

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Neighborhood Property Crime Units - Police Department]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create Neighborhood Property Crime Units at District stations in the Police Department.

Existing Law

The Police Department has several different units, all of which share partial responsibility for preventing, investigating, and making arrests related to neighborhood property crime.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would require the Police Department to establish Neighborhood Crime Property Units in each police district. Units would be responsible for deterrence and investigation of property crime through the use of neighborhood foot patrols and community crime prevention, among other tactics. The various units would coordinate with each other under the direction of the Chief of Police.

Each year with the proposed annual budget for the Police Department, the Chief of Police would propose to the Police Commission a budget and level of staffing for each unit.

Within six months of the effective date of the ordinance, the Police Commission would adopt a plan to address property crime in the City, including strategies for communication and collaboration between units and between officers and community members; development of neighborhood-specific priorities and strategies to reduce property crimes; and the assignment of officers in Neighborhood Property Crime Units to foot patrols. The Commission would review the plan at least once every fiscal year. The Police Department would also develop and adopt a strategic plan for each Neighborhood Property Crime Unit, subject to approval by the Police Commission.

Every June, the Police Department would submit an annual report regarding property crime to the Board of Supervisors and the Police Commission.

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