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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 26, 2025
To: Planning Department/Planning Commission
From: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee
Subject: Board of Supervisors Legislation Referral - File No. 251099
Planning Code - Corrections and Clarifications

- ☒ California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination
(*California Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 et seq.*)
 - ☒ Ordinance / Resolution
 - ☐ Ballot Measure
- ☐ Amendment to the Planning Code, including the following Findings:
(*Planning Code, Section 302(b): 90 days for Planning Commission review*)
 - ☐ General Plan ☐ Planning Code, Section 101.1 ☐ Planning Code, Section 302
- ☐ Amendment to the Administrative Code, involving Land Use/Planning
(*Board Rule 3.23: 30 days for possible Planning Department review*)
- ☐ General Plan Referral for Non-Planning Code Amendments
(*Charter, Section 4.105, and Administrative Code, Section 2A.53*)
(Required for legislation concerning the acquisition, vacation, sale, or change in use of City property; subdivision of land; construction, improvement, extension, widening, narrowing, removal, or relocation of public ways, transportation routes, ground, open space, buildings, or structures; plans for public housing and publicly-assisted private housing; redevelopment plans; development agreements; the annual capital expenditure plan and six-year capital improvement program; and any capital improvement project or long-term financing proposal such as general obligation or revenue bonds.)
- ☐ Historic Preservation Commission
 - ☐ Landmark (*Planning Code, Section 1004.3*)
 - ☐ Cultural Districts (*Charter, Section 4.135 & Board Rule 3.23*)
 - ☐ Mills Act Contract (*Government Code, Section 50280*)
 - ☐ Designation for Significant/Contributory Buildings (*Planning Code, Article 11*)

Please send the Planning Department/Commission recommendation/determination to John Carroll at john.carroll@sfgov.org.

[Planning Code - Corrections and Clarifications]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to make various clarifying and typographical changes, and prohibit massage establishments and massage sole practitioner uses as accessory uses to residential uses; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302.

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Additions to Codes are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
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Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font.
Board amendment deletions are in ~~Arial font~~.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

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

Section 1. Environmental and Land Use Findings.

(a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. ____ and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms this determination.

(b) On October 23, 2025, the Planning Commission, in Resolution No. 21856, adopted findings that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance, with the City's General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The Board

adopts these findings as its own. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 251099, and is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board finds that this ordinance will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. 21856, and incorporates such reasons by this reference thereto. A copy of said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 251099.

Section 2. Articles 1, 1.2, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the Planning Code are hereby amended by revising Sections 102, 106, 121.1, 121.2, 121.6, 134, 138, 147, 155.2, 201, 202.12, 204.1, 210.3, 249.5, 249.31, 270, 270.2, 303.1, 305.1, 306.2, 306.6, 306.7, 318, 401, 412, 607.2, 608.16, 701, 711, 714, 718, 721, 726, 731, 732, 733, 734, 780, 781, 784, 838, 890.60, 970, and 973, to read as follows:

SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.

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Entertainment, Nighttime. A Retail Entertainment, Arts and Recreation Use that includes dance halls, discotheques, nightclubs, private clubs, and other similar evening-oriented entertainment activities which require dance hall keeper police permits or Place of Entertainment police permits, as defined in Section 1060 of the Police Code, which are not limited to non-amplified live entertainment, including Restaurants and Bars which present such activities. Nighttime Entertainment uses do not include any Arts Activity, any theater performance space which does not serve alcoholic beverages during performances, or any temporary uses permitted pursuant to Sections 205 through 205.5 of this Code. ~~This use is also subject to the controls in Section 202.11.~~ Nighttime Entertainment uses are subject to the

Entertainment Commission's Good Neighbor Policy. The use may include a non-profit theater with ABC license Type 64 and a music entertainment facility with ABC license Type 90.

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Grocery, General. A Retail Sales and Services Use that:

(a) Offers a diverse variety of unrelated, non-complementary food and non-food commodities, such as beverages, dairy, dry goods, fresh produce and other perishable items, frozen foods, household products, and paper goods;

(b) May provide beer, wine, and/or liquor sales for consumption off the premises with a California Alcoholic Beverage Control Board License ~~#~~Type 20 (off-sale beer and wine) or ~~#~~Type 21 (off-sale general), provided that all areas devoted to the display and sale of alcoholic beverages occupy no more than ~~that occupy less than~~ 15% of the ~~Occupied~~ Gross Floor Area of the establishment ~~(including all areas devoted to the display and sale of alcoholic beverages)~~;

(c) May prepare minor amounts of food on site for immediate consumption;

(d) Markets the majority of its merchandise at retail prices; and

(e) Shall operate with the specified conditions in Section 202.2(a)(1).

