

1 [Central Permit Bureau, Fees and Procedures]
2 REPEALING ARTICLE 1 OF THE PUBLIC WORKS CODE AND AMENDING THE SAN
3 FRANCISCO BUILDING CODE BY ADDING PUBLIC WORKS CODE ARTICLE 1 AS
4 SECTIONS 106.1.2 THROUGH 106.1.3 OF THE BUILDING CODE, TO TRANSFER
5 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING
6 INSPECTION RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CENTRAL PERMIT BUREAU.

7 Note: Additions are underlined; deletions are
8 in ((double parentheses)).

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

11 Section 1. Article 1 of the San Francisco Public Works Code is
12 hereby repealed:

13 ((**SEC. 1. BUREAU ESTABLISHED - FEES AND DISPOSITION.** A Central
14 Permit Bureau is hereby established in the Department of Public
15 Works. All applications for permits enumerated in Section 2 of this
16 Article shall be filed with said bureau. Said bureau shall arrange
17 for the consideration of such applications as require approval of
18 departments and bureaus of the City and County as specified in said
19 Section 2 and, on the filing of approval thereof by all interested
20 departments and bureaus, the Central Permit Bureau shall issue the
21 permit applied for and shall collect the fees therefor as fixed by
22 law.

23 The fees collected by the Central Permit Bureau shall be
24 credited to the account of the department or bureau required by
25 ordinance, pursuant to Section 24 of the Charter, to act thereon. The

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1 Controller, in conjunction with the Central Permit Bureau and the
2 departments concerned, shall analyze the cost to the City and County
3 of regulation and inspection required by each such class of permit
4 and shall propose the rates to be fixed therefor by ordinance, which
5 shall be not less than the cost to the City and County of such
6 regulation and inspection.

7 **SEC. 2. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS - TRANSMITTED TO PROPER**
8 **DEPARTMENT - APPROVAL - DESIGNATION OF SUCH DEPARTMENT.** In any case
9 where plans and specifications are by ordinance required to be filed
10 with an application for permit, the Central Permit Bureau shall
11 transmit such plans and specifications to the Bureau of Building
12 Inspection, and other departments or bureaus required to act thereon
13 shall inspect such plans and specifications at the offices of said
14 bureau. The Central Permit Bureau shall receive applications for
15 permits for the following purposes and shall refer such applications
16 or notice thereof, to departments and bureaus designated in
17 connection with each specific purpose, each of which departments and
18 bureaus shall approve or disapprove each such application with due
19 diligence;

20 (a) **Building.** For the erection, alteration, reconstruction,
21 shoring, underpinning or demolition of, or the excavation for, any
22 building, including scaffolding required by such operations - to the
23 Bureau of Building Inspection, the Bureau of Fire Prevention and
24 Public Safety, the Fire Marshal and the City Planning Commission;
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1 (b) **Scaffolding.** For the construction or maintenance of any
2 scaffolding on or about a building – to the Bureau of Building
3 Inspection;

4 (c) **Heating and Ventilating.** For the installation, alteration
5 or reconstruction of any heating or ventilating systems, fixtures or
6 apparatus in or for the use of any building and incinerators or
7 equipment in connection therewith – to the Department of Public
8 Health, the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety and the Bureau
9 of Building Inspection;

10 (d) **Refrigerating and Sprinkler Systems.** For the installation,
11 alteration or reconstruction of any refrigerating or sprinkler
12 systems, fire appliances and equipment fixtures or apparatus in and
13 for the use of any building – to the Department of Public Health,
14 Bureau of Building Inspection, and the Bureau of Fire Prevention and
15 Public Safety, and Fire Marshal;

16 (e) **Plumbing and Drains.** For the connection of any plumbing or
17 drains of any building with the City's sewer system – to the
18 Department of Public Health and the Bureau of Engineering;

19 (f) **Patent Chimneys and Flues.** For the erection, alteration or
20 reconstruction of any patented chimney or flue – to the Bureau of
21 Building Inspection, and the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public
22 Safety;

23 (g) **Billboards.** For the erection, alteration or reconstruction
24 of any billboard – to the City Planning Commission and Bureau of
25 Building Inspection;

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1 (h) **Signs.** For the erection, alteration or reconstruction of
2 any sign as provided in Part II, Chapter I of the Municipal Code - to
3 the City Planning Commission, the Bureau of Fire Prevention and
4 Public Safety and Bureau of Building Inspection;

5 (i) **Towers and Tanks.** For the erection, alteration or
6 reconstruction of any tower or tank - to the Bureau of Fire
7 Prevention and Public Safety and Bureau of Building Inspection; if
8 for the storage of inflammables, to the Fire Marshal;

9 (j) **Moving of Buildings.** For the moving of buildings through or
10 over any public street or way - to the City Planning Commission,
11 Department of Electricity, Bureau of Building Inspection, Bureau of
12 Engineering and the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department;

13 (k) **Steam Shovels.** For the moving of steam shovels and other
14 apparatus designated by regulations of the Department of Public Works
15 as likely to create traffic obstruction or to crush or injure the
16 pavement of streets - to the Bureau of Engineering and Chief Engineer
17 of the Fire Department;

18 (l) **Steam Boilers.** For the installation, erection, repair or
19 operation of any steam engine, steam boiler, or pressure vessel - to
20 the Bureau of Building Inspection and Fire Prevention Bureau;

21 (m) **Sub-Sidewalk Space.** For the use of any sub-sidewalk space,
22 exclusive of sub-sidewalk space now in use - to the Bureau of
23 Building Inspection and the Bureau of Engineering;

24 (n) **Sidewalk or Street Storage.** For the use of any portion of a
25 public street or sidewalk for the placing or storage of materials,

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1 appliances or structures used in the erection, alteration or repair
2 of a building - to the Bureau of Engineering, Bureau of Fire
3 Prevention and Public Safety;

4 (o) **Excavations.** For the excavation of any portion of a public
5 street or sidewalk for the construction or repair of any sub-surface
6 pipe, conduit, cable or tunnel, or for any other purpose - to the
7 Bureau of Engineering and the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public
8 Safety;

9 (p) **Blasting.** For any blasting in connection with the
10 construction or demolition of buildings, the construction of streets
11 and other public ways, or the grading of private property - to the
12 Bureau of Engineering and the Fire Marshal notified thereof;

13 (q) **Street Numbering.** For the street numbering of any
14 building - to the Director of Public Works;

15 (r) **Stands.** For stands for vehicles for hire - to the Bureau of
16 Engineering.))

17 Section 2. Chapter 1 of the San Francisco Building Code is
18 hereby amending by adding Sections 106.1.2 and 106.1.3 to read as
19 follows:

20 **SEC. 106.1.2. CENTRAL PERMIT BUREAU ESTABLISHED; FEES AND**
21 **DISPOSITION.** A Central Permit Bureau is hereby established in the
22 Department of Building Inspection. All applications for permits
23 enumerated in Section 106.1 shall be filed with said bureau. Said
24 bureau shall arrange for the consideration of such applications as
25 require approval of departments and bureaus of the City and County as

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1 specified in Section 106.1.3 and, on the filing of approval thereof
2 by all interested departments and bureaus, the Central Permit Bureau
3 shall issue the permit applied for and shall collect the fees
4 therefor as fixed by law.

5 The fees collected by the Central Permit Bureau shall be
6 credited to the account of the department or bureau authorized by
7 ordinance or Charter to issue said permits. The Controller, in
8 conjunction with the Central Permit Bureau and the concerned
9 departments and bureaus, shall analyze the cost to the City and
10 County of regulation and inspection required by each such class of
11 permit and shall propose the rates to be fixed therefor by ordinance,
12 which shall be not less than the cost to the City and County of such
13 regulation and inspection.

14 **SEC. 106.1.3. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS; TRANSMITTED TO PROPER**
15 **DEPARTMENT; APPROVAL; DESIGNATION OF SUCH DEPARTMENT.** In any case
16 where plans and specifications are by ordinance required to be filed
17 with an application for permit, the Central Permit Bureau shall
18 transmit such plans and specifications to the appropriate divisions
19 within the Department of Building Inspection and to the other
20 departments or bureaus required to act thereon, which shall inspect
21 such plans and specifications at the offices of said bureau. The
22 Central Permit Bureau shall receive applications for permits for the
23 following purposes and shall refer such applications or notice
24 thereof, to departments and bureaus designated in connection with

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1 each specific purpose. Each department and bureau so specified shall
2 approve or disapprove each such application with due diligence;

3 106.1.3.1. Building. For the erection, alteration,
4 reconstruction, shoring, underpinning or demolition of, or the
5 excavation for, any building, including scaffolding required by such
6 operations - to the Department of Building Inspection, the Bureau of
7 Fire Prevention and Investigation, the Fire Marshal and the Planning
8 Commission;

9 106.1.3.2. Scaffolding. For the construction or maintenance
10 of any scaffolding on or about a building - to the Department of
11 Building Inspection;

12 106.1.3.3. Heating and Ventilating. For the installation,
13 alteration or reconstruction of any heating or ventilating systems,
14 fixtures or apparatus in or for the use of any building and
15 incinerators or equipment in connection therewith - to the Department
16 of Public Health, the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Investigation and
17 the Department of Building Inspection;

18 106.1.3.4. Refrigerating and Sprinkler Systems. For the
19 installation, alteration or reconstruction of any refrigerating or
20 sprinkler systems, fire appliances and equipment fixtures or
21 apparatus in and for the use of any building - to the Department of
22 Public Health, Department of Building Inspection, the Bureau of Fire
23 Prevention and Investigation, and the Fire Marshal;

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1 106.1.3.5. Plumbing and Drains. For the connection of any
2 plumbing or drains of any building with the City's sewer system – to
3 the Department of Public Health and the Department of Public Works;

4 106.1.3.6. Patent Chimneys and Flues. For the erection,
5 alteration or reconstruction of any patented chimney or flue – to the
6 Department of Building Inspection and the Bureau of Fire Prevention
7 and Investigation;

8 106.1.3.7. Billboards. For the erection, alteration or
9 reconstruction of any billboard – to the Planning Commission and
10 Department of Building Inspection;

11 106.1.3.8. Signs. For the erection, alteration or
12 reconstruction of any sign as provided in Part II, Chapter I of the
13 Municipal Code – to the Planning Commission, the Bureau of Fire
14 Prevention and Investigation and the Department of Building
15 Inspection;

16 106.1.3.9. Towers and Tanks. For the erection, alteration
17 or reconstruction of any tower or tank – to the Bureau of Fire
18 Prevention and Investigation and the Department of Building
19 Inspection; if for the storage of inflammables, to the Fire Marshal;

20 106.1.3.10. Moving of Buildings. For the moving of buildings
21 through or over any public street or way – to the Planning
22 Commission, Department of Telecommunications and Information
23 Services, Department of Building Inspection, Department of Public
24 Works, Department of Parking and Traffic, and the Chief Engineer of
25 the Fire Department;

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1 106.1.3.11. Moving of Heavy Equipment. For the moving of
2 heavy equipment and other apparatus designated by regulations of the
3 Department of Public Works as likely to create traffic obstruction or
4 to crush or injure the pavement of streets – to the Department of
5 Public Works and the Department of Parking and Traffic;

6 106.1.3.12. Steam Boilers. For the installation, erection,
7 repair or operation of any steam engine, steam boiler, or pressure
8 vessel – to the Department of Building Inspection and Bureau of Fire
9 Prevention and Investigation;

10 106.1.3.13. Sub-Sidewalk Space. For the use of any sub-
11 sidewalk space, exclusive of sub-sidewalk space now in use – to the
12 Department of Building Inspection and the Department of Public Works;

13 106.1.3.14. Sidewalk or Street Storage. For the use of any
14 portion of a public street or sidewalk for the placing or storage of
15 materials, appliances or structures used in the erection, alteration
16 or repair of a building – to the Department of Public Works and the
17 Bureau of Fire Prevention and Investigation;

18 106.1.3.15. Excavations. For the excavation of any portion
19 of a public street or sidewalk for the construction or repair of any
20 sub-surface pipe, conduit, cable or tunnel, or for any other
21 purpose – to the Department of Public Works and the Bureau of Fire
22 Prevention and Investigation;

23 106.1.3.16. Blasting. For any blasting in connection with
24 the construction or demolition of buildings, the construction of
25 streets and other public ways, or the grading of private property –

1 to the Department of Public Works, the Department of Building
2 Inspection and the Fire Marshal;

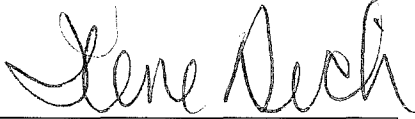
3 106.1.3.17. Street Numbering. For the street numbering of
4 any building – to the Director of Building Inspection;

5 106.1.3.18. Stands. For stands for vehicles for hire – to
6 the Department of Parking and Traffic.

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8 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

9 LOUISE H. RENNE, City Attorney

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City and County of San Francisco

Veterans Building
401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 308
San Francisco, CA 94102-4532

Tails Ordinance

File Number: 981709

Date Passed:

Ordinance repealing Public Works Code Article 1 and amending Building Code by adding Public Works Code Article 1 as Sections 106.1.2 through 106.1.3 of the Building Code, to transfer from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Building Inspection responsibility for the Central Permit Bureau.

November 23, 1998 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Medina, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

December 7, 1998 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yaki, Yee
Absent: 2 - Medina, Newsom

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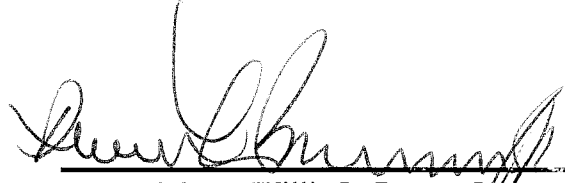
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance
was FINALLY PASSED on December 7, 1998
by the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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