

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Union Street Entertainment Zone]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create the Union Street Entertainment Zone, on Union Street between Laguna and Steiner Streets; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Under Administrative Code Chapter 94B, open alcoholic beverages can be consumed on any public street, avenue, sidewalk, stairway, alley, or thoroughfare within an Entertainment Zone during an Entertainment Zone Event, subject to state and local law, when those beverages are purchased from a licensed premises within the Entertainment Zone.

As amended by Board File No. 241197, Administrative Code Section 94B.1 defines an Entertainment Zone Event as "an event that occurs within the boundaries of an Entertainment Zone established in accordance with this Chapter 94B and within the hours permitted by this Chapter 94B and the Management Plan or the Downtown Activation Permit issued pursuant to Administrative Code Chapter 94D for the Entertainment Zone." Administrative Code Section 94B.4 establishes Entertainment Zone locations.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would create the Union Street Entertainment Zone on Union Street between Laguna and Steiner Streets.

Background Information

The ordinance in Board File No. 241197 creating the Cole Valley Entertainment Zone has been approved and will take effect on March 9, 2025. The ordinance in Board File No. 250126 to create the Castro Upper Market Entertainment Zone has been introduced. This ordinance is drafted on the assumption that those two ordinances will be in effect at the time this ordinance, if approved, takes effect.

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