



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

New Planning Code Summary:

Code Enforcement Procedures

Amended Sections: 176 and 176.1
Case Number: 2015-014588PCA
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The Ordinance amends the Planning Code to state that the City Attorney may begin civil proceedings for violations of the Planning Code. It also amends the Administrative Code to require the Planning Department to periodically report on the Department's code enforcement activities.

The Way It Was:

1. The Planning Code was silent on the City Attorney's ability to begin civil proceedings for injunctive and monetary relief against any person for violations of the Planning Code. This was irrespective of whether the Zoning Administrator or the Planning Director had begun the enforcement process.
2. The Planning Department was not required to submit periodic reports to the Mayor or the Board of Supervisors regarding its code enforcement activities.

The Way It Is Now:

1. The Planning Code states that the City Attorney may begin proceedings for injunctive and monetary relief against any person for violations of the Planning Code irrespective of whether the Zoning Administrator or the Planning Director has begun the enforcement process.
2. The Planning Department is required to submit quarterly reports to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors regarding the Department's code enforcement activities.

Link to Signed Legislation:

<https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=4423850&GUID=89D3CF7B-2823-4500-9794-AFC714E478BD>