

1 [Ordinance to Designate the Old U.S. Mint At 88 Fifth Street As a Landmark Under Planning
2 Code Article 10.]

3 **Ordinance Designating 88 Fifth Street, The Old U.S. Mint, Block 3704, Lot 11, As**
4 **Landmark No. 236 Pursuant To Article 10, Sections 1004 And 1004.4 Of The Planning**
5 **Code.**

6 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;
7 deletions are ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman*~~.
8 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
9 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

9 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

10 Section 1. Findings.

11 The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that 88 Fifth Street, the Old U.S. Mint, Lot 11 in
12 Assessor's Block 3704, has a special character and special historical, architectural and
13 aesthetic interest and value, and that its designation as a Landmark will further the purposes
14 of, and conform to the standards set forth in Article 10 of the City Planning Code.

15 (a) Designation: Pursuant to Section 1004 of the City Planning Code, 88 Fifth
16 Street, the Old U.S. Mint, is hereby designated as Landmark No. 236. This designation has
17 been fully approved by Resolution No. ____ of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board
18 and Resolution No. _____ of the Planning Commission, which Resolutions are on file with the
19 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. _____ and which Resolutions are
20 incorporated herein and made part hereof as though fully set forth.

21 (b) Required Data:

22 (1) The description, location and boundary of the Landmark site is Lot 11 in
23 Assessor's Block 3704.

24 (2) The characteristics of the Landmark which justify its designation are described
25 and shown in the Landmark Designation Report adopted by the Landmarks Preservation

1 Advisory Board on _____, 2002 and other supporting materials contained in Planning
2 Department Docket No. 2001.0690L. Said Landmark Designation Report is incorporated
3 herein as though fully set forth. In brief, the characteristics of the landmark which justify its
4 designation are as follows:

5 (A) Association with the economic history of San Francisco and the nation;

6 (B) Association with the governmental history of San Francisco and the
7 nation; and,

8 (C) Exemplification of Greek Revival Design.

9 (3) The particular exterior and interior features that should be maintained and
10 preserved are those described and identified as “very significant,” “significant,” and
11 “contributory” character-defining features in the Historic Structure Report for the United States
12 Old Mint, 5th and Mission Streets, San Francisco, California, prepared for the City and County
13 of San Francisco by Architectural Resources Group, dated 26 June 2002 (the “Historic
14 Structure Report”) and shown in the photographs contained in the Historic Structure Report,
15 and as generally described in the Landmark Designation Case Report, which reports can be
16 found in the Planning Department Docket No. 2001.0690L and Board of Supervisors File No.
17 _____ and are incorporated in this designation ordinance as though fully set forth. In brief,
18 the description of the particular features that should be maintained and preserved include the
19 following:

20 (A) The exterior envelope of the free standing building, including all four
21 street-facing elevations from ground through parapet/pediment and the roof features, surfaces
22 and appurtenances, the fabric of the exterior envelope just described, and the interior
23 surfaces of the building envelope, including: the balanced and symmetrically composed
24 facades with 2-story pilasters; Greek Revival architectural idiom; Roman Doric portico and
25 entablature; six solid fluted sandstone columns at front; two brick chimneys at the rear;

1 massive granite base and belt course; regular courses of smooth-face ashlar sandstone
2 blocks; two pitched center roof gables behind front and rear pediments; roof form (roof slightly
3 sloping toward courtyard); the main entrance doors; exterior double doors of cast iron on the
4 west elevation; projecting stone window sills; mounted bracket sconces, torch and column
5 type light fixtures; low chimney flues with profiled cast iron molding; steel doors on the south
6 elevation; and two-over-two double-hung wood-framed sash windows;

7 (B) All elevations of the two story interior courtyard, its walls, their structural fabric,
8 and the surfaces of these walls, including: the overall proportion, massing and openness of
9 courtyard; four elevations of regular courses of smooth-face ashlar sandstone; gabled stone
10 cornice; slightly projecting pedimented central wall section at east and west; rhythm of original
11 window openings; two-story height with attic; and two-over-two double-hung wood-framed
12 sash windows;

