

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Summary Street Vacation - Portions of Bradford Street and Ogden and Crescent Avenues - Property Transfer]

Ordinance ordering the summary street vacation of portions of Bradford Street, Ogden Avenue, and Crescent Avenue within the perimeter of the Alemany Farmers' Market (Assessor's Parcel Block Nos. 5731, 5732, 5733, 5733A, and 5734), bounded by Alemany Boulevard and Putnam Street; approving jurisdictional transfers of property at the site of the Market from Public Works and the Agricultural Commissioner to the General Services Agency – Real Estate Division; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; adopting findings that the actions contemplated in this Ordinance are consistent with the General Plan, and eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and authorizing official acts in connection with this Ordinance.

Existing Law

Portions of Bradford Street, Ogden Avenue, and Crescent Avenue are within the perimeter of the Alemany Farmers' Market. The street areas are "paper streets", which means that they are shown only on City-approved subdivision maps or other official City documents, but never constructed or improved as streets even though they retain their status as a dedicated street. San Francisco Public Works Code Section 787 and California Streets and Highways Code Sections 8300 et seq. establish the process and procedures that the City follows to vacate streets. California Street and Highways Code Sections 8334 and 8334.5 permit the summary vacation of a public street if the subject area is excess right-of-way that is no longer needed for street purposes or the street has been impassable to vehicular travel for five consecutive years, and there are no in-place functioning utilities in the street segment(s). A summary street vacation also allows for a more expeditious legislative process than a standard street vacation.

Amendments to Current Law

This legislation would summarily vacate portions of Bradford Street, Ogden Avenue, and Crescent Avenue within the perimeter of the Alemany Farmers' Market. The ordinance would approve an interdepartmental transfer of the vacation area from Public Works to the Real Estate Division and another transfer of formerly vacated street area within the Market's boundaries from the Agricultural Commissioner to the Real Estate Division. The legislation would adopt findings under the California Environmental Quality Act and findings that the legislative actions are consistent with the General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

Background Information

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The street vacation and proposed interdepartmental transfers from Public Works and the Agricultural Commissioner to the Real Estate Division will remove any outstanding street use designation and consolidate the entire Alemany Farmers' Market property into a single City department's control.

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