" is a system that combines the use of automatic vehicle location equipment (such as GPS locators) in individual vehicles with software that monitors in real time the location, movements, and status of a vehicle or fleet of vehicles to provide a comprehensive picture of vehicle locations and usage.

The City Administrator and department heads would monitor the systems and use the information to analyze subjects such as vehicle cost efficiency, use optimization, and post-incident investigation, and to promote other potential benefits such as increased efficiency, productivity, and improved route management planning.

Each department head would submit an annual report to the City Administrator with the telematic data, including vehicle usage and mileage data. The City Administrator would submit a Citywide report to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors on motor vehicle use by City officers and employees.

The City Administrator could waive the requirements of the ordinance, in whole or in part, if the department seeking the waiver demonstrated that compliance would not be feasible or would unduly interfere with the department's ability to discharge its official functions. The Board of Supervisors could, by motion, override a waiver granted by the City Administrator.

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The ordinance would not apply to vehicles used by the Police Department, the Sheriff's Department, the Adult Probation Department, or the Juvenile Probation Department for law enforcement purposes, or used by the District Attorney's Office or the City Attorney's Office for investigations. Those departments would be required to file with the City Administrator a statement identifying the categories of vehicles for which the exemption was claimed, and the need for or the purpose of the exemption. The ordinance would require the City Administrator to file a report with the Board of Supervisors no later than November 1, 2016 on the feasibility of extending the requirements of the ordinance to these vehicles. The report would specifically address the City's ability to protect confidential or sensitive information connected with the use of vehicles for law enforcement or investigations.

The ordinance would not be applied to conflict with the powers of the Public Utilities Commission, Airport, Port, or Municipal Transportation Authority under the Charter or other superseding law, or to otherwise interfere with the discharge of functions placed under the direct jurisdiction of those departments.

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