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[Business and Tax Regulations Code - Estimated Payments, Filing Extensions, and Refunds]

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Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to modify the quarterly filing and payment requirements for payroll expense taxes and gross receipts taxes, to clarify the requirements for obtaining a return filing extension, and to expressly permit taxpayers to apply refunds of the business registration fee, the payroll expense tax, and the gross receipts tax to subsequent tax periods.

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

Section 1. The Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended by revising Sections 6.9-1, 6.9-3, 6.9-4, 6.15-1, and 6.15-2 to read as follows:

SEC. 6.9-1. DETERMINATIONS, RETURNS AND PAYMENTS; DUE DATE OF TAXES.

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required under Sections 6.9-2 and 6.9-3, all amounts of taxes and fees imposed by Articles 6, 7, 9, 10, 10B, 11, 12, 12-A, and 12-A-1 are due and payable, and shall be delinquent if not paid to the Tax Collector on or before the following dates:

Except for jeopardy determinations under Section 6.12-2, and subject to remittances

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(a) For the *Hh*otel \mathcal{H} ax (Article 7) and the *Pp*arking \mathcal{H} ax (Article 9), for each month, on or before the last day of the following month;

- (b) For the payroll expense tax (Article 12-A) and the gross receipts tax (Article 12-A-1) (including the tax on administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1), on or before the last day of February of each year;
- (c) For the utility users tax (Article 10) and the access line tax (Article 10B), for each monthly period, on or before the last day of the following month;
- (d) For the stadium operator admission tax (Article 11), within 5 days after the event, subject to the provisions of Section 804 of Article 11; and
- (e) For the business registration certificate (Article 12), on or before the last day of May preceding the registration year commencing July 1 of that year.

SEC. 6.9-3. DETERMINATIONS, RETURNS AND PAYMENTS.

- (a) Remittances. Notwithstanding the due dates otherwise provided in Section 6.9-1, taxpayers shall make remittances of taxes and third-party taxes to the Tax Collector as follows:
- (1) Hotel and Parking Taxes. Except as provided in subsection (2) below, the $H\underline{h}$ otel $T\underline{t}$ ax (Article 7) and the $P\underline{p}$ arking $T\underline{t}$ ax (Article 9) returns shall be filed monthly and taxes shall be remitted monthly. Such monthly remittances shall be due and payable to the Tax Collector on or before the last day of the month immediately following the month for which such remittance is due.
- (2) Deemed Small Operators. A "Deemed Small Operator" is either a Hotel Operator or Parking Station Operator that has gross revenues from Rent that do not exceed \$40,000 annually attributed to either Rent from hotel or parking operations but not a combination thereof. No Hotel Operator or Parking Station Operator shall be a "Deemed Small Operator" if their total combined revenue from all parking and hotel operations within San Francisco is greater than \$250,000 per year. Any valet parking operator required to hold

a permit under Police Code Section 1216 shall not be a "Deemed Small Operator."

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, a Deemed Small Operator shall be relieved of certain obligations, specified in subsection (A) below, provided it meets all of the requirements of subsection (B) below.

- (A) The Deemed Small Operator shall be relieved of the obligation to do the following:
- (i) Obtain a certificate of authority from the Tax Collector under Section 6.6-1(a) or to execute a bond under Section 6.6-1(h).
- (ii) Make monthly tax remittances pursuant to Section 6.9-3(a)(1), provided that its gross revenues from Rent do not exceed \$40,000 annually. At any time that the gross revenues from Rent exceed \$40,000 annually, the operator must report and file monthly tax returns as required by Section 6.9-3(a)(1) beginning with the following month.
- (iii) A Deemed Small Operator of a Parking Station, shall not be required to pay the Revenue Control Equipment Compliance Fee in Article 22, Section 2219.5 for that Parking Station and shall not be required to hold a commercial parking permit under Section 1215(b) of the Police Code.
- (B) To be eligible for relief under this Section 6.9-3(a)(2), a Deemed Small Operator must meet all of the following requirements:
- (i) Register for relief using the form prescribed by the Tax Collector for that purpose, and provide information required by the Tax Collector. The operator shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Tax Collector that it meets all of the requirements of this Section 6.9-3(a)(2).
- (ii) Maintain documents and records of all parking transactions in a manner acceptable to the Tax Collector. Such documents and records must objectively

substantiate any relief claimed under subsection (a) of this Section 6.9-3 and be provided to the Tax Collector upon request.

