

[Public Works Code, Administrative Code - Fee Waiver - Detroit Street Steps Archway]

Ordinance amending the Public Works Code to waive the Tier 3 Love Our Neighborhoods major encroachment permit fee for a project to install the Detroit Street Steps Archway in the Sunnyside neighborhood that will create a gateway for the Detroit Street Steps Project; amending the Administrative Code to waive the Board of Appeals surcharge for this permit; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

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

Section 1. Environmental Findings.

The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 250425 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms this determination.

Section 2. General Background and Findings.

(a) The Detroit Street Steps are located in the Sunnyside neighborhood of Supervisorial District 7, and comprise 185 steps that run from Detroit and Hearst Streets to

1 Detroit and Joose Streets, bisected by Monterey Boulevard. The Detroit Street Steps were
2 once an area that attracted dumping and other illegal activity, but the Sunnyside
3 Neighborhood Association and members of the community have transformed the Steps into a
4 safe and pleasant pedestrian walkway. In 2021, the Detroit Street Steps Project became one
5 of 28 recipients of a grant from the Neighborhood Beautification Grant Fund to improve
6 lighting and beautify the landscape with tiled steps and fence replacements.

7 (b) The Detroit Street Steps Project is a successful example of a community
8 association transforming the site from a neglected space into an inspiring local destination
9 that promotes health and well-being to residents and visitors.

10 (c) The Detroit Street Steps Project contributes to the revitalization of District 7,
11 enhances the sense of joy for those living in the Sunnyside neighborhood, and attracts new
12 visitors to this destination near City College of San Francisco, the Sunnyside Conservatory,
13 and Balboa Park.

14 (d) On August 22, 2022, the Civic Design Review Committee of the Arts Commission
15 approved the design for an Archway as an additional improvement to the Detroit Street Steps
16 Project. The proposed Archway is an integral part of a multi-phase project for the Detroit
17 Street Steps. The Archway requires a major encroachment permit for a Tier 3 Love Our
18 Neighborhoods Project under Public Works Code Sections 786 et seq. Images of the
19 Archway are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 250425.

20 (e) On February 28, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 90-23,
21 which was a declaration of intent to waive the major encroachment permit fee and other fees
22 associated with the Detroit Street Steps Archway. Resolution No. 90-23 was an effort to
23 facilitate the revitalization of this valuable City destination in the Sunnyside neighborhood,
24 such that the Detroit Street Steps Archway may be installed and enjoyed by the public
25 unencumbered by payment of fees. This Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of

Supervisors in File No. 230175 and incorporated herein by reference.

(f) Public Works Code Section 2.1.1(j)(2) establishes the permit fee for a Tier 3 Love Our Neighborhoods major encroachment permit, like the Detroit Street Steps Archway. Administrative Code Section 10G.1(c) establishes a Board of Appeals surcharge on Public Works issued permits.

Section 3. Waiver of the Tier 3 Love Our Neighborhoods Major Encroachment Permit Fee and Board of Appeals Surcharge for the Detroit Street Steps Archway.

In recognition of the benefits to the community of the Detroit Street Steps Project and its proposed Archway, the Board of Supervisors hereby: (a) amends Public Works Code Section 2.1.1(j)(2) to waive the major encroachment permit fee for the Detroit Street Steps Archway project; and (b) amends Administrative Code Section 10G.1(c) to waive the Board of Appeals surcharge for the Detroit Street Steps Archway permit. Collectively, these fees are approximately \$1,048.

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.

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