

City & County of San Francisco
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June 6, 2024

Honorable Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
City Hall, Room 244
1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Ordinance Amending the Park Code To Allow Dogs and Certain Athletic Activities in Yerba Buena Gardens

Dear Board Members:

Attached for your consideration is an Ordinance approving and authorizing amendments to the Park Code to allow dogs and certain athletic activities in yerba Buena gardens; to clarify that existing law prohibits the riding of bicycles and electric scooters in the Gardens; and to make a non-substantive correction regarding the authority of the Real Estate Division.

In or about June 2018, the City and County of San Francisco (City) acquired from the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (formerly the Redevelopment Agency) and it was put under the jurisdiction of the Real Estate Division.

On or about June 14, 2019, the City entered into a Master Lease Agreement with the Yerba Buena Gardens Conservancy, a California non-profit public benefit corporation (YBGC) for the Yerba Buena Gardens through 2061. The lease requires YBGC to manage and operate portions of the City-owned urban mixed-use property (the Gardens).

During the last several years, YBGC has been managing the Gardens and noted several issues including: a) All athletic activities are prohibited; b) Dogs are prohibited; and c) Visitors are prohibited from all wheeled equipment including strollers, wagons, etc.

YBGC desires to allow certain athletic activities under permits issued by the Director of Property or the Director's designee; allow leashed dogs; and allow certain wheeled conveyances (strollers, wheelchairs, toys, wagons, etc.), and allow bicycles to be walked through the Gardens. This ordinance provides for those changes.

If you have any questions regarding the Ordinance, please contact Claudia Gorham of Real Estate at 415.713.6020 or Claudia.gorham@sfgov.org.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrico Q. Penick".

Andrico Q. Penick
Director of Property