

1 [Administrative Code - Establishing Tall Building Structural and Seismic Safety Advisory
2 Committee]

3 **Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Tall Building Structural**
4 **and Seismic Safety Advisory Committee to advise the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor,**
5 **and the Department of Building Inspection regarding best practices to ensure the**
6 **safety of residential and commercial buildings in seismically vulnerable**
7 **neighborhoods; and setting forth the membership and duties of the Advisory**
8 **Committee.**

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

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

18 The Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Article XXII, Sections 5.22-1
19 through 5.22-6, to Chapter 5, to read as follows:

20 **ARTICLE XXII:**

21 **TALL BUILDING STRUCTURAL AND SEISMIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

22 **SEC. 5.22-1. CREATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

23 *The Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the Tall Building Structural and Seismic Safety*
24 *Advisory Committee (the "Advisory Committee") of the City and County of San Francisco.*

25 **SEC. 5.22-2. MEMBERSHIP.**

1 The Advisory Committee shall consist of five voting members, appointed by the Board of
2 Supervisors.

3 (a) Seat 1 shall be held by a structural engineer who is a member of the Structural
4 Engineers Association of California.

5 (b) Seat 2 shall be held by a geotechnical engineer licensed by the California Board for
6 Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists.

7 (c) Seat 3 shall be held by an engineering seismologist licensed by the California Board for
8 Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists.

9 (d) Seat 4 shall be held by an employee of a college or university who has conducted
10 research on historical seismic events.

11 (e) Seat 5 shall be held by a person with experience or expertise in fire safety.

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13 **SEC. 5.22-3. ORGANIZATION AND TERMS OF OFFICE.**

14 (a) Members of the Advisory Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of
15 Supervisors and may be removed by the Board at any time. Each member may remain on the Advisory
16 Committee until the termination of the Advisory Committee under Section 5.22-6, unless removed by
17 the Board.

18 (b) Service on the Advisory Committee shall be voluntary and members shall receive no
19 compensation from the City, except that any members employed by City departments may receive their
20 regular City salaries for time spent on the Advisory Committee.

21 (c) Any member who misses three regular meetings of the Advisory Committee within a six-
22 month period without the express approval of the Advisory Committee at or before each missed meeting
23 shall be deemed to have resigned from the Advisory Committee ten days after the third unapproved
24 absence. The Advisory Committee shall inform the Board of Supervisors of any such resignation.

1 (d) The Department of Building Inspection shall provide administrative support for the
2 Advisory Committee.

3 (e) At the request of the Advisory Committee, and in compliance with all applicable rules
4 regarding competitive selection, the Department of Emergency Management may retain consultants
5 with appropriate expertise to assist the Advisory Committee in its analysis and formulation of
6 recommendations.

7 (f) All City officials and agencies shall cooperate with the Advisory Committee in the
8 performance of its functions.

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10 **SEC. 5.22-4. POWERS AND DUTIES.**

11 No later than six months after its inaugural meeting, the Advisory Committee shall submit to the
12 Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and the Department of Building Inspection a report recommending
13 best practices and policy options for (1) monitoring and investigating the performance of existing and
14 future high-rise buildings in downtown San Francisco, and (2) ensuring the safety of high-rise
15 buildings in seismically vulnerable neighborhoods. After the initial report, the Advisory Committee
16 may, in its discretion or upon request of the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, or the Department of
17 Building Inspection, provide additional reports addressing the same topics.

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19 **SEC. 5.22-5. MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES.**

20 (a) The Advisory Committee shall hold its inaugural meeting not more than 90 days after
21 the effective date of the ordinance in Board File No. 161111 enacting this Article XXII. There shall be
22 at least ten days' public notice of the inaugural meeting. Following the inaugural meeting, the
23 Advisory Committee shall hold a regular meeting not less than once each month until it submits its
24 initial report under Section 5.22-4. Thereafter, the Advisory Committee shall hold a regular meeting
25 not less than once every four months until the sunset date set forth in Section 5.22-6.

1 **(b) The Advisory Committee shall elect its officers and may establish bylaws and rules for**
2 **its organization and procedures.**

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4 **SEC. 5.22-6. SUNSET.**

5 **Unless the Board of Supervisors by ordinance extends the term of the Advisory Committee, this**
6 **Article XXII shall expire by operation of law, and the Advisory Committee shall terminate, 18 months**
7 **after the effective date of the ordinance in Board File No. 161111 enacting this Article. After that date,**
8 **the City Attorney shall cause this Article XXII to be removed from the Administrative Code.**

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10 Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
11 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
12 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
13 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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