~~¶~~ Such businesses require Conditional Use authorization for conversion of a General Grocery ~~#~~Use greater than 5,000 square feet, pursuant to Section ~~s~~ 202.3 and 303(l).

Grocery, Specialty. A Retail Sales and Services Use that:

(a) Offers specialty food products such as baked goods, pasta, cheese, confections, coffee, meat, seafood, produce, artisanal goods, and other specialty food products, and may also offer additional food and non-food commodities related or complementary to the specialty food products;

(b) May provide beer, wine, and/or liquor sales for consumption off the premises with a California Alcoholic Beverage Control Board License ~~#~~Type 20 (off-sale beer and wine) or ~~#~~Type 21 (off-sale general), provided that all areas devoted to the display and sale of alcoholic

1 beverages occupy no more than ~~which occupy less than~~ 15% of the ~~Occupied~~ Gross Floor Area of
2 the establishment ~~(including all areas devoted to the display and sale of alcoholic beverages);~~

3 (c) May prepare minor amounts of food on site for immediate consumption off-site with no
4 seating permitted; and

5 (d) Markets the majority of its merchandise at retail prices.

6 ~~(e)~~ Such businesses that provide food or drink per subsections (b) and (c) above shall
7 operate with the specified conditions in Section 202.2(a)(1).

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9 **Liquor Store.** A Retail Sales and Service Use that sells beer, wine, or distilled spirits to
10 a customer in an open or closed container for consumption off the premises and that needs a
11 State of California Alcoholic Beverage Control Board License ~~of~~ Type 20 (off-sale beer and
12 wine) or ~~of~~ Type 21 (off-sale general). This classification shall not include retail uses that:

13 (a) are both (1) classified as a General Grocery, a Specialty Grocery, or a Restaurant-
14 Limited, and (2) have a Gross Floor Area devoted to alcoholic beverages that is within the
15 applicable accessory use limits for the use district in which it is located, or

16 (b) have both (1) a Non-~~Residential~~ Residential Use Size of greater than 10,000 ~~gross~~ square feet of
17 Gross Floor Area and (2) a ~~g~~Gross ~~f~~Floor ~~a~~Area devoted to alcoholic beverages that is within
18 accessory use limits as set forth in Section 204.3 or Section 703(d) of this Code, depending
19 on the zoning district in which the use is located.

20 (c) For purposes of Planning Code Sections 249.5, 781.8, 781.9, 782, and 784, the retail
21 uses explicitly exempted from this definition as set forth above shall only apply to General
22 Grocery and Specialty Grocery stores that exceed 5,000 square feet ~~in size and shall not~~ of
23 Gross Floor Area provided such stores do not:

24 (1) sell any malt beverage with an alcohol content greater than 5.7% ~~percent~~ by volume;
25 any wine with an alcohol content of greater than 15% ~~percent~~ by volume, except for "dinner

wines” that have been aged two years or more and maintained in a corked bottle; or any distilled spirits in container sizes smaller than 600 milliliters;

(2) devote more than 15% ~~percent~~ of the ~~G~~ross Floor Area ~~square footage~~ of the establishment to the display and sale of alcoholic beverages; and

(3) sell single servings of beer in container sizes 24 ounces or smaller.

Liquor Store uses are subject to the operating conditions of Section 202.2(a)(6). Where conditionally permitted, the Conditional Use authorization shall also satisfy the conditions of Section 303(z).

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Massage Establishment. A Retail Sales and Service Use defined by Section 29.5 of the Health Code. For purposes of the Planning Code only, “Massage Establishment” shall include a “Massage Establishment” but shall not include a “Sole Practitioner Massage Establishment,” as these terms are defined in Section 29.5 of the Health Code. The Massage Establishment shall first obtain a permit from the Department of Public Health pursuant to Section 29.25 of the Health Code, or a letter from the Director of the Department of Public Health certifying that the establishment is exempt from such a permit under Section 29.25 of the Health Code.