- (iii) Timely file with the Tax Collector annually a parking space occupancy tax or a hotel tax return, regardless of the amount of tax liability shown on the return. All returns shall be filed on or before January 31 of each year.
- (iv) Any operator who makes a material misrepresentation in a return or fails to amend a return within seven days of a material change or who fails to comply in a timely manner with a rule or regulation promulgated by the Tax Collector shall, in addition to any other liability that may be imposed under the provisions of this Article 6, be ineligible to claim relief under this Section 6.9-3.
- (3) Payroll Expense Tax and Gross Receipts Tax: Estimated Tax Payments.

 Except as provided in Section 6.9-3(a)(3)(D) with respect to estimated tax payments of the gross

 receipts tax, every person or combined group liable for payment of the payroll expense tax (Article 12-A) and or the gross receipts tax (Article 12-A-1) (including the tax on administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1) shall make three estimated tax payments, in addition to the annual payments in Section 6.9-3(a)(4), be paid in quarterly installments as follows:
- (A) Due Dates. Every person liable for payment of payroll expense tax or gross receipts tax for any tax year shall pay such tax for that tax year in 4 quarterly installments. The first, second, and third quarterly installments The first, second, and third estimated tax payments for a tax year shall be due and payable, and shall be delinquent if not paid on or before, April 30, July 31, and October 31, respectively, of that tax year. The fourth installment shall be reported and paid on or before the last day of February of the immediately following tax year. Estimated tax payments shall be a credit against the person or combined group's total annual payroll expense tax or gross receipts tax (including the tax on administrative office business activities imposed under Section

953.8 of Article 12-A-1) liability, as applicable, for the tax year in which such estimated tax payments are due.

(B) *Installment Payments*.

(i) The first, second, and third quarterly installments shall be a credit against the person's total payroll expense tax or gross receipts tax, as applicable, for the tax year in which such first, second, and third quarterly installments are due. The fourth quarterly installment shall be in an amount equal to the person's total payroll expense tax or gross receipts tax liability for the tax year, as applicable, less the amount of the payroll expense tax or gross receipts tax first, second, and third quarterly installments and other tax payments, if any, actually paid.

(ii)—Payroll Expense Tax <u>Estimated Tax Payments Installments</u>. <u>For purposes of this Section 6.9-3, a</u>4 person's <u>estimated tax first, second, and third quarterly installment</u> payments of payroll expense tax for any tax year shall <u>each equal the lesser of:</u>

(i) 25% of the payroll expense tax liability shown on the person's return for the tax year (or, if no return is filed, 25% of the person's actual payroll expense tax liability for the tax year); or

(ii) 25% of the payroll expense tax liability shown on the person's return for the preceding tax year. If the person did not file a return for the preceding tax year, the person shall be deemed to have filed a return showing no liability for purposes of this Section 6.9-3(a)(3)(B)(ii), and no estimated tax payments of payroll expense taxes shall be due for the current tax year, be computed by using the person's taxable payroll expense (as defined under Article 12-A) for each quarter and the rate of tax applicable to the tax year in which the first, second, and third quarterly installments are due. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, and except for taxpayers under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1, for tax years commencing after December 31, 2013, the first, second, and third quarterly installments shall be computed using the rates set forth in the following table:

Tax Year	1st, 2nd and 3rd Installments
2014	1.350%
2015	1.125%
2016	0.750%
2017	0.375%
2018	0.000%

(iii) (C) Gross Receipts Tax <u>Estimated Tax Payments Installments</u>. <u>For purposes of this Section 6.9-3, a</u>A person <u>or combined group</u>'s <u>estimated tax payments first, second, and third quarterly installments</u> of gross receipts tax, <u>including the tax on administrative office</u>

