



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

New Planning Department Procedure Summary:

Information from Project Sponsors Regarding Their Anti-Discriminatory Housing Policies

Code Changes:	Administrative Code Section 1.61
Case Number:	Board File No. 140235
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The Way It Was:

The Planning Department currently does not request information about the project sponsor's policies on discrimination of any type.

The Way It Is Now:

The Ordinance requires the Planning Department to request the following information when a project sponsor proposes a project of ten dwelling units or more:

1. Does the applicant or sponsor, including the applicant or sponsor's parent company, subsidiary, or any other business or entity with an ownership share of at least 30% of the applicant's company, engage in the business of developing real estate, owning properties, or leasing or selling individual dwelling units in States or jurisdictions outside of California?
2. If the answer to Subsection (1) is in the affirmative, in which States?
3. If the answer to Subsection (1) is in the affirmative, does the applicant or sponsor, as defined in Subsection (1), have policies in individual States that prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the sale, lease, or financing of any dwelling units enforced on every property in the State or States where the applicant or sponsor has an ownership or financial interest?
4. If the answer to Subsection (1) is in the affirmative, does the applicant or sponsor, as defined in Subsection (1), have a national policy that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the sale, lease, or financing of any dwelling units enforced on every property in the United States where the applicant or sponsor has an ownership or financial interest in property?

5. If the answer to Subsections (3) or (4) is in the affirmative, please provide a copy of that policy or policies as part of the application to the Planning Department.

The Ordinance prohibits the Planning Department from considering a development application (building permit application or entitlement application) as complete unless the sponsor provides answers to the questions above. It also explicitly prohibits the Planning Department from considering the sponsor’s responses to these questions when evaluating the applicant’s development application.

The Ordinance also requires the Planning Department to transmit to the Human Rights Commission all responses to the questions above, including any aforementioned policies, on an annual basis. The Human Rights Commission will present the information from the applications to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration on an annual basis.

Link to signed legislation:

Board File No. 140235	Ord. No. 161-14	Information from Project Sponsors Regarding Their Anti-Discriminatory Housing Policies: https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=3208271&GUID=6C44C189-CBF7-4E53-A57D-B280A6931171
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