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Planning Department (Department). The San Francisco Planning Department. For purposes of Article 4, may include the Planning Department’s designee, including the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development and other City agencies or departments.

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SEC. 106. ZONING MAP INCORPORATED HEREIN.

The Zoning Map of the City and County of San Francisco referred to in Section 105, the original of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. 4608,

1 is hereby incorporated herein as though fully set forth, and the designations, locations and
2 boundaries of districts shall be as shown thereon, subject to the provisions of Section 105
3 hereof. The Zoning Map may be amended by ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors
4 in accordance with Section 302(c), relating to amendments approved by the ~~City~~ Planning
5 Commission, or by ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with
6 Sections 302(c) and 308.1(d), relating to amendments disapproved by the ~~City~~ Planning
7 Commission. Such amendments whether heretofore or hereafter adopted, shall not be printed
8 or reprinted as part of the text of the ~~City~~ Planning Code, but the changes so authorized
9 thereupon shall be incorporated in the Zoning Map and shall be included in any subsequent
10 editions thereof.

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12 **SEC. 121.1. DEVELOPMENT OF LARGE LOTS IN NEIGHBORHOOD**
13 **COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS LOCATED IN THE PRIORITY EQUITY GEOGRAPHIES**
14 **SPECIAL USE DISTRICT.**

15 (a) **Purpose.** In order to promote, protect, and maintain a scale of development that
16 is appropriate to each district and compatible with adjacent buildings, new construction or
17 significant enlargement of existing buildings on lots of the same size or larger than the square
18 footage stated in the Neighborhood Commercial Districts located in the Priority Equity
19 Geographies Special Use District established under Section 249.97 shown in the table below
20 shall be permitted only as Conditional Uses.

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District	Lot Size Limits
North Beach (*)	2,500 sq. ft.

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Polk Street (*)		
NC-1 (<u>*)</u> , NCT-1 (*)	5,000 sq. ft.	
24th Street-Mission		
<u>Broadway</u>		
NC-2 (<u>*)</u> , NCT-2 (*)	10,000 sq. ft.	
NC-3 (<u>*)</u> , NCT-3 (*)		
Bayview		
Divisadero Street (*)		
Excelsior Outer Mission Street		
Fillmore Street (*)		
Folsom Street		
Hayes-Gough <u>Japantown</u>		
<u>Leland Avenue</u>		
Lower Polk Street		
Mission Street		
San Bruno Avenue		
SoMa		
Upper Market Street		
Valencia Street (*)		
(*) These districts are located at least partially in the Priority Equity Geographies Special Use District established under Section 249.97. The controls in this Section 121.1 shall apply to those areas of these districts that are within the Priority Equity Geographies SUD. The		

controls in this Section 121.1 shall not apply to portions of any Neighborhood Commercial District that are outside the Priority Equity Geographies SUD.

(b) **Design Review Criteria.** In addition to the criteria of Section 303(c) of this Code, the Planning Commission shall consider the extent to which the following criteria are met:

(1) The mass, facade, and other physical characteristics of the proposed structure are compatible with objective design standards established with community input for the districts listed above, which may be specific to particular districts.

(2) Where 5,000 or more gross square feet of Non-Residential space is proposed, the project provides commercial spaces in a range of sizes, including one or more spaces of 1,000 gross square feet or smaller, to accommodate a diversity of neighborhood business types and business sizes.

SEC. 121.2. NON-RESIDENTIAL USE SIZE LIMITS IN NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TRANSIT DISTRICTS.

(a) *Non-Residential Use Sizes Conditionally Permitted.* In order to protect and maintain a scale of development appropriate to each district, Non-Residential Uses Sizes larger than the square footage stated in the table below may be permitted only as Conditional Uses, subject to the exception in Section 121.2(b). The Non-Residential Use Size shall be measured as the Gross Floor Area for each individual Non-Residential Use.

