

1 [Landmark Tree Designation of New Zealand Christmas Tree at 1221 Stanyan Street.]

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3 **Ordinance designating the New Zealand Christmas tree in front of 1221 Stanyan Street**
4 **(Assessor's Block 2664, Lot 008) as a landmark street tree pursuant to Public Works**
5 **Code Section 810, making findings supporting the designation, and requesting official**
6 **acts in furtherance of the landmark tree designation.**

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. Findings.

12 (a) Public Works Code Section 810 establishes a procedure for the nomination,
13 designation, and removal of landmark trees.

14 (b) Jared Blumenfeld, the Director of the Department of the Environment, filed a
15 nomination letter for the New Zealand Christmas tree (*Metrosideros excelsa* 'Aurea'), a street
16 tree located in front of 1221 Stanyan Street (Assessor's Block 2664, Lot 008) for landmark
17 tree status on January 24, 2007.

18 (c) This street tree is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works pursuant
19 to Public Works Code Section 804.

20 (d) The Board of Supervisors adopted landmark tree designation criteria in Resolution
21 No. 440-06. A copy of this Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
22 File No. 060487 and is incorporated herein by reference.

23 (e) On February 27, 2007, after a duly noticed public hearing, the Urban Forestry
24 Council adopted Resolution No. 004-07 recommending that the Board of Supervisors
25 designate this tree for landmark status based on the abovementioned landmark tree

1 designation criteria. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
2 Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by reference.

3 (f) The Urban Forestry Council determined that this tree qualifies as a landmark tree
4 based on the criteria set forth below and as further delineated in the City's landmark tree
5 designation criteria:

- 6 (1) Rare: This tree is a unusual cultivar and there may be two or three
7 yellow-flowered trees of this species in the city;
- 8 (2) Size: This tree was large with a diameter at breast height of 24 inches
9 and a height and canopy width each approaching 30 feet.
- 10 (3) Age: This tree was likely planted in the last 50 or 60 years.
- 11 (4) Historical Association: This tree has significant historical value since
12 esteemed San Francisco horticulturalist Victor Reiter brought this unusual
13 cultivar from New Zealand and planted it with his family;
- 14 (5) Neighborhood appreciation: This tree has neighborhood and citywide
15 appreciation in that people view it on walking tours;
- 16 (6) Profiled in a Publication or Other Media: The tree is featured in the book
17 Trees of San Francisco by Mike Sullivan;
- 18 (7) High traffic area: Adjacent to busy residential intersection;
- 19 (8) Visually accessible from public right-of-way: Highly visible street tree;
- 20 (9) Character Defining Form: This tree is a fine example of its species;
- 21 (10) Important Wildlife Habitat: Birds eat the flowers including the wild parrots
22 of San Francisco;
- 23 (11) Tree Condition: This tree appeared to be in good health;

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1 (g) The Board of Supervisors adopts as its own the findings of the Urban Forestry
2 Council in regard to this tree.

3 Section 2. Landmark Tree Designation.

4 (a) Based on the above mentioned findings, the Board of Supervisors designates the
5 New Zealand Christmas tree (*Metrosideros excelsa* 'Aurea'), a street tree located in front of
6 1221 Stanyan Street (Assessor's Block 2664, Lot 008) as a landmark tree pursuant to Public
7 Works Code Section 810.

8 (b) The Board of Supervisors directs the Department of Public Works to record the
9 landmark designation of this tree on the property title record of 1221 Stanyan Street and list
10 the tree in the Department's Official Book of Landmark Trees.

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