

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

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Resolution urging the Controller’s Office, Mayor’s Office and relevant City agencies to conduct a survey of all fees paid by small business and investigating the feasibility of freezing or reducing these fees for a one-year period to assist small businesses in responding to the current economic crisis.

WHEREAS, Nationwide, about 19 percent of all employees work for firms with fewer than 50 employees and in our three-county region that figure is closer to 40 percent; and,

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

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

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

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

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

FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that this review and study be completed by November 4th, 2008.



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October 28, 2008 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, Mirkarimi, Peskin,
Sandoval

Absent: 2 - Ammiano, McGoldrick

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 28, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calyillo
Clerk of the Board

11/7/2008

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom