

1 [Planning Code - Divisadero Street Neighborhood Commercial Transit District]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Planning Code to permit liquor stores in the buildings located**  
4 **on Assessor’s Block, 1215 Lots 018-089~~with off-street parking accessed on Broderick~~**  
5 **Street within the Divisadero Street Neighborhood Commercial Transit District; affirming**  
6 **the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality**  
7 **Act; and making public necessity, convenience, and welfare findings under Planning**  
8 **Code, Section 302, and findings of consistency with the General Plan and the eight**  
9 **priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

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

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

18 Section 1. Land Use and Environmental Findings.

19 (a) The Planning Department has determined that the action contemplated in this  
20 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources  
21 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
22 Supervisors in File No. 240263 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms  
23 this determination.

24 (b) On May 23, 2024, the Planning Commission, in Resolution No. 21567, adopted  
25 findings that the action contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance, with the  
City’s General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The Board

1 adopts these findings as its own. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the  
2 Board of Supervisors in File No. 240263, and is incorporated herein by reference.

3 (c) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board finds that this Planning Code  
4 amendment will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth  
5 in Planning Commission Resolution No. 21567, and the Board adopts such reasons as its  
6 own. A copy of said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File  
7 No. 240263 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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9 Section 2. General Findings.

10 (a) Section 759 of the Planning Code contains controls for the Divisadero Street  
11 Neighborhood Commercial Transit District (“Divisadero NCT”). When the district was initially  
12 established as the Divisadero Street Neighborhood Commercial District in 2014 by Ordinance  
13 No. 227-14 (originally codified in Section 746 of the Planning Code), the district incorporated  
14 the controls in Section 783, the Divisadero Street Alcohol Restricted Use District (“RUD”), and  
15 then deleted Section 783. The RUD was established in 2004 by Ordinance No. 41-04 and  
16 contained strict limitations on alcohol establishments within the district, including a prohibition  
17 on new liquor stores.

18 (b) On October 2, 2003, the Planning Commission, in Resolution No. 16672, adopted  
19 findings and made recommendations regarding the RUD. The Planning Commission’s  
20 recommendations included that the mixed-use development at Fell Street and Broderick  
21 Street be exempt from the RUD controls. A copy of said resolution is on file with the Clerk of  
22 the Board of Supervisors in File No. 031151 and is incorporated herein by reference.

23 (c) The mixed-use development at Fell Street and Broderick Street is located on the  
24 westernmost extension of the Divisadero NCT, the only place where the district borders  
25 Broderick Street. It does not contain any frontage along or direct pedestrian access from

1 Divisadero Street. The mixed-use development is also the only development within the  
 2 Divisadero NCT that has dedicated off-street parking and pedestrian access from Broderick  
 3 Street.

4 (d) As indicated by the Planning Commission’s recommendation 20 years ago to  
 5 exempt the mixed-use development at Fell Street and Broderick Street from the controls on  
 6 liquor stores in the RUD, the Board of Supervisors finds that allowing new liquor stores at the  
 7 buildings within the development will not result in pedestrian or vehicle obstruction along the  
 8 Divisadero Street corridor.

9 (e) The Board of Supervisors further finds that changing economic conditions within  
 10 the Divisadero NCT, including recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the growth of  
 11 online retail sales and financing applications replacing traditional brick-and-mortar storefronts,  
 12 warrant relaxing the prohibition of liquor stores at this location.

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 14 Section 3. Article 7 of the Planning Code is hereby amended by revising Section 759,  
 15 to read as follows:

16 **SEC. 759. DIVISADERO STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TRANSIT**  
 17 **DISTRICT.**

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19 **Table 759. DIVISADERO STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TRANSIT**  
 20 **DISTRICT**  
 21 **ZONING CONTROL TABLE**

		Divisadero St. NCT		
Zoning Category	§ References	Controls		
		<b>Controls by Story</b>		
		1st	2nd	3rd+

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NON-RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS AND USES				
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<b>Sales and Service Use Category</b>				
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Liquor Store	§ 102	NP(5)	NP	NP
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(5) (a) ~~Liquor Stores are P for the buildings located within the mixed-use development served by off-street parking accessed on Broderick Street between Fell Street and Oak Street. Otherwise, Liquor Stores are not permitted within the Divisadero Street NCTD, except Liquor Stores are P for the buildings located on Assessor's Block 1215 Lots 018-089.~~ Liquor Store uses which become inactive for more than 180 days may not be reestablished. A lawfully existing Liquor Store may relocate within the district with Conditional Use authorization;

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Section 4. 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.

Section 5. 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

1 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment  
2 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that appears under  
3 the official title of the ordinance.

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5 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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