

1 [Planning Code - Landmark Designation of 2000 Mason Street (North Beach Branch Library)]

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3 **Ordinance designating 2000 Mason Street (North Beach Branch Library), Lot No. 001 in**
4 **Assessor's Block No. 0074, as a Landmark under Article 10 of the San Francisco**
5 **Planning Code; and adopting General Plan, Planning Code Section 101.1 and**
6 **environmental findings.**

7 NOTE: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;
8 deletions are ~~*strike-through italics Times New Roman*~~.
9 Board amendment additions are double-underlined;
Board amendment deletions are ~~strike-through normal~~.

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

11 Section 1. Findings.

12 (A) Pursuant to Section 4.135 of the Charter of the City and County of San
13 Francisco, the Historic Preservation Commission has authority "to recommend approval,
14 disapproval, or modification of landmark designations and historic district designations under
15 the Planning Code to the Board of Supervisors."

16 (B) On October 7, 2009, the Historic Preservation Commission passed Resolution
17 638, initiating consideration of the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries for designation as San
18 Francisco Landmarks pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the San Francisco Planning Code. 2000
19 Mason Street (a.k.a. the North Beach Branch Library, Lot 001 in Assessor's Block No. 0074)
20 was included in the initiation Resolution. Such resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board
21 in File No. _____ and incorporated herein by reference.

22 (C) On September 1, 2010, after holding a public hearing on the proposed
23 designation and having considered the specialized analyses prepared by Planning
24 Department staff and the Landmark Designation Case Report(s) prepared by Johanna Street
25 dated March 26, 2010 and April 23, 2010, the Historic Preservation Commission

1 recommended approval of the proposed landmark designation of the North Beach Branch
2 Library in Resolution No. 653. Such resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No.
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4 (D) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that the
5 proposed landmark designation of 2000 Mason Street (North Beach Branch Library) will serve
6 the public necessity, convenience and welfare.

7 (E) The Board finds that the proposed landmark designation of 2000 Mason Street
8 (North Beach Branch Library) is consistent with the San Francisco General Plan and with
9 Planning Code Section 101.1(b) for the reasons set forth in Resolution Number 653
10 recommending approval of the proposed designation, which is incorporated herein by
11 reference.

12 (F) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
13 Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public
14 Resources Code section 21000 et seq., "CEQA"). Specifically, the Planning Department has
15 determined the proposed Planning Code amendment is subject to a Categorical Exemption
16 from CEQA pursuant to Section 15060(c)2 of the Guidelines for Implementation of the statute
17 for activities that will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change
18 in the environment. Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
19 File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by reference.

20 (G) The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that 2000 Mason Street (North Beach
21 Branch Library) has a special character and special historical, architectural, and aesthetic
22 interest and value, and that its designation as a Landmark will further the purposes of and
23 conform to the standards set forth in Article 10 of the San Francisco Planning Code.

1 Section 2. Designation. Pursuant to Section 1004 of the Planning Code, 2000 Mason
2 Street (North Beach Branch Library), Lot 001 in Assessor's Block No. 0074, is hereby
3 designated as a San Francisco Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code.
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5 Section 3. Required Data.

6 (A) The description, location, and boundary of the Landmark site consists of the City
7 parcel located at Lot 001 in Assessor's Block No. 0074, with the street address of 2000
8 Mason Street (North Beach Branch Library).

9 (B) The characteristics of the Landmark that justify its designation are described and
10 shown in the Landmark Designation Case Reports and other supporting materials contained
11 in Planning Department Case Docket No. 2008.0968L. In brief, the North Beach Branch
12 Library is eligible for designation under the following National Register of Historic Places
13 criteria: (1) under Criterion A (Events), the North Beach Branch Library is a reflection of
14 principles of the modern public library promoted by the American Library Association after
15 World War II; and (2) under Criterion C (Design/Construction) said library represents an
16 innovative example of mid-century modern design in Northern California.

17 (C) The particular exterior features that shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind as
18 determined necessary, are those generally shown in photographs and described in the
19 Landmark Designation Case Reports, which can be found in Planning Department Docket No.
20 2008.0968L and which are incorporated in this designation by reference as though fully set
21 forth. Specifically, the following exterior features shall be preserved: i. Red brick masonry
22 walls, unpainted; ii. Location, size, shape, configuration and transparency of the window
23 systems, glazing and doors; iii. Glulam beams, stained; iv. Size, shape and configuration of
24 roof and eave; v. Wood trellis and supporting brick piers; vi. Terrazzo planters adjacent to
25 historic main entry, and vii. Retaining wall/planter at sidewalk. In addition, the following

1 interior character-defining features shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind as determined
2 necessary: i. Open floor plan; ii. Glulam beams, stained; iii. Chimney, mantle and fireplace,
3 unpainted; iv. Stair configuration and wood handrails; v. Red brick masonry walls, unpainted.
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5 Section 4. The property shall be subject to further controls and procedures pursuant to
6 the San Francisco Planning Code and Article 10.
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