

[Administrative Code - Community Policing and Foot and Bike Patrols]

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Chief of Police to adopt a foot and bike patrol strategy for the Police Department, and to require the Police Commission to hold annual hearings regarding community policing and foot and bike patrols.**

NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font. **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*. **Deletions to Codes** are in ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman font~~. **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font. **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~. **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Chapter 96F of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by revising Section 96F.1, to read as follows:

**SEC. 96F.1. COMMUNITY POLICING PLANS; FOOT AND BIKE PATROLS.**

(a) ~~Creation of District Station Community Policing Plans~~**Police Commission Hearings; Development of Community Policing Plans.**

——(1)—— ~~At least once each calendar year beginning in 2024, the Police Commission shall hold a public hearing to consider policies or strategies for the Police Department (“SFPD”) regarding community policing and foot and bike patrols.~~

——(2)—— The Police Department (“SFPD”) shall ~~continue to create~~ implement a Community Policing Plan (“CPP”) for each police district station. ~~The CPP that~~ shall be publicly available and posted on SFPD’s website and on each station’s website. SFPD shall submit each CPP to the Police Commission so that the Police Commission may consider the CPP in

1 conjunction with its consideration of SFPD's budget under Chapter 3 of the Administrative  
2 Code.

3 (b) **Community Policing Plans.** ~~The Police Department~~ SFPD shall finalize the CPPs  
4 no later than January 1, 2023, and review and update them on an annual basis by January 1  
5 of each year. The purpose of CPPs ~~are~~ is to foster collaboration and open communication  
6 between police officers and community members, including neighborhood associations and  
7 groups, small businesses, merchant groups, non-profits, school groups, and neighborhood  
8 leaders. The CPPs shall:

9 (1) Support a culture and practice of policing that reflects the values of  
10 protection and promotion of the dignity of all people, and, especially, the most vulnerable in  
11 the community.

12 (2) Foster an environment where requests for service and information from  
13 SFPD are handled in a timely and transparent manner.

14 (3) Support ~~the Police Department's~~ SFPD's ongoing reform efforts to increase  
15 community engagement, trust, positive interactions, and relations between the community and  
16 police officers.

17 (4) Promote collaboration with groups ~~as~~ described in this subsection (b),  
18 ~~above~~, to identify problems as well as solutions that will produce meaningful results for the  
19 community, and incorporate information learned from the Community Process in subsection  
20 ~~(d)~~.

21 (5) Subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter and staffing  
22 availability, deploy foot and bike patrol officers, ~~as specified in subsection (e)~~, at each district  
23 station.

24 (6) Include a succession plan for the transfer and continual implementation of  
25 CPPs when changes in district station captains occur.

1                    (c)      **Foot and/or Bike Patrol Strategy and Assignments.**

2                    (1)      **Foot and/or Bike Patrol Strategy.** By no later than ~~June 30,~~ January 1,  
3 2024, the Chief of Police shall (A) adopt a foot and/or bike patrol strategy that identifies the areas  
4 where foot and/or bike patrol officers are most needed to effectively reduce crime and strengthen  
5 SFPD's partnership and trust with the community, (B) develop a map outlining the footprint of the foot  
6 and/or bike patrol beats within the boundaries of each of SFPD's district stations to dictate the street  
7 locations foot and/or bike patrol officers may travel as described in subsection (c)(2), and (C) develop  
8 a formula for designating the foot and/or bike patrol streets and boundaries based on the reporting of  
9 crime, high volume foot traffic, maximizing crime prevention, and any other factors the Chief of Police  
10 deems appropriate to meet the needs of the community. The Chief of Police shall submit to the Police  
11 Commission the foot and/or bike patrol strategy, map, and formula described in this subsection (c)(1)  
12 and a staffing analysis for foot and/or bike patrols to the Police Commission so that the  
13 Commission may hold a hearing to review the strategy, map, ~~and formula,~~ and staffing analysis.  
14 Thereafter, the Chief of Police may modify the strategy, map, or formula from time to time in the  
15 Chief's discretion.

