

1 [Landmark Tree Designation of California Buckeye, *Aesculus Californica*, located behind 757  
2 Pennsylvania Street.]

3 **Ordinance designating the California Buckeye (*Aesculus Californica*) located behind**  
4 **757 Pennsylvania Street (Assessor's Block 4168, Lot 011) as a landmark tree pursuant**  
5 **to Public Works Code Section 810, making findings supporting the designation, and**  
6 **requesting official 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) Supervisor Maxwell introduced a resolution of intent to nominate the California  
15 Buckeye (*Aesculus Californica*) located behind 757 Pennsylvania Street (Assessor's block  
16 4168, Lot 011) for landmark tree status. The Board of Supervisors adopted this nomination in  
17 Resolution no. 431-08. A copy of this Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
18 Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

22 (d) On December 12, 2008, after a duly noticed public hearing, the Urban Forestry  
23 Council adopted Resolution No. 010-08 recommending that the Board of Supervisors  
24 designate this tree for landmark status based on the abovementioned landmark tree  
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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 (e) 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: The tree is uncommon and possibly rare in San Francisco;

7 (2) Size: The tree is a large specimen for this species with a huge canopy  
8 spread and great trunk girth;

9 (3) Age: Although the actual age of the tree is undetermined, the tree  
10 appears quite old;

11 (4) Historical association: The tree is likely genetic and possibly naturally-  
12 occurring remnant of the original San Francisco forest;

13 (5) Ethnic appreciation: Ohlone Indians used California Buckeyes for fishing  
14 and as a source of nutrition;

15 (6) Profiled in publication or other media: The tree is profiled and  
16 photographed in Peter Linenthal and Abigail Johnston's publication "San Francisco's Potrero  
17 Hill;"

18 (7) Accessible from public right-of-way: The tree is in a high traffic area and  
19 accessible from the public's right of way. The California Buckeye is exceedingly visible from  
20 the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Caltrain Station platform;

21 (8) Important wildlife habitat: The tree provides habitat and nourishment for  
22 a variety of wildlife, including indigenous species;

23 (9) Prominent landscape feature: The tree is a prominent landscape feature  
24 occurring in an area of low tree density; and

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1 (10) Prominent landscape feature: Despite obvious abuse and structural  
2 problems, the tree is a striking character appearing sound and nonhazardous.

3 (f) The Board of Supervisors adopts as its own the findings of the Urban Forestry  
4 Council in regard to this tree.

5 Section 2. Landmark Tree Designation.

6 (a) Based on the above mentioned findings, the Board of Supervisors designates the  
7 California Buckeye (*Aesculus Californica*), located behind 757 Pennsylvania Street  
8 (Assessor's Block 4168, Lot 011) as a landmark tree.

9 (b) The Board of Supervisors directs the Department of Public Works to record the  
10 landmark designation of this tree on the property record of 757 Pennsylvania Street  
11 (Assessor's Block 4168, Lot 011) and list the tree in the Department's Official Book of  
12 Landmark Trees.

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