<u>business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1</u>, for any tax year shall <u>each equal</u> the lesser of:

(i) 25% of the gross receipts tax liability (including any liability for the tax on administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1) shown on the person or combined group's return for the tax year (or, if no return is filed, 25% of the person or combined group's actual gross receipts tax liability for the tax year); or

(ii) 25% of the gross receipts tax liability (including any liability for the tax on administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1) shown on the person or combined group's return for the preceding tax year. If the person or combined group did not file a return for the preceding tax year, the person or combined group shall be deemed to have filed a return showing no liability for purposes of this Section 6.9-3(a)(3)(C)(ii), and no estimated tax payments of gross receipts taxes shall be due for the current tax year. be computed by using the person's taxable gross receipts (as defined under Article 12-A-1) for each quarter and the rate of tax applicable to the tax year in which the first, second and third quarterly installments are due.

Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, and except for taxpayers under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1, for tax years commencing after December 31, 2013, the first, second and third quarterly installments

shall be computed using the rates applicable to the person's taxable gross receipts under Sections

953.1 through 953.7 of Article 12-A-1, multiplied by the percentages set forth in the following table:

Tax Year	1st, 2nd and 3rd Installments
2014	10%
2015	25%
2016	50%
2017	75%
2018	100%

(C) Computation of Liability; Payments.

(i) A person's total payroll expense tax liability shall be computed using the rate for that tax year computed, certified, and published by the Controller under Section 903.1 of Article 12-A or as otherwise provided in Article 12-A. A person's total gross receipts tax liability shall be computed using the rate for that tax year computed, certified and published by the Controller under Section 959 of Article 12-A-1, or as otherwise provided in Article 12-A-1.

(ii) Any amounts paid on a person's payroll expense tax liability for a tax year that are in excess of that person's actual payroll expense tax liability for that year shall be credited to that person's gross receipts tax liability for that are in excess of that person's actual gross receipts tax liability for a tax year that are in excess of that person's actual gross receipts tax liability for that year shall be credited to that person's payroll expense tax liability for that year.

(D) Lessor of Residential Real Estate; Exemption. Notwithstanding anything else in this Section 6.9-3(a)(3), a lessor of residential real estate, as defined in Section 954.1 of Article 12-A-1, shall not be required to make estimated tax payments of gross receipts tax, but shall pay its full gross receipts tax liability on or before the last day of February following the tax year, if the lessor's gross receipts within the City shown on the lessor's return for either the current tax year or the preceding tax year did not exceed the threshold in Section 954.1(b)(1) of Article 12-A-1.

(b) (E) Estimated Tax Installment Penalties.

(i) Every person or combined group who fails to pay any estimated tax payment-installment required under this Section 6.9-3(a)(3) before the relevant delinquency date shall pay an "Estimated Tax Ppenalty" in the amount of 5% percent of the amount of the underpayment delinquent tax installment per month, or fraction thereof, up to 20 percent in the aggregate, and shall also pay interest on the amount of the delinquent tax installment from the date of delinquency at the rate of 1 percent per month, or fraction thereof, for each month the installment is delinquent, until paid. For purposes of this Section 6.9-3(a)(3)(E), the amount of the underpayment shall be the required estimated tax payment less the amount, if any, of the estimated tax payment paid on or before the delinquency date. The Estimated Tax Ppenalty and interest provided under this subsSection 6.9-3(a)(3)(E) shall not apply if each of the payroll expense tax and gross receipts tax payments are equal to or greater than the actual tax owed for that quarter, or the sum of the payroll expense tax estimated tax payments and gross receipts tax estimated tax payments (including estimated tax payments of the tax on administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1) for the quarter is equal to or greater than the estimated tax payments due for these taxes.

(ii) An Estimated Tax Penalty imposed under this Section 6.9-3(a)(3)(E) may be waived by the Tax Collector, in whole or in part, upon a finding that the person or combined group meets the requirements under Section 6.17-4.

