

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Mayoral Question-and-Answer Session at the Board of Supervisors]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to authorize the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to modify deadlines for submission of question topics by Supervisors in advance of the Mayor’s appearance at the Board of Supervisors for a question-and-answer session.

Existing Law

Under Section 3.100 of the San Francisco Charter, the Mayor must appear “in person, at one regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors each month to engage in formal policy discussions with members of the Board.” Section 2.103 of the Charter further requires the Board, in consultation with the Mayor, to adopt an ordinance providing for rules and governing the conduct of Mayoral appearances at the Board. The Board enacted such an ordinance in 2011, and adopted a subsequent ordinance in 2018.

Under those ordinances, the Mayor appears at the Board on the second Tuesday of each month, though the Mayor and the Board President may agree to reschedule the appearance date. Supervisors’ eligibility to ask the Mayor questions rotates on a three-month basis, with Supervisors from Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 eligible to ask questions the first month, Supervisors from Districts 5, 6, 7, and 8 eligible to ask questions the second month, and Supervisors from Districts 9, 10, and 11 eligible to ask questions the third month.

By noon on the Wednesday before the Mayor’s scheduled appearance, eligible Supervisors who intend to ask the Mayor a question must submit the question topic to the Clerk and the Mayor.

Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance would authorize the Clerk to extend the deadline for submission of question topics by up to 24 hours if the deadline occurs in a week when either:

- there is not a regularly scheduled Board meeting,
- there is a City, State, or federal holiday, or
- the Board holds an inaugural meeting on January 8 of odd-numbered years.