

1 [Planning Code - Landmark Designation Amendment - "Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot"]
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 3 **Ordinance amending the Landmark Designation for Landmark No. 307, the Turk and**
 4 **Taylor Streets Intersection together with defined portions of 101 Taylor Street,**
 5 **Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0339, Lot No. 003 (known as the "Site of the Compton's**
 6 **Cafeteria Riot"), under Article 10 of the Planning Code, to include the entire building at**
 7 **101-121 Taylor Street and to expand the period of significance; affirming the Planning**
 8 **Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and**
 9 **making public necessity, convenience, and welfare findings under Planning Code,**
 10 **Section 302, and findings of consistency with the General Plan and the eight priority**
 11 **policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

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

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

20 Section 1. Findings.

21 (a) Environmental and Land Use Findings.

22 (1) The Planning Department has determined that the Planning Code
 23 amendment proposed in this ordinance is subject to a Categorical Exemption from the
 24 California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et
 25 seq., "CEQA") pursuant to Section 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of
 Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), as an action taken by a regulatory agency for

1 the protection of the environment (in this case, landmark designation). Said determination is
2 on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is
3 incorporated herein by reference. The Board of Supervisors affirms this determination.

4 (2) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that
5 the proposed amendment to the landmark designation of the Site of the Compton’s Cafeteria
6 Riot to include the entirety of the building at 101-121 Taylor Streets, Assessor’s Parcel Block
7 No. 0339, Lot No. 003, as well as the intersection of Turk and Taylor Streets, will serve the
8 public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth in Historic Preservation
9 Commission Resolution No. _____, recommending approval of the proposed
10 designation, which is incorporated herein by reference.

11 (3) The Board of Supervisors finds that the proposed amendment to the
12 landmark designation of the Site of the Compton’s Cafeteria Riot is consistent with the
13 General Plan and with Planning Code Section 101.1(b) for the reasons set forth in Historic
14 Preservation Commission Resolution No. _____.

15 (b) General Findings.

16 (1) Pursuant to Charter Section 4.135, the Historic Preservation Commission
17 has authority “to recommend approval, disapproval, or modification of landmark designations
18 and historic district designations under the Planning Code to the Board of Supervisors.”

19 (2) Ordinance No. 246-22, enacted in December 2022, designated the Site of
20 Compton’s Cafeteria Riot, consisting of the public rights-of-way at the Turk and Taylor Streets
21 Intersection together with defined portions of 101 Taylor Street, located at Assessor’s Parcel
22 Block No. 0339, Lot No. 003, as Landmark No. 307. That ordinance, which is incorporated
23 herein by reference, required that the particular features to be preserved are those described
24 in the “Landmark Designation Fact Sheet, which can be found in Planning Department Record
25 Case No. 2022-005199DES,” and “which are ... Specifically, the following features shall be

1 preserved or replaced in kind: (1) The spatial relationships within the public right-of-way at the
2 intersection of Turk and Taylor Streets...; (2) Limited portions of the exterior walls of 101
3 Taylor Street, specifically, the lower 11-feet of the building which housed the storefront of the
4 former Gene Compton's Cafeteria...". These character-defining features refer to a portion of
5 the exterior of 101 Taylor Street and the surrounding public rights-of-way. The ordinance did
6 not include the full building located at 101-121 Taylor Street.

7 (3) The National Register of Historic Places individual listing for Compton's
8 Cafeteria, finalized by the Keeper of the National Register on January 27, 2025 (Ref. No.
9 RS100008499), recognizes the entire four-story building located at 101-121 Taylor Street as
10 the historic property associated with the Compton's Cafeteria Riot.

11 (4) An Article 10 Historic Landmark Designation (DES) Informational Packet
12 and Application to amend Landmark No. 307, known as the Site of the Compton's Cafeteria
13 Riot, to include the entire four-story building located at 101-121 Taylor Street, expand the
14 Landmark's period of significance, and capture the property's full historical significance, was
15 submitted to the Planning Department by community members.

16 (5) The Historic Landmark Designation (DES) Informational Packet and
17 Application was prepared and submitted by Compton's x Coalition and reviewed by Planning
18 Department Preservation staff. All preparers meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional
19 Qualification Standards for historic preservation program staff, as set forth in Code of Federal
20 Regulations Title 36, Part 61, Appendix A. The report was reviewed for accuracy and
21 conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10 of the Planning Code.

22 (6) On January 21, 2026, after holding a public hearing to review the Historic
23 Landmark Designation (DES) Informational Packet and Application and staff analysis, the
24 Historic Preservation Commission initiated amendment of the landmark designation of
25 Landmark No. 307, known as the Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot, pursuant to Section

1 1004.1 of the Planning Code by Resolution No. 1529. Said resolution is on file with the Clerk
2 of the Board of Supervisors in Board File No. _____.

3 (7) On _____, after holding a public hearing on the Historic Landmark
4 Designation (DES) Informational Packet and Application and having considered the
5 specialized analyses prepared by Planning Department staff, including the Landmark
6 Designation Fact Sheet, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended amending the
7 landmark designation of the Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot under Article 10 of the
8 Planning Code by Resolution No. _____. Said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the
9 Board in File No. _____.

10 (6) The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that the Site of the Compton's
11 Cafeteria Riot has a special character and special historical, architectural, and aesthetic
12 interest and value, and that its amended designation as a Landmark will further the purposes
13 of and conform to the standards set forth in Article 10 of the Planning Code. In doing so, the
14 Board hereby incorporates by reference the findings of the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet.

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16 Section 2. Amendment of Landmark Designation.