District	Use Size Limits
Castro Street*	2,000 sq. ft.
North Beach	
Pacific Avenue	

1	Polk Street**	
2	24 th Street-Mission	2,500 sq. ft.
3	24 th Street-Noe Valley	
4	Haight Street	
5	Inner Clement Street	
6	Inner Sunset	
7	Japantown	
8	Outer Clement Street	
9	Sacramento Street	
10	Union Street	
11	Upper Fillmore Street	
12	West Portal Avenue**	3,000 sq. ft.
13	NC-1, NCT-1	
14	Broadway	
15	<u>Cole Valley</u>	
16	Hayes-Gough	
17	<u>Lakeview Village</u>	
18	Upper Market Street	
19	Valencia Street	4,000 sq. ft.
20	NC-2, NCT-2	
21	<u>Cortland Avenue</u>	
22	Divisadero Street	
23	Folsom Street	
24	Glen Park	
25	<u>Inner Balboa Street</u>	
	<u>Inner Taraval Street</u>	
	Irving Street	
	Judah Street	
	Leland Avenue	
	<u>Lower Haight Street</u>	

1	Noriega Street	
2	Ocean Avenue	
3	<u>Outer Balboa Street</u>	
4	<u>San Bruno Avenue</u>	
5	SoMa	
6	Taraval Street	
7	NC-3, NCT-3	6,000 sq. ft.
8	<u>Bayview</u>	
9	Excelsior Outer Mission Street	
10	Fillmore Street	
11	<u>Geary Boulevard</u>	
12	<u>Lower Polk Street</u>	
13	<u>Mission Bernal</u>	
14	Mission Street	
15	NC-S	
16	Regional Commercial District	10,000 sq. ft.

* Subject to Section 121.2(d).

** Conditional Use authorization not required for any Limited Restaurant use that relocates within the Polk Street NCD, and is designated as a Legacy Business as of the effective date of the ordinance in Board File No. 240411, or any Health Service use in the West Portal Avenue ~~Neighborhood Commercial District~~ NCD located at Assessor's Parcel Block No. 2989B, Lot 17.

In addition to the criteria of Section 303(c) of this Code, the Commission shall consider the extent to which the following criteria are met:

(1) The intensity of activity in the district is not such that allowing the larger use will be likely to foreclose the location of other needed neighborhood-serving uses in the area.

(2) The proposed use will serve the neighborhood, in whole or in significant

1 part, and the nature of the use requires a larger size in order to function.

2 (3) The building in which the use is to be located is designed in discrete
3 elements which respect the scale of development in the district.

4 (b) **Division of Non-Residential Uses.** Notwithstanding Sections 121.2(a), 178, and
5 186.1, existing Non-Residential Uses that are larger than the use size limits in subsection (a)
6 may be divided into two or more smaller Non-Residential Uses that are larger than the use
7 size limits in subsection (a), and such a division shall not require a Conditional Use
8 Authorization provided the division does not cause a Net Addition of Gross Floor Area.

9 (c) **Non-Residential Use Size Maximum in the Mission Street NCT.** In order to protect the
10 pedestrian scale of the Mission Street NCT and provide space for small businesses, the
11 following control shall apply in the Mission Street NCT:

12 (1) **Applicability.** Lot mergers pursuant to Section 121.7(f) and any project
13 located on a parcel that was created as a result of a lot merger pursuant to Section 121.7(f).

14 (2) **Control.** Any such project that does not include at least one non-residential
15 space of no more than 2,500 square feet, located on the ground floor and fronting directly
16 onto Mission Street, shall require a conditional use authorization. In considering whether to
17 grant such conditional use authorization, the Commission shall consider the criteria in
18 Sections 121.2(a) and 303(c).

19 (d) **Non-Residential Use Size Maximum in the Castro Street NCD.** In order to protect and
20 maintain the pedestrian scale of the Castro Street ~~Neighborhood Commercial District~~ NCD and
21 provide space for small businesses, Non-Residential Use Sizes larger than 4,000 square feet
22 shall not be permitted, with the exception that a Child Care Facility, School, Post-Secondary
23 Educational Institution, Religious Institution, Social Service or Philanthropic Facility,
24 Community Facility, or a Residential Care Facility as defined in Section 102 of this Code that
25 is operated by a non-profit and is neighborhood-serving may exceed this Non-Residential Use

Size limit with Conditional Use authorization.

SEC. 121.6. LARGE-SCALE RETAIL USES.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, establishment of a single ~~R~~etail ~~U~~se in excess of 50,000 gross square feet in any zoning district other than the C-3 Zoning Districts shall require ~~C~~onditional ~~U~~se authorization pursuant to Section 303 unless such use already is prohibited. This Section 121.6 shall apply to the establishment of a new ~~U~~se and the expansion of an existing ~~U~~se. For purposes of this Section, "single ~~R~~etail ~~U~~se" shall include, ~~except for Hotels and Motels,~~ all Retail Sales and Service Uses listed in Section 102 and retail uses identified in Article 8 of this Code, except General Grocery, Hotel, and Motel Uses. This Section shall not apply to Health Service Uses and Reproductive Health Clinics located in the MUO District east of 7th Street.

