

1 [Urging the Establishment of Fair and Effective Guidelines for Beach Fires at Ocean Beach]

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3 **Resolution urging the establishment of fair and effective guidelines for beach fires at**
4 **Ocean Beach that protect the public's access to recreational activities and support**
5 **environmental protection.**

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7 WHEREAS, For generations, beach fires held at Ocean Beach have offered affordable
8 and unique recreational opportunity for individuals and families throughout San Francisco and
9 Northern California; and

10 WHEREAS, Ocean Beach is under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service (NPS)
11 as a part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and plays a critical role in San
12 Francisco's recreational system; and

13 WHEREAS, Historical records show beach fires at Ocean Beach dating at least as far
14 back as 1890; and

15 WHEREAS, The NPS has a responsibility to listen to and work in partnership with of
16 San Franciscans and others who frequent and appreciate Ocean Beach; and

17 WHEREAS, In the spirit of shared responsibility for Ocean Beach's welfare, the City
18 and County of San Francisco allocated \$50,000 to the Recreation and Parks Department
19 (RPD) in fiscal year 2014-2015 to conduct a robust outreach and education campaign to
20 ensure compliance with regulations; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2014, the NPS piloted new regulations to mitigate the impact of the
22 beach fires at Ocean Beach and will use the data collected to inform new guidelines; and

23 WHEREAS, While regulations should aide in Ocean Beach's environmental protection,
24 they must also protect the public's access to recreational activities they have long appreciated
25 and enjoyed; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the National Park Service to establish fair and effective guidelines for beach fires at Ocean Beach that maintain the level of affordability and access San Franciscans are acclimated to; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, Honoring the shared responsibility for safety and maintenance at Ocean Beach between residents, community organizations, the NPS, and local government, the City and County of San Francisco is committed to working with the NPS to protect the environment and providing access to recreational activities at Ocean Beach.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, Recreation and Parks Department
Joanne Hayes-White, Chief, Fire Department

FROM: Derek Evans, Assistant Clerk

DATE: February 18, 2015

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee received the following legislation, which is being referred to your department for your information.

File No. 150162

Resolution urging the establishment of fair and effective guidelines for beach fires at Ocean Beach that protect the public's access to recreational activities and support environmental protection.

Please submit any comments or reports to the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Cc: Sarah Ballard, Recreation and Parks Department
Margaret McArthur, Recreation and Parks Commission
Kelly Alves, Fire Department
Monica Quattrin, Fire Commission

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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

Time stamp
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I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion, or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor [] inquires"
- 5. City Attorney request.
- 6. Call File No. [] from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. []
- 9. Reactivate File No. []
- 10. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on []

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- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

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Sponsor(s):

Mar, Tang, Yee, Avalos, Wiener

Subject:

Maintaining Recreational Activities and Environmental Protection at Ocean Beach

The text is listed below or attached:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: 

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