16                    (2)      **Foot and Bike Patrols Assignments.** The Chief of Police shall assign foot  
17 and/or bike patrol officers to each district station in the City, in the geographic locations identified as  
18 described in subsection (c)(1). Foot and bike patrol officers shall have the knowledge and skills  
19 required of a foot or bike patrol officer, as well as ties to the community the district station serves or  
20 the ability to readily develop such ties. To the extent permitted by law and labor agreements, the Chief  
21 of Police shall give due consideration to minimizing the reassignment of foot and bike patrol officers in  
22 order to promote continuity between the officers and community members with the goal of  
23 strengthening SFPD's relationships with the community.

1                    (3) **Foot and Bike Patrols Budget.** Each fiscal year, the Chief of Police shall  
2 propose submit to the Police Commission a budget and level of staffing for foot and/or bike patrols as  
3 part of the proposed budget that the Chief of Police submits to the Police Commission for approval.

4                    (de) **SFPD Community Policing Strategies.** The Police Department SFPD shall provide  
5 time and resources for departmental involvement in community events, relationship-building  
6 exercises, and problem-solving activities. The Police Department SFPD shall serve the diverse  
7 populations represented in ~~the~~each district station using the principles of the CPPs.

8                    SFPD shall create community policing strategies that address ~~deployment of foot and bike~~  
9 ~~patrols~~, quality-of-life issues, and community language access needs as follows:

10                    ~~(1) **Foot and Bike Patrols.** Police Officers working outside the confines of a patrol car~~  
11 ~~may find it easier to interact with community members and to identify otherwise overlooked problems.~~  
12 ~~SFPD shall (A) adopt a foot and bike patrol strategy that will deploy foot and bike patrol officers at~~  
13 ~~every district station to effectively reduce crime and strengthen the SFPD's partnership and trust with~~  
14 ~~the community, and (B) develop a formula for designating the foot and bike patrol streets and~~  
15 ~~boundaries based on the reporting of crime, high volume foot traffic, crime prevention, and community~~  
16 ~~input. The Police Department shall continue to evaluate the effectiveness of this deployment and~~  
17 ~~readjust the strategy by considering the numbers of calls for service, crime prevention initiatives, and~~  
18 ~~individual interactions with the community.~~

19                    (12) **Quality of Life Issues.** SFPD shall develop a strategy for proactive  
20 problem solving on quality of life issues, nuisances, and crime prevention, and identify  
21 alternatives to criminal law enforcement for quality of life issues. In the face of these concerns,  
22 SFPD community policing strategies shall create a sense of community where members of  
23 the community feel safe and secure.

24                    (23) **Language Access Needs.** SFPD shall incorporate a strategy tailored to  
25 address the distinct language access needs of communities served by each district station.





**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Tails**  
**Ordinance**

City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

**File Number:** 231008

**Date Passed:** November 07, 2023

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October 23, 2023 Rules Committee - CONTINUED

October 30, 2023 Rules Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

October 30, 2023 Rules Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

October 31, 2023 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton  
Excused: 1 - Preston

November 07, 2023 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 9 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Safai, Stefani and Walton  
Excused: 2 - Melgar and Ronen

File No. 231008

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 11/7/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed  
Mayor

11/17/2023

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

11/17/2023

Date



November 17, 2023

Supervisor Ahsha Safai  
Members, Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**RE: File 231008**

Supervisor Safai,

I am returning file 231008 unsigned. Though this ordinance was unanimously passed by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 and again on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, I have concerns regarding some of the strategies outlined in this proposal.

As I have said numerous times, San Franciscans deserve a Police Department and public safety infrastructure that keep our residents, businesses, and streets safe. I agree with the premise that more police officers on the streets – including walking foot beats – has a positive impact on public safety. The issue is not whether having police officers walking foot beats is good for the city. The issue is that, in order to have more officers on the streets, we need more officers in the department to deploy. While these kinds of prescriptive directives sound like good policy, they will yield little impact when there are not the human resources to fulfill them.

With regards to this ordinance, I have specific concerns surrounding the misguided policy outlined in Section 1 (c)(B), which says the Police Department shall “develop a map outlining the footprint of the foot and/or bike patrols beats.” Having the department produce a public document that advertises details regarding police presence could result in unintended negative consequences such as compromising operational integrity.

As we continue to pursue policies that increase the number of active-duty police officers, I welcome the opportunity to discuss policies that leverage our existing infrastructure and allow them to be dynamic in the ways they protect and serve our City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "London Breed".

London N. Breed  
Mayor