13 (C) The interior ground floor courtyard area including: the granite curb measuring
14 approximately 4 feet in height; masonry walls; cistern walls; original window openings marking
15 original courtyard perimeter; and original drains;

16 (D) The former executive offices (Rooms 121 & 122) located on the first floor
17 overlooking the interior courtyard, including: the double height rooms; second level balcony
18 and decorative railings; ceiling of shallow corrugated galvanized iron arches; pairs of fluted
19 cast iron pilasters above paneled cast iron pedestals; smooth finish plaster over brick between
20 pilasters; cast iron frieze, moldings, cornices, capitals; cast iron window and door casings,
21 baseboards; other cast iron ornaments, rosettes, dentils, egg-and-dart motif; original vaults;
22 original hardware, hinges, door knobs, escutcheon plates, keyholes; original bronze window
23 pulleys; double mahogany doors; and chandeliers;

24 (E) All other interior features described and identified in the Historic Structure
25 Report as character-defining features contributing to the significance of the building including:

1 the double loaded, north-south running main corridors on the first and second floors; east-
2 facing offices off the main corridor; main vestibule and entrance doors on the first floor;
3 original work room spaces and configurations on the First Floor in the east, west, north and
4 south areas, and on the Second Floor in the west area; original floor surfaces of marble,
5 stone, granite and concrete; stone window sills; original plaster wall finishes; masonry walls;
6 original granite and steel vaults; staircases and all staircase elements such as granite treads
7 and cast iron balusters, newel posts and strings; other cast iron elements including window
8 and door casings, columns, lintels, thresholds, baseboards, stanchions, interior window
9 shutters, paneled doors and spiral staircases; mahogany handrails; original chandeliers and
10 light fixtures; marble fireplaces and hearths; exposed brick walls and surfaces; brick piers and
11 wrought iron beams; brick vaulted ceilings, piers and walls; barrel vaulted ceilings; ceilings of
12 corrugated galvanized iron arches; intact window casings; intact interior doors and transoms
13 including mahogany doors; original door hardware, hinges, door knobs, escutcheon plates,
14 keyholes; original bronze window hardware, sash locks, pulls, pulleys and chains; original
15 exposed gas piping, circular masonry flue openings; decorative grille in ceilings; wall surface
16 of granite foundation blocks below the steps and portico on the ground floor interior (east
17 area); and the following features on the interior ground floor work area: recessed wall surfaces
18 marking the location of the main belt and guide pulley, the embedded iron wheels related to
19 belt and pulley machinery, and the workmen's graffiti in Room 21 dated 1874; and

20 (F) Character defining features of the site, including lawns and gardens, cast
21 iron railings above low granite curb at the front and south elevations, cast iron fountains in the
22 front garden, and multi-globe cast iron lamp standards.

23 (c) General Plan, Priority Policy and Public Welfare Findings.

24 (1) Pursuant to Section 101.1 of the Planning Code, the Board of Supervisors finds
25 that this designation is in conformity with the Priority Policies of Section 101.1 of the Planning

1 Code and with the General Plan, and hereby adopts the findings set forth in the letter dated
2 _____, 2002 from the Director of Planning and incorporates such findings by
3 this reference thereto.

4 (2) Pursuant to Section 302 of the Planning Code, the Board of Supervisors finds that
5 this designation will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare for the reasons set
6 forth in the letter dated _____, 2002 from the Director of Planning. Such letter is on file
7 with the Clerk of the Board in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by this
8 reference thereto.

9 Section 2. Controls.

10 The property shall be subject to all of the controls and procedures applicable to
11 Landmarks and significant interiors as required by this Ordinance and Planning Code Article
12 10.

13 Section 3. Amendment of Article 10, Appendix A of the Planning Code.

14 Appendix A of Planning Code Article 10 shall be amended to add: The Old U.S. Mint,
15 88 Fifth Street, Block and Lot Number 3704/11.

16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
17 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

RECOMMENDED:
PLANNING COMMISSION

18 By: _____
19 Kate H. Stacy
20 Deputy City Attorney

By: _____
Gerald G. Green
Director of Planning

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