

Implementation, Enforcement, and Impact:

San Francisco's Sit/Lie Ordinance One Year Later

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PURPOSE



- Need for independent, data-driven analysis of the Sit/Lie Ordinance.
- Document research on implementation, enforcement, and impact of ordinance citywide.
- Offer recommendations for improvements.
- Working document for future studies and analysis.



Enforcement Process




Implementation

Station	Citations issued (March – December 2011)*
Central	33
Southern	43
Bayview	0
Mission	59
Northern	15
Park	152
Richmond	3
Ingleside	1
Taraval	0
Tenderloin	0

*These totals were generated by SFPD's central internal tracking system which may not fully capture all citations issued. Data for Park Station was gathered from the station's internal logbook which is more accurate. For more information on citation tracking, see Section D - Before and After Quality of Life Violations & Tracking Citations.

Park Station issued 152 citations between March and December 2011

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- 75% of these citations were issued to just nine individuals

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- 4 individuals had more than 10 Sit/Lie citations each

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- 85% of the citations issued at Park Station were to people over age 30

Impact: Traffic Court

Arraignment Outcomes	Quality of Life Citations	
	Total	%
Failure to Appear	831	21%
Hearing Continued	224	6%
Case Not Dismissed	703	18%
Case Dismissed	1,821	46%
Case Scheduled for Trial	415	10%
Total	3,993	<i>13% of total citations</i>

Source: "Traffic Citation Tracking and Reporting Process Improvements." City and County of San Francisco Office of the Controller, December 21, 2010. Figures are based on analysis of 12 days of Traffic Court A & B Calendars between June 1st and June 17th, 2010 by the San Francisco Controller's Office.

Service Referrals

- Sit/Lie Ordinance requires the City to “maintain a neighborhood outreach plan to provide the social services needed by those who chronically sit or lie down on a public sidewalk.”

Service Referrals



3-1-1 An easy-to-remember telephone number has been established by the City and County of San Francisco to connect residents, businesses, and visitors with Customer Service Representatives who are ready to provide access to public information and services, including (but not limited to):



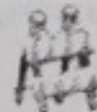
Animals & Pets: Adoption, Spaying & Neutering, Dog Licensing, Animal Bite/Noise Complaints



Community: Birth/Death Records, Marriage, School Info, Elections, City ID Cards, Taxes, Veteran Resources



Parks: Playgrounds, Golden Gate Park, Recreational Activities, Park Trees, Structural Maintenance



Streets & Sidewalks: Potholes, Sidewalk Defects, Tree Maintenance, Damaged Property, Street Lights, Parking Zones and Meters



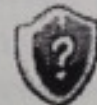
Transportation: MUNI, SFO Airport, Taxi, Bicycles, Abandoned Vehicles, Parking, Blocked Driveways



Utilities: Catchbasins, Sewers, Street Lighting, Flooding, Water Quality, Gas, Electric/Power



Garbage & Graffiti: Graffiti, Litter, Street/Sidewalk Cleaning, Recycling, Garbage Can Maintenance



Other: 2-1-1, Shelter, Medical Clinics, Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse Treatment, Homeless Connect

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

SFPD 538 (Side 2)

Tracking Sit/Lie Violations

The number of reported Sit/Lie citations for Park Station by data source:

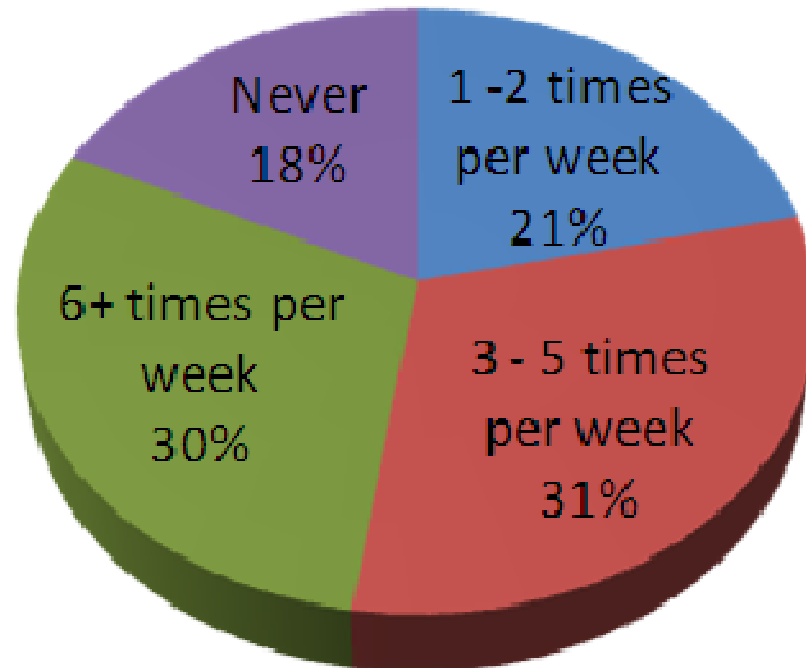
- Park Station (Log book) → 152
- Hall of Justice (SFPD Database) → 115
- Human Services Agency (QOL Report) → 32

Merchant Surveys

- **Scope:**
 - Surveyed over 50 storeowners and employees in the “central” and “upper” Haight Street region beginning at Central Avenue and ending at Stanyan Street.
- **Data Collection:**
 - Asked 26 standard questions designed to gauge perceptions of change after the implementation of Sit/Lie.
- **Caveats:**
 - Conducted over two days in November 2011
 - Surveys were administered in a drop-in manner

Merchant Surveys

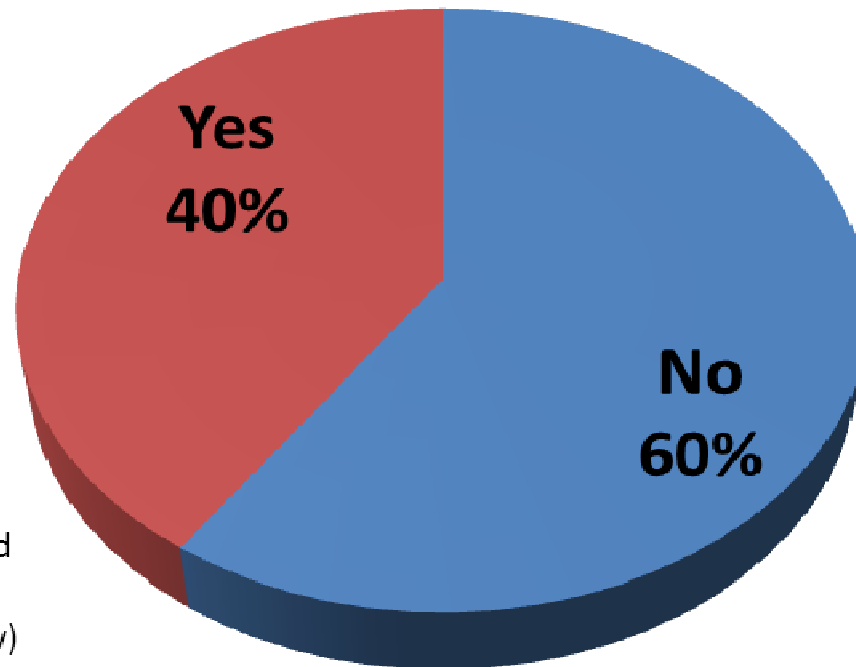
How often do people currently sit or lie in front of your business?



Source: Survey of 84 Haight Street merchants

Merchant Surveys

In your opinion, do you think the Sit/Lie ordinance has been effective at abating aggressive panhandling, soliciting or loitering in proximity to your business?



Sample = 47
(must have worked
1+years and been
aware of Sit/lie law)

Recommendations

Improve SFPD Tracking System

Ensure Tangible Service Referrals

Connect Repeat Offenders to Community Court

Convene Public Taskforce on Sidewalk Access

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