SEC. 134. REAR YARDS IN R, RC, NC, M, CMUO, MUG, MUO, MUR, RED, RED-MX, SPD, UMU, AND WMUG DISTRICTS; AND LOT COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS IN C DISTRICTS.

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(d) Rear Yard Location Requirements.

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(3) **RC-3, RC-4, NC-3, NCT-3, Bayview, Broadway, Fillmore Street, Geary Boulevard, Hayes-Gough, Japantown, SoMa NCT, Mission Bernal, Mission Street, Polk Street, Lower Polk Street, ~~Pacific Avenue,~~ M, SPD, MUR, MUG, MUO, and UMU Districts.** Rear yards shall be provided at the lowest story containing a Dwelling Unit, and at each succeeding level or story of the building. In the Hayes-Gough NCT, lots fronting the east side of Octavia Boulevard between Linden and Market Streets (Central Freeway Parcels L, M, N, R, S, T, U,

and V) are not required to provide rear yards at any level of the building, provided that the project fully meets the usable open space requirement for Dwelling Units pursuant to Section 135, meets the exposure requirements of Section 140, and gives adequate architectural consideration to the light and air needs of adjacent buildings given the constraints of the project site.

SEC. 138. PRIVATELY-OWNED PUBLIC OPEN SPACE (POPOS) REQUIREMENTS.

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(e) Approval of Open Space Type and Features.

(1) In C-3 Districts, the type, size, location, physical access, seating and table requirements, landscaping, availability of commercial services, sunlight and wind conditions and hours of public access shall be reviewed ~~and approved in accordance with the provisions of Section 309,~~ and shall generally conform to the “Guidelines for Open Space in the Open Space Section of the Downtown Plan, or any amendments thereto.

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SEC. 147. REDUCTION OF SHADOWS ON CERTAIN PUBLIC OR PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE OPEN SPACES IN C-3, ~~SOUTH OF MARKET MIXED USE,~~ AND EASTERN NEIGHBORHOODS MIXED USE DISTRICTS.

New buildings and additions to existing buildings in C-3, ~~South of Market Mixed Use,~~ and Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts where the building height exceeds 50 feet shall be shaped, consistent with the dictates of good design and without unduly restricting the development potential of the site in question, to reduce substantial shadow impacts on public plazas and other publicly accessible spaces other than those protected under Section 295. In determining the impact of shadows, the following factors shall be ~~taken into account~~ considered:

The amount of area shadowed, the duration of the shadow, and the importance of sunlight to the type of open space being shadowed. Determinations under this Section with respect to C-3 Districts shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 309 of this Code. Determinations under this Section with respect to ~~South of Market Mixed Use and~~ Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 307 of this Code.

SEC. 155.2. BICYCLE PARKING: APPLICABILITY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC USES.

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(b) Rules for Calculating Bicycle Parking Requirements.

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(6) Where a project proposes to construct new Non-Residential Uses or increase the area of existing Non-Residential Uses, for which the project has not identified specific uses at the time of project approval by the Planning Department or Planning Commission, the project shall provide the amount of non-residential bicycle parking required for Retail Sales per Table 155.2.

<i>Table 155.2</i> BICYCLE PARKING SPACES REQUIRED		
Use	Minimum Number of Class 1 Spaces Required	Minimum Number of Class 2 Spaces Required
* * * *		
NON-RESIDENTIAL USES		
* * * *		
Entertainment, Arts and Recreation Uses Category		
Entertainment, Arts and	Five Class 1 spaces for	One Class 2 space for every

Recreation Uses not listed below	facilities with a capacity of less than 500 guests; 10 Class 1 spaces for facilities with capacity of greater than 500 guests.	500 <u>50</u> seats or for every portion of each 50 person capacity.
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SEC. 201. CLASSES OF USE DISTRICTS.