17 (a) Pursuant to Section 1004.3 of the Planning Code, the Landmark Designation for
18 the Site of the Compton's Cafeteria Riot, including the intersection of Turk and Taylor Streets,
19 and defined portions of Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0339, Lot No. 003, is hereby amended as
20 specified in Sections 3 and 4 of this ordinance.

21 (b) Appendix A to Article 10 of the Planning Code is hereby amended with respect to
22 Landmark No. 307, to indicate that Landmark No. 307 has been amended by this ordinance.

23 (c) If there is a conflict between the landmark designation in this ordinance and the
24 landmark designation in Ordinance No. 246-22, the provisions of this ordinance shall prevail.

1 Section 3. Designation.

2 Pursuant to Section 1004 of the Planning Code, the intersection of Turk and Taylor
3 Streets, and the four-story building located at 101-121 Taylor Street, Assessor's Parcel Block
4 No. 0339, Lot No. 003, as set forth in Section 4, is hereby designated as a San Francisco
5 Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code. Appendix A to Article 10 of the Planning
6 Code is hereby amended to include this property.

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8 Section 4. Required Data.

9 (a) The description, location, and boundary of the Landmark site consist of:

10 (1) The public right-of-way at the intersection of Turk Street and Taylor Streets,
11 bounded by Assessor Parcel Block Nos. 0339, 0340, 0342 and 0343, and extending north
12 from the corner of Turk Street and west from the corner of Taylor Street immediately adjacent
13 to 101-121 Taylor Street (aka 100-112 Turk Street); and

14 (2) The four-story building located at 101-121 Taylor Street on Assessor's
15 Parcel Block No. 0339, Lot No. 003, in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood.

16 (b) The characteristics of the Landmark that justify its designation are described and
17 shown in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet and other supporting materials contained in
18 Planning Department Record Case No. 2025-011836DES. In brief, the amended Site of the
19 Compton's Cafeteria Riot is eligible for local designation because it is associated with events
20 that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of San Francisco history.
21 Specifically, designation of the Site of Compton's Cafeteria Riot is proper given its association
22 with the first large-scale collective direct action on the part of people marginalized by
23 sexuality/gender that resulted in lasting institutional change. By acting collectively, instead of
24 as individuals, members of the community were able to further the cause of enabling a greater
25 freedom of gender expression without oppression. The uprising began inside the former

1 ground-floor Compton’s Cafeteria at 101 Taylor Street and spilled into the intersection of Turk
2 and Taylor Streets, where patrons, residents, and street youth confronted officers in response
3 to decades of criminalization and abuse. This event marked a turning point in local and
4 national queer activism. The amended designation identifies the entire structure—not only the
5 intersection and small portion of ground floor—as the historic property associated with the
6 Compton’s Cafeteria Riot, recognizing that the uprising originated inside the cafeteria, that
7 Compton’s Cafeteria functioned as a significant site of transgender kinship, refuge, and
8 survival before the riot, and that the building also housed a substantial transgender residential
9 community in the Hyland Hotel.

10 (c) The particular features that shall be preserved, or where the City determines it is
11 necessary due to deterioration of the feature, repaired or replaced in kind, are those generally
12 shown in photographs and described in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet, which can be
13 found in Planning Department Record Case No. 2025-011836DES, and which are
14 incorporated in this designation by reference as though fully set forth. Specifically, the
15 following features are character-defining and shall be preserved, repaired in-kind, or replaced
16 in kind:

17 (1) The spatial relationships within the intersection of Turk and Taylor Streets,
18 being the public right-of-way that is 68 feet, 9 inches in width, and extending north from
19 the corner of Turk Street and west from the corner of Taylor Street immediately
20 adjacent to 101-121 Taylor Street (aka 100-112 Turk Street);

21 (2) All exterior elevations, forms, massing, structure, architectural ornament,
22 and rooflines of 101-121 Taylor Street:

23 (A) Overall regular massing with building’s primary façades—the south
24 elevation on Turk Street and the east elevation on Taylor Street—
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1 forming a continuous street wall typical of early twentieth-century
2 residential hotels in the Tenderloin;

3 (B) Primary façades that exhibit a tripartite composition: a ground-floor
4 commercial base, a midsection encompassing the second and third
5 stories, and a narrower fourth-story cap beneath a modest projecting
6 cornice;

7 (C) Decorative elements, including keystones, cartouches, beltcourses,
8 and spandrel panels that articulate the upper stories;

9 (D) Fenestration on upper floors, consisting of vertically paired, punched
10 window openings set within shallow rectangular frames and topped by
11 stylized keystones;

12 (E) Masonry stucco cladding on primary façades; and

13 (F) Former storefront location of Compton's Cafeteria, being the lower 11-
14 feet of the building and extending north 52 feet from the corner of Turk
15 Street and 40 feet west from the corner of Taylor Street.

16 (G) Location of residential entry mid-block on Taylor Street elevation.
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18 Section 5. Standard of Review for Applications.

19 The following scopes of work within the public right-of-way, as described herein in
20 Section 4(c)(1) and in Board of Supervisor's Ordinance No. 246-22, shall not require a
21 Certificate of Appropriateness:

22 (a) Signs, for businesses fronting the public right-of-way, or projecting into it as
23 regulated by Article 6 of the Planning Code.

24 (b) Awnings or architectural features for buildings fronting the public right-of-way or
25 projecting into it as regulated by Article 1.2 of the Planning Code.

1 (c) Signs for street, transit, bicycle, or pedestrian safety, direction, and identification,
2 such as street names, speed limits, and traffic signals.

3 (d) San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority infrastructure, including
4 armatures and overhead wires for MUNI service.

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6 Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective at 12:00 a.m. on the
7 31st day after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor
8 returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within 10 days of receiving it,
9 or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.

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