26 percent of the sum of the payroll expense tax and gross receipts tax liability for the immediately preceding tax year. For taxpayers under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1, for tax year 2014 only, the penalty and interest provided under this subsection shall also not apply if a first, second, or third gross receipts tax quarterly installment payment is in an amount that is at least 26 percent of the payroll expense tax liability for the immediately preceding tax year.

(F) Estimated Tax Filings.

(i) Every person or combined group engaged in business in the City must
submit estimated tax filings for payroll expense taxes and gross receipts taxes (including taxes on
administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1), as applicable,
before the delinquency dates for each estimated tax payment of those taxes, if either of the following
are true:
a. the person or combined group owes payroll expense tax or

gross receipts tax (including the tax on administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1) estimated tax payments; or

b. the person or combined group reported payroll expense taxes or gross receipts taxes (including taxes on administrative office business activities imposed under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1) on their return for the preceding tax year, regardless of whether the person owes any estimated tax payments for the current tax year.

(ii) If a person or combined group fails to make an estimated tax filing under this Section 6.9-3(a)(3)(F), the Tax Collector shall deem the estimated tax payment due to be the amount calculated under Sections 6.9-3(a)(3)(B)(ii) or 6.9-3(a)(3)(C)(ii), as applicable, until the person or combined group files an annual return for the tax year (or, if no annual return is filed, until the person or combined group's actual tax liability for the tax year is known), at which time the estimated tax payments due shall be recalculated under Sections 6.9-3(a)(3)(B) and (C), as applicable.

(4) Payroll Expense Tax and Gross Receipts Tax: Computation of Annual Liability;

Payments.

(A) The total payroll expense tax liability of a person shall be computed using the rate for that tax year computed, certified, and published by the Controller under Section 903.1 of Article 12-A or as otherwise provided in Article 12-A. The total gross receipts tax liability of a person or combined group, other than a person or combined group subject to tax under Section 953.8 of

Article 12-A-1, shall be computed using the rate for that tax year computed, certified, and published by the Controller under Section 959 of Article 12-A-1, or as otherwise provided in Article 12-A-1. The total liability for the tax on administrative office business activities of a person or combined group subject to tax under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1 shall be computed as provided in Section 953.8, or as otherwise provided in Article 12-A-1. Except as otherwise provided, the total payroll expense tax and gross receipts tax (including the tax on administrative office business activities under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1) liabilities, less any estimated tax payments for the tax year, shall be reported and paid on or before the last day of February of the year immediately following the tax year.

(B) Any amounts paid on a person's payroll expense tax liability for a tax year that are in excess of that person's actual payroll expense tax liability for that year shall be credited to that person's gross receipts tax liability for that year, if any. Any amounts paid on a person's gross receipts tax liability for a tax year that are in excess of that person's actual gross receipts tax liability for that year shall be credited to that person's payroll expense tax liability for that year, if any.

- ($\underline{b}e$) Hotel and Parking Taxes. Unless otherwise provided, an operator subject to the $\underline{H}\underline{h}$ otel $\underline{T}\underline{t}$ ax (Article 7) or the $\underline{P}\underline{p}$ arking $\underline{T}\underline{t}$ ax (Article 9) shall make monthly remittances in the amount of the actual tax owed.
- (<u>cd</u>) Forms and Adjustments. Tax remittances required under this Section <u>6.9-3</u> shall be accompanied by a tax remittance form prepared by the Tax Collector, but failure of the Tax Collector to furnish the taxpayer with a tax remittance form shall not relieve the taxpayer from any tax payment obligation.

SEC. 6.9-4. DETERMINATIONS, RETURNS AND PAYMENTS; EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING A RETURN AND PAYING TAX.

