

1 [Planning Code - Historic Signs]

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3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Planning Code by amending Section 608.14**
4 **regarding the authorization of historic signs; adopting findings, including**
5 **environmental findings, Planning Code Section 302 findings, and findings of**
6 **consistency with the General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1.**

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 strikethrough normal.

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

11 Section 1. Findings.

12 (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
13 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources
14 Code Section 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
15 Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by reference.

16 (b) These Planning Code amendments will serve the public necessity, convenience,
17 and welfare for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. _____, and
18 the Board incorporates those reasons herein by reference. A copy of Planning Commission
19 Resolution No. _____ is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.
20 _____.

21 (c) These Planning Code amendments are consistent with the General Plan and the
22 Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 for the reasons set forth in Planning
23 Commission Resolution No. _____, and the Board incorporates those reasons herein by
24 reference.

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1 Section 2. The San Francisco Planning Code is hereby amended by amending Section
2 608.14, to read as follows:

3 **SEC. 608.14. HISTORIC SIGNS ~~IN HISTORIC SIGN DISTRICTS.~~**

4 (a) **Restoration and Maintenance.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 604(h) of
5 the Code, ~~S~~signs which depict in text or graphic form a particular residential, business, cultural,
6 economic, recreational, or other valued resource which is deemed by the Planning
7 Commission to be of historic value and contributes to the visual identity and historic character
8 of a City neighborhood or the City as a whole shall be allowed to be restored, reconstructed,
9 maintained and technologically improved on a property by Conditional Use authorization of
10 the Planning Commission provided that: (a) ~~the proposed historic sign lies within an historic sign~~
11 ~~district designated pursuant to Section 302 of the Planning Code and shown on the Zoning Map of the~~
12 ~~City and County of San Francisco;~~ (b) the historic sign to be restored, reconstructed or
13 technologically improved depicts a use, person, place, thing, cultural icon or other valued
14 character or characteristics of the City or a City neighborhood that, at the time of the historic
15 sign ~~authorization permit application,~~ is at least 40 years old; (b) at least 50 percent of the area of
16 the sign remains legible. (c) the sign does not visually obstruct or significantly impair or detract
17 from, by glare or any other means, a City landmark or public vista; (d) the sign is not larger
18 than the sign that existed prior to the historic ~~authorization designation~~ of a sign that is proposed
19 for restoration and does not appear to be more visually prominent than the sign that existed
20 prior to the historic ~~authorization designation~~; and, (e) the sign is maintained in good condition,
21 repair and working order.

22 (b) Application for Historic Sign Authorization. Prior to the scheduling of the Conditional
23 Use hearing before the Planning Commission required by subsection (a), the applicant for a historic
24 sign authorization shall provide to the Department evidence in the form of photographs and/or
25 documents demonstrating that:

1 (1) the sign proposed for historic authorization is at least 40 years old; and

2 (2) the sign depicts a particular residential, business, cultural, economic, recreational, or
3 other valued resource of historic value and contributes to the visual identity and historic character of a
4 City neighborhood or the City as a whole.

5 (c) **Application of Other Article 6 Requirements.** Once a sign is authorized ~~designated~~ as
6 historic under this Section, it is subject only to the requirements of this Section 608.14 and is exempt
7 from all other provision of Article 6. However, any change of copy from the historic copy authorized by
8 the Planning Commission or any enlargement, or alteration ~~or~~ shall be considered an abandonment
9 of the historic sign authorization and the sign shall then be considered a new sign subject to all the
10 provisions of this Article 6 ~~shall be governed by the provisions of Section 178 of this Code.~~ The
11 addition of a frame to a painted wall sign shall not be considered an enlargement or alteration under
12 this section.

13 (d) **Referral to Historic Preservation Commission.** If the application for a historic sign
14 authorization under this Section 608.14 is not otherwise required to be referred to the Historic
15 Preservation Commission under the San Francisco Charter or this Code, it is not required to be
16 referred. However, the Department may refer the application to that Commission for an advisory
17 opinion.

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

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22 By: _____
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