

## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Fire Code - Filing of Proof of Inspections with Fire Department and Requiring Five Feet of Access to Divided Lot Structures]

**Ordinance amending the Fire Code to require filing with the Fire Department records of five-year inspection of fire sprinkler systems and annual inspection of fire alarm and detection systems, mandate a filing fee to ensure that the costs of providing for such filings are recovered without producing revenue that is significantly more than such costs, and require a minimum five feet access from the public-right-of-way to residential structures on newly subdivided lots; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward this Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission upon final passage.**

### Existing Law

The existing Fire Code requires that records of periodic inspections be maintained on the premises or other approved location. The existing Fire Code authorizes the Fire Department to require that certain records be filed with the fire code official, but does not require the filing of records of periodic inspections. The existing Fire Code does not address minimum access from the public-right-of-way to residential structures on newly subdivided lots.

### Amendments to Current Law

The proposed legislation would require filing with the Fire Department records of five-year inspections of fire sprinkler systems and annual inspections of fire alarm and detection systems. The proposed legislation mandates a filing fee to ensure that the costs of providing for such filings are recovered without producing revenue that is significantly more than such costs. The proposed legislation would also require that when an existing lot is subdivided, new residential buildings on such lots have five feet of access from the public-right-of-way to the new residential building and any emergency escape or rescue opening.

### Background Information

Requiring the filing of certain inspection records with the Fire Department is intended to improve compliance with required inspection schedules. The Fire Department has determined that its operational needs require a minimum five feet of access to residential buildings on subdivided lots.