

1 [Small Business Fee Survey and Freeze – Feasibility Study]

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3 **Resolution urging the Controller’s Office, Mayor’s Office and relevant City agencies to**  
4 **conduct a survey of all fees paid by small business and investigating the feasibility of**  
5 **freezing or reducing these fees for a one-year period to assist small businesses in**  
6 **responding to the current economic crisis.**  
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8 WHEREAS, Nationwide, about 19 percent of all employees work for firms with fewer  
9 than 50 employees and in our three-county region that figure is closer to 40 percent; and,

10 WHEREAS, Small businesses are confronted with numerous operating and licensing  
11 fees which enable relevant City agencies in ensuring proper regulatory oversight; and,

12 WHEREAS, Fees assessed to businesses could have a disproportionate impact on  
13 small businesses in times of economic distress; and,

14 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors would like to investigate all means of assisting  
15 small businesses in San Francisco weather the current economic crisis; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Controller, the Mayor’s Office  
17 and all relevant executive agencies to conduct a survey of all fees assessed to small  
18 businesses in San Francisco; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Controller to conduct  
20 a feasibility study of the impact of freezing or, if possible, reducing some of these fees for  
21 businesses with less than 50 employees for a one-year period; and be it

22 FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that this review  
23 and study be completed by November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

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