

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Park Code - Non-Resident Fees at Certain Specialty Attractions]

Ordinance amending the Park Code to allow the Recreation and Park Department to continue setting non-resident adult admission fees for the Japanese Tea Garden, the Coit Tower Elevator, the Conservatory of Flowers, and the San Francisco Botanical Garden by flexible pricing; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

The Park Code imposes admission fees for the Japanese Tea Garden, the Coit Tower Elevator, the Conservatory of Flowers, and the San Francisco Botanical Garden. There are different rates for children, adults and seniors, plus a discount for San Francisco residents.

In 2019, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Recreation and Park Department to set the non-resident adult admission fees through "flexible pricing," meaning that the Department may temporarily increase or decrease the fees based on factors such as customer demand, rates at comparable facilities, adverse weather conditions, and facility conditions. The flexible pricing system is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2021.

Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance would delete the requirement that flexible pricing sunset on June 30, 2021, meaning that the Recreation and Park Department could continue to use flexible pricing for non-resident adult visitors at the four facilities in question. (Admission fees for non-resident youth and seniors, and for San Francisco residents of all ages, would remain exempt from flexible pricing.)

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