(a) For good cause, the Tax Collector, in his or her discretion, may extend, for a period not to exceed 60 days, the time for filing any return pursuant to this Article <u>6</u> or regulations

prescribed by the Tax Collector. For taxes required to be deposited monthly, the Tax Collector may only extend the time for filing a return for a period not to exceed 30 days. As a condition of such extension, the person seeking the extension shall make a payment of not less than 90% percent of such person's estimated liability for such period. For purposes of determining the amount of the conditional payment, the Tax Collector may independently establish the taxpayer's estimated tax liability.

- (b) Failure to make the required *installment*-90% payment will result in the *automatic* denial of the person's extension and the person being subject to the standard due dates in this Article 6, including any penalties, interest, fees, and other consequences of failing to file and pay by those due datestaxpayer being subject to penalties and interest under Section 6.17-1.
- (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Section 6.9-4, the Tax Collector may extend any time for filing any return or payment of tax or excuse penalties for any late filing or late payment by a period not to exceed 60 days if billing or other administrative duties of the Tax Collector cannot be performed in a timely manner.

SEC. 6.15-1. REFUNDS.

(a) Claims for Refund; Limitations. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (f) and (g) of this Section 6.15-1, the Controller shall refund or cause to be refunded the amount of any tax, interest, or penalty that has been overpaid or paid more than once, or has been erroneously or illegally collected or received by the City, provided the person that paid such amount files a claim in writing with the Controller within the later of one year of: (1) payment of such amount; (2) the date the return accompanying such payment was due; or (3) the date on which such amount requested on an return, amended return, or request for refund timely filed under subsection (g) of this Section 6.15-1 was denied under that subsection (g).

- (b) Claims for Refund; Contents. Any claim filed under subsections (a)-(f) of this Section 6.15-1 must state: (1) the specific amount claimed to have been overpaid or paid more than once, or erroneously or illegally collected or received by the City; (2) the tax periods at issue; (3) the grounds upon which the claim is founded, with specificity sufficient to enable the responsible City officials to understand and evaluate the claim; and (4) the date on which the amount requested on an return, amended return, or request for refund timely filed under subsection (g) of this Section 6.15-1 was denied under that subsection (g), if the person filing the claim filed such an return, amended return, or request for refund.
- (c) Claims for Refund; Third-Party Taxes. The customer who pays a third-party tax to an Operator is the proper party to seek the refund of a disputed third-party tax. No Operator or other person responsible for collecting or remitting a disputed third-party tax may obtain a tax refund unless that Operator or other person proves that the tax has not been passed on to its customers or any other person.
- (d) Claims for Refund; Applicable Law. Claims for refund shall be made according to California Government Code, Title I, Division 3.6, Part 3. For purposes of subsections (a)-(f) of this Section 6.15-1, a claim shall be deemed to accrue on the later of: (1) the date the return was due; (2) the date the tax was paid; or (3) the date the refund requested on an enterurn, amended return, or request for refund timely filed pursuant to subsection (g) of this Section 6.15-1 was denied under that subsection (g). The Controller shall furnish a form to be used for claims.
- (e) Claims for Refund; Actions by the City. The Controller shall enter the claim in the claim register, and shall forthwith forward it to the City Attorney. The City Attorney is designated to take such actions on claims as authorized by California Government Code, Title 1, Division 3.6, Part 3, Chapter 2, except that the City Attorney's authority with regard to rejecting or allowing claims shall be as provided in this Section 6.15-1. The City Attorney may

reject the claim, and shall notify the claimant of such rejection. Allowance or compromise and settlement of claims under this Section 6.15-1 in excess of \$25,000 shall require the written approval of the City Attorney and approval of the Board of Supervisors by resolution. The City Attorney may allow or compromise and settle such claims if the amount is \$25,000 or less. No claim may be paid until the Controller certifies that monies are available from the proper funds or appropriations to pay the claim as allowed or as compromised and settled. If the City approves the claim, the City may refund the excess amount collected or paid, or may credit such amount toward any amount due and payable to the City from the person from whom it was collected or by whom it was paid, and the balance may be refunded to such person, or the person's administrator or executor.

