

1 [Amending the Housing Code regarding mechanical ventilation of bathrooms.]

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3 **Ordinance amending Section 504 of the Housing Code to modify requirements for**
4 **mechanical ventilation of bathrooms and to make findings in accordance with**
5 **California Health and Safety Code Section 17958.5 as to the local climatic, topological**
6 **and geological reasons for amending the State Building Code.**

7 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;
8 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.
9 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

11 Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds, as required by California Code of
12 Health and Safety Code Section 17958.5, that the following amendments to the Building Code
13 are necessary for the specific climatic, topological, and geological reasons listed below:

14 Additional fire, structural and other protection is required due to high building density
15 and crowded occupancy: Section 504.

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17 Section 2. The San Francisco Housing Code is hereby amended by amending Section
18 504, to read as follows:

19 Sec. 504. . LIGHT AND VENTILATION.

20 (c) Mechanical Ventilation. An approved system of mechanical ventilation or air
21 conditioning may be used in lieu of openable exterior windows ~~in other than habitable rooms~~.
22 Such system shall provide not less than two air changes per hour, except that in bathrooms,
23 containing a bathtub, shower or combination thereof, toilet compartments, laundry rooms and similar
24 rooms such system shall provide five air changes per hour. A minimum of 15 cubic feet per
25 occupant of the air supply shall be taken from the outside per Section 1203.3 of the Building

1 Code. The point of discharge of exhaust air shall be at least three feet from any opening into
2 the building.

3 Bathrooms that contain only a water closet, lavatory or combination thereof and similar rooms
4 may be ventilated with an approved mechanical recirculating fan or similar device designed to remove
5 odors from the air.

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