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Named Neighborhood Commercial Districts (Defined in Sec. 702(a)(1))	
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Inner Taraval Street Neighborhood Commercial District (Defined in Sec. 745)	
<u>Leland Avenue Neighborhood Commercial District (Defined in Sec. 746)</u>	

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~~SEC. 202.12. LIMITATION ON CHANGE IN USE OR DEMOLITION OF A LAUNDROMAT USE.~~

~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 2, for the three years following the effective date of the ordinance in Board File No. 210808 adopting this Section 202.12, a change in use or demolition of a Laundromat use, as defined in Section 102, shall require Conditional Use authorization pursuant to Section 303. In acting on any application for Conditional Use authorization for changes in use or demolition of a Laundromat use, the Commission may consider the following criteria in addition to the criteria set forth in Section 303(c) and (d) of this Code:~~

~~(a) Whether comparable Laundromat uses and services are available in the immediate vicinity that are accessible to seniors, people with disabilities, and other residents;~~

~~(b) Whether, in the three years immediately prior to the date of the application for Conditional Use authorization, the rate of Laundromat closures in the immediate vicinity of the proposed change of use and/or citywide exceeds the rate of new Laundromat uses or equally accessible alternatives;~~

~~(c) Whether the proposed change in use would serve the essential needs of lower-income residents;~~
~~and~~

~~(d) Whether the proposed change in use is in a census tract where at least 17% of the households had income at or below the federal poverty level.~~

SEC. 204.1. ACCESSORY USES FOR DWELLINGS IN ALL DISTRICTS.

No use shall be permitted as an accessory use to a dwelling unit in any District that involves or requires any of the following:

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(i) The conduct of a business office open to the public other than for sales related to garden produce of Neighborhood Agriculture as defined by Section 102, or the finished products of a Cottage Food Operation; ~~or~~

(j) A Medical Cannabis Dispensary as defined in Section 102 ~~of this Code;~~ or

(k) A Massage Establishment as defined in Section 102, or either a Sole Practitioner or Sole Practitioner Massage Establishment as defined in Section 29.5 of the Health Code (a Health Service Use).

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SEC. 210.3. PDR DISTRICTS.

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Table 210.3

ZONING CONTROL TABLE FOR PDR DISTRICTS

Zoning Category	§ References	PDR-1-B	PDR-1-D	PDR-1-G	PDR-2
* * * *					
NON-RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS AND USES					
* * * *					
Automotive Use Category					
<i>Parcel Delivery Service (25)</i>	<i>§ 102</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>
* * * *					
Service, Parcel Delivery <u>(25)</u>	§§ 102, 303 (cc)	C	C	C	C
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(25) Also considered a Production, Distribution, and Repair (PDR) use as defined in Sec. 102.

SEC. 249.5. NORTH OF MARKET RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL USE DISTRICT.

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(c) **Controls.** The following zoning controls are applicable in the North of Market Residential Special Use District. Certain controls are set forth in other Sections of this Code and are referenced herein.

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~~(7) Building setbacks are required in this district pursuant to Section 132.2; provisions for exceptions are also set forth in Section 132.2 of this Code.~~

(87) Exceptions to the rear yard requirements for an RC-4 District may be granted pursuant to Section 134(g) of this Code.

(98) All provisions of the Planning Code applicable in an RC-4 Use District shall apply within that portion of the district zoned RC-4, except as specifically provided above. All provisions of the Planning Code applicable in a P Use District shall apply within that portion of the district zoned P, except as specifically provided above.

(109) All demolitions of buildings containing residential units shall be permitted only if authorized as a conditional use under Section 303 of this Code, unless the Director of the Department of Building Inspection or the Chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety determines that the building is unsafe or dangerous and that demolition is the only feasible means to secure the public safety. When considering whether to grant a conditional use ~~permit~~ authorization for the demolition, in lieu of the criteria set forth in Planning Code Section 303(c), consideration shall be given to the purposes of the North of Market Residential Special Use District set forth in Section 249.5(b), above, to the adverse impact on the public health, safety and general welfare due to the loss of existing housing stock in the district and to any unreasonable hardship to the applicant if the permit is denied. Demolition of residential hotel units shall also comply with the provisions of the Residential Hotel Ordinance.

(110) **Tenderloin Neon Special Sign District.**

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SEC. 249.31. JAPANTOWN SPECIAL USE DISTRICT.

