

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Engine Company No. 44]

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3 **Resolution initiating landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**  
4 **the Engine Company No. 44 building, located at 3816-22nd Street, Assessor's Parcel**  
5 **Block No. 3622, Lot No. 018.**  
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7 WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by  
8 Resolution initiate landmark designation; and

9 WHEREAS, Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic Preservation  
10 Commission to respond to landmark designation initiations from the Board within 90 days, but  
11 that the Board of Supervisors may, by Resolution, extend the time within which the Historic  
12 Preservation Commission is to render its decision; and

13 WHEREAS, The Engine Company No. 44 building was constructed in 1909 at 3816-  
14 22nd Street in the Noe Valley neighborhood and operated as a firehouse until 1959; and

15 WHEREAS, The building was known as the "Hill Company" building and facilitated fire  
16 protection and public safety for the Noe Valley and Castro neighborhoods; and

17 WHEREAS, The property is an intact example of a Mission Revival firehouse design  
18 with extant facade detailing; and

19 WHEREAS, The property includes intact features including its clay tile roof, capped  
20 tower at rear, rounded central door opening, bracketed cornice line, molded panels with "SF"  
21 and "FD" motifs, and intact lettering ("Chemical", "Engine No 44"); and

22 WHEREAS, Mission Revival architecture used early Spanish missions in California was  
23 inspiration for a new form of exterior decoration on residential, commercial, and institutional  
24 buildings and was popular in San Francisco circa 1890-1915; and  
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1 WHEREAS, Tthe property is described in the 1968 book “Here Today, San Francisco’s  
2 Architectural Heritage”, by the Junior League of San Francisco, Inc.; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2022 the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the  
4 Progressive Era & Early Revival Styles (1890-1930) Historic Context Statement which  
5 provided frameworks for identifying and evaluating Mission Revival and other Progressive-era  
6 buildings for historical significance and integrity; and

7 WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Progressive  
8 Era & Early Revival Styles (1890-1930) Historic Context Statement, the property can be  
9 considered as an individually eligible historic resource based on year built, architectural  
10 expression, extant character-defining features, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates landmark designation of the  
12 Engine Company No. 44 building under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a  
14 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its  
15 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of  
16 the Engine Company No. 44 building; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic  
18 Preservation Commission consider whether the Engine Company No. 44 building warrants  
19 landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of  
20 the Planning Code.