- (f) Claims for Refund; Waiver of Written Filing Requirement. The City Attorney, in his or her discretion and upon good cause shown, prior to the expiration of the one-year limitations period, may waive the requirement set forth in subsection (a) of this Section 6.15-1 that a taxpayer file a written claim for a refund in any case in which the Tax Collector and City Attorney determine on the basis of other evidence that:
- (1) an amount of tax, interest, or penalty has been overpaid or paid more than once, or has been erroneously or illegally collected or received by the City; and
- (2) all other conditions precedent to the payment of a refund to the taxpayer have been satisfied.
- (g) Requests for Refund; Refunds Permissible Without a Claim. The Tax Collector may authorize the Controller to refund tax, interest, or penalty payments, without a refund claim having been filed and without review by the City Attorney, if the Tax Collector determines that the amount paid exceeds the tax, penalties, and interest due. The person that made the overpayment may request such a refund from the Tax Collector on an return, amended return, or request for refund form that is issued by the Tax Collector and that is filed

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with the Tax Collector within the later of one year of the payment of such amount or the date the return accompanying such payment was due. The Tax Collector may also authorize the Controller to refund the overpaid tax, interest, or penalty payments on its own initiative within this oneyear period. A refund requested on an return, amended return, or request for refund form under this subsection (g) shall automatically be deemed denied for purposes of subsections (a), (b), and (d) of this Section 6.15-1 if the Tax Collector does not grant or deny the refund request within one year of the date it was filed. Any action by the Tax Collector after a refund request under this subsection (g) has been deemed denied shall not constitute a denial and shall have no effect on the statute of limitations for filing a claim for refund under subsections (a)-(f) of this Section 6.15-1. *In lieu of requesting a refund on a return, amended return, or request* for refund form, a taxpayer may elect to apply an overpayment of the business registration fee in Article 12, the payroll expense tax in Article 12-A, or the gross receipts tax in Article 12-A-1 (including the tax on administrative office business activities under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1) as a credit against the taxpayer's immediately succeeding payment or payments due of any of these three tax types. Any election to apply an overpayment to the taxpayer's future liability shall be binding and may not later be changed by the taxpayer.

SEC. 6.15-2. REFUNDS; INTEREST.

- (a) Any amounts refunded prior to entry of a final judgment in a judicial proceeding shall bear interest at the rate for prejudgment interest on refunds of local taxes or fees provided by Section 3287(c) of the California Civil Code, as amended from time to time, and shall be computed from the date of payment to the date of refund.
- (b) If the Controller offsets overpayments for a period or periods against another liability or liabilities *currently* owed to the City, or against penalties or interest on the other

liability or liabilities <u>currently</u> owed to the City, the taxpayer will be credited with interest on the amount so applied at the rate of interest set forth above, computed from the date of payment.

(c) If a taxpayer elects to apply all or part of <u>an overpayment of the business registration</u> fee in Article 12, the payroll expense tax in Article 12-A, or the gross receipts tax in Article 12-A-1 (including the tax on administrative office business activities under Section 953.8 of Article 12-A-1) as a credit against the taxpayer's immediately succeeding payment or payments due of any of these three tax types, a refund, inclusive of any interest accrued up to the date of the taxpayer's election, against a future San Francisco tax liability, the taxpayer will not be credited with interest on the amount so applied from the date of the taxpayer's election.

Section 2. Effective and Operative Dates.

- (a) Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.
- (b) Operative Dates. This ordinance shall become operative immediately upon the effective date of this ordinance. The amendments in this ordinance made to Sections 6.9-1 and 6.9-3 shall apply to all tax periods commencing on or after January 1, 2017, with prior law governing all tax periods commencing prior to January 1, 2017. The amendments in this ordinance made to Sections 6.15-1 and 6.15-2 shall apply to all pending and future overpayments, regardless of whether the overpayments relate to tax periods ending before or after the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,

numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of the ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any other portion of this ordinance or application thereof would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

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January 11, 2017 Budget and Finance Committee - RECOMMENDED

January 24, 2017 Board of Supervisors - PASSED, ON FIRST READING

January 31, 2017 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 1/31/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Date Approved