REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(Amended in Committee - June 6, 2019)

[Administrative Code - Telematic Vehicle Tracking Systems for City Law Enforcement 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 and used by law enforcement agencies, subject to waiver by the City Administrator; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Under existing law the City Administrator and each department head or other City official with jurisdiction over motor vehicles must install telematic vehicle tracking systems in those vehicles. 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 must 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 must submit an annual report to the City Administrator with the telematic data, including vehicle usage and mileage data.

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

Currently, the telematics requirements do 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.

Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance would eliminate the exemption for 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, beginning June 30, 2020.

Background Information

This legislative digest reflects amendments adopted by the Government Audit and Oversight Committee on June 6, 2019 to change the operative date to June 30, 2020.

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