

1 [Landmark Designation of Manzanita at 115 Parker Avenue.]

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3 **Ordinance designating the Manzanita at 115 Parker Street (Assessor's Block 1064, Lot**
4 **002) as a landmark notwithstanding the provisions contained in the Public Works Code**
5 **Section 810, making findings supporting the designation, and requesting official acts in**
6 **furtherance of the landmark designation.**

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8 deletions are ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~.
9 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
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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) On March 3, 2008, property owner K. Rose Hillson nominated the Manzanita
15 (*Arctostaphylos*) of an unknown or possibly new species located in the rear yard of her
16 property at 115 Parker Avenue.

17 (c) The Board of Supervisors adopted landmark tree designation criteria in Resolution
18 No. 440-06. A copy of this Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
19 File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by reference.

20 (d) On April 8, 2008, after a duly noticed public hearing, the Urban Forestry Council
21 adopted Resolution No. 006-08 recommending that the Board of Supervisors designate this
22 Manzanita for landmark status based on the abovementioned criteria. A copy of said
23 Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is
24 incorporated herein by reference.

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1 (e) The Urban Forestry Council determined that this Manzanita of an undetermined
2 species qualifies for landmark based on the criteria set forth below:

3 (1) Rare: It is extremely rare as (i) it is of unknown genealogy and its
4 species is as of yet undetermined; (ii) it is botanically an extremely important plant and is the
5 subject of scientific study by experts in the genus *Arctostaphylos*; (iii) it is possibly the only
6 one of its kind in San Francisco, if not in the world, and (iv) quite possibly a new species or a
7 unique hybrid;

8 (2) Historical Association: The property originally was the historic Laurel Hill
9 Cemetery Groundskeeper's home. The Manzanita is a remnant of the original planting that
10 grew in the former Laurel Hills Cemetery (historically Landmark 33), which was adjacent to the
11 property at 115 Parker Avenue;

12 (3) Profiled in a Publication or Other Media: There are plans to publish this
13 individual Manzanita in scientific literature. Scientific testimony was received from two San
14 Francisco State University scientists regarding its rarity and that its genealogy is part of an
15 ongoing scientific study;

16 (4) Ethnic Appreciation: It is part of a group of plants (Manzanitas) that were
17 of value to native civilization;

18 (5) Neighborhood Appreciation: The tree is visible from the rear and it is
19 visible to at least six neighbors; and

20 (6) Wildlife Value: It provides food for insects and birds.

21 (f) On May 7, 2008, and May 14, 2008, the Manzanita was featured in the San
22 Francisco Chronicle. The articles highlight the rarity and mystery behind this particular
23 Manzanita.

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 and notwithstanding the provisions of
5 Public Works Code Section 810, the Board of Supervisors designates the Manzanita
6 (*Arctostaphylos*) of an unknown or possibly new species, located in the rear yard at 115
7 Parker Avenue (Assessor's Block 1064, Lot 002) as a landmark.

8 (b) The Board of Supervisors directs the Department of Public Works to record the
9 landmark designation of this Manzanita on the property record of 115 Parker Avenue
10 (Assessor's Block 0953, Lot 006) and list the Manzanita in the Department's Official Book of
11 Landmark Trees.

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