

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(Amended in Committee 3/17/2025)

[Administrative Code - Castro Upper Market Entertainment Zone]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create the Castro Upper Market Entertainment Zone, located on 18th Street between Diamond and Sanchez Streets, Castro Street between 19th and States Streets, Market Street between Collingwood and Church Streets, Church Street between 14th and 15th Streets, 14th Street between Belcher and Landers Streets, Noe Street between Beaver and Market Streets, and 16th Street between Market and Pond Streets; to clarify the boundaries of the existing Arena Entertainment Zone; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Under Administrative Code Chapter 94B, open alcoholic beverages can be consumed on any public street, avenue, sidewalk, stairway, alley, or thoroughfare within an Entertainment Zone during an Entertainment Zone Event, subject to state and local law, when those beverages are purchased from a licensed premises within the Entertainment Zone.

Administrative Code Section 94B.1 defines an Entertainment Zone Event as “a special event permitted or licensed by ABC that occurs within the boundaries of an Entertainment Zone established in accordance with this Chapter 94B and within the hours permitted by this Chapter 94B and the Management Plan or the Downtown Activation Permit issued pursuant to Administrative Code Chapter 94D for the Entertainment Zone.” Administrative Code Section 94B.4 establishes Entertainment Zone locations.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would create the Castro Upper Market Entertainment Zone on 18th Street between Diamond and Sanchez Streets, Castro Street between 19th and States Streets, Market Street between Collingwood and Church Streets, Church Street between 14th and 15th Streets, 14th Street between Belcher and Landers Streets, Noe Street between Beaver and Market Streets, and 16th Street between Market and Pond Streets.

This ordinance would also clarify the description of the boundaries of the existing Arena Entertainment Zone, using language consistent with the description of boundaries of other Entertainment Zones.

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