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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Landmark Designation of 4004-4006 Third Street - Sam Jordan's Bar]

Ordinance designating 4004-4006 Third Street (Sam Jordan's Bar), Lot No. 030 in Assessor's Block No. 5253, as a Landmark under Article 10 of the San Francisco Planning Code; and adopting General Plan, Planning Code Section 101.1 and environmental findings.

Existing Law

Under Article 10, Section 1004 of the Planning Code, the Board of Supervisors may, by ordinance, designate an individual structure that has special character or special historical, architectural or aesthetic interest or value as a City landmark. Once a structure has been named a landmark, any construction, alteration, removal or demolition for which a City permit is required necessitates a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission ("HPC"). (Planning Code Section 1006; Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, Section 4.135.) Thus, landmark designation affords a high degree of protection to historic and architectural structures of merit in the City. There are currently 262 individual landmarks in the City under Article 10, in addition to other structures and districts in the downtown area that are protected under Article 11. (See Appendix A to Article 10.)

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance amends the Planning Code to add a new historic landmark to the list of individual landmarks under Article 10: 4004-4006 Third Street (Sam Jordan's Bar), Lot 030 in Assessor's Block No. 5253.

The ordinance finds that the Sam Jordan Bar is eligible for designation as a City landmark under National Register of Historic Places Criterion B (association with the lives of persons significant in our past), as the physical location and the geographic locus of the life's work of Sam Jordan, a prominent business, political, social, and cultural leader in Bayview through the middle decades of the twentieth century.

As required by Section 1004, the ordinance lists the particular exterior features that shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind as determined necessary.

Background Information

The landmark designation was initiated by the HPC pursuant to its authority under the Charter to recommend approval, disapproval, or modification of landmark designations and historic district designations under the Planning Code to the Board of Supervisors. The HPC held a hearing to initiate the landmark designation of the Sam Jordan Bar on June 20, 2012.
On July 18, 2012, after holding a public hearing on the proposed designation and having considered the specialized analyses prepared by Planning Department staff and the Landmark Designation Case Report prepared by Stacy Farr and Tim Kelley, the HPC voted to recommend approval of the proposed landmark designation of the Sam Jordan Bar to the Board of Supervisors.