

# San Francisco Recreation & Park Department

## Park Code Amendment

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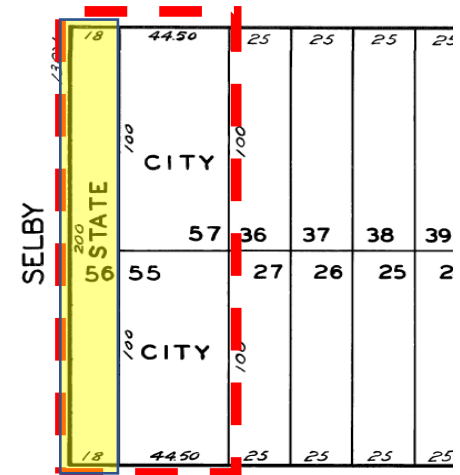
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- Identified during **an update to an existing 1970 lease** with the State of California Dept of Transportation (CalTrans) over a portion of Selby Palou Mini Park
- Earlier **project-specific amendments** revised the definition of “park”, including:
  - Yerba Buena Gardens
  - Transbay Rooftop Park
  - SoMa West Skatepark & Dog Park
- **This amendment** provides a comprehensive legislative amendment to avoid future site-specific amendments and streamline process going forward



Selby Palou Mini Park



# PARK CODE AMENDMENT – Purpose

What is the purpose of the proposed Park Code amendment?

A strategic revision to the Park Code definition of the term “Park” to achieve broader applicability of parks managed by the Rec & Park Department for recreational purposes

Benefits of the Park Code amendment include:

- All parks managed by RPD would be covered by the Park Code, regardless of ownership or jurisdiction
- Streamline RPD’s ability to deliver recreational open space
- Eliminates need for piecemeal and legislatively lengthy “one-off” changes to the Park Code for individual properties



# PARK CODE AMENDMENT – Significance

What is the practical significance of adopting the proposed Park Code amendment?

Would allow all properties managed by RPD to be covered by the Park Code, regardless of ownership or jurisdiction.

Properties impacted by proposed Park Code Amendment include:

- 10 DPW-owned community gardens, 3 PW-owned mini parks and Sunset Blvd
- Several PUC-owned sites (including Lake Merced, Crocker Amazon, Visitacion Valley Greenway and Balboa Natural Areas)
- City Hall open spaces
- War Memorial & Opera House open spaces
- Heron’s Head Park (Port-owned)
- Slivers of paper streets and land owned by other Departments within our parks at Glen Canyon, Twin Peaks, Bayview Park, and Bernal Heights Park

***Overall, 22 parks and portions of land within 4 other parks. In addition, the amendment allows RPD to apply the Park Code to public library open spaces where we provide horticultural services.***



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Thank You