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(b) **Controls.** The following provisions, in addition to all other applicable provisions of the Planning Code, shall apply within such Special Use District:

(1) **Conditional Use Authorization.** The following activities for non-residential Uses, if not otherwise prohibited, shall require Conditional Use authorization from the Planning Commission pursuant to Section 303.

(A) **Use Size.** The establishment of a new #Use or any change in #Use in excess of 4,000 gross square feet.

(B) **Merger.** The merger of one or more existing #Uses into a #Use in excess of 2,500 gross square feet.

(2) For any non-residential #Use subject to eConditional #Use authorization and for any activity that the Planning Commission considers under its discretionary review power, the Planning Commission shall make the following additional findings:

(A) The #Use is not incompatible with the cultural and historic integrity, neighborhood character, development pattern, and design aesthetic of the Special Use District; and

(B) The #Use supports one or more of the purposes for establishing the Japantown Special Use District.

~~(3) **Notice.** Any change in use or establishment of a new use in the neighborhood commercial zones within this Special Use District shall require notice pursuant to section 312 and shall include a posted notice. Posted notice shall be in locations that the Zoning Administrator designates. Said locations shall be easily visible to members of the public and shall be posted, at a minimum, on Geary Boulevard, Post Street, and Webster Street, Fillmore Street, or Laguna Street.~~

SEC. 270. BULK LIMITS: MEASUREMENT.

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TABLE 270

BULK LIMITS

District Symbol on Zoning Map	Height Above Which Maximum Dimensions Apply (in feet)	Maximum Plan Dimensions (in feet)	
		Length	Diagonal Dimension
* * * *			
T	<i>At setback height established pursuant to Section 132.2, but no higher than 80 feet.</i>	110	125
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SEC. 270.2. SPECIAL BULK AND OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENT: MID-BLOCK ALLEYS IN LARGE LOT DEVELOPMENT IN THE EASTERN NEIGHBORHOODS MIXED USE DISTRICTS, SOUTH OF MARKET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TRANSIT DISTRICT, FOLSOM STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TRANSIT DISTRICT, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, C-3 DISTRICT[§], AND DTR DISTRICT[§].

(a) **Findings.** The historically industrial parts of the City, including the South of Market, Showplace Square, Central Waterfront, and Mission, typically have very large blocks. In the South of Market, a typical block is 825 feet in length and 550 feet in width; in Showplace Square and the Central Waterfront blocks extend up to 800 feet in length and greater; and in

1 the Mission many blocks are over 500 feet in length. In areas of the City historically developed
2 as moderate and high-density residential and commercial environments, the block pattern is
3 much smaller, with many alternate and redundant paths of travels, service alleys, and public
4 mid-block pedestrian walkways and stairways: the typical North of Market block is 275 feet in
5 width and not more than 412.5 feet in length, often with minor alleys bisecting these blocks
6 further into smaller increments.

7 Large blocks inhibit pedestrian movement and convenience by significantly lengthening
8 walking distances between points, thereby reducing the ability and likelihood of people to walk
9 between destinations, including reducing access to and likelihood of using transit. Academic
10 studies have shown that the likelihood of people to walk for trips of all purposes, including
11 walking to transit stops, declines substantially above distances as low as 1/5th of a mile, and
12 that the propensity to walk is very elastic for distances of one mile or less and heavily
13 dependent on distance and route barriers (Berman, Journal of American Planning Literature,
14 May 1996). People are generally willing to walk not more than 1/3-mile to access rail transit,
15 and less to access bus transit. In the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use, ~~South of Market~~
16 ~~Mixed Use, C-M,~~ and DTR Districts, and South-of-Market portion of the C-3 Districts, longer
17 walking distances due to large blocks generally lengthen walking distances by up to 1,000 feet
18 or more for even the shortest trips, a major factor in reduced use of transit in these areas. In
19 areas with large blocks, walking distances between destinations can be between 50% and
20 300% longer than for areas with smaller blocks and more route choices (Hess, Places,
21 Summer 1997). In the South of Market area, for example, the distance between destinations
22 for walking trips can be as much as 2.5 times longer than a trip between destinations similarly
23 situated apart north of Market Street. Given equivalent densities and distributions of
24 development, where walking distances are greater due to longer and larger blocks, residents
25 have access to up to 50% fewer destinations (e.g. shops, services, transit) for equal walking

distances (Id.). Greater walking distances and fewer route choices also severely degrade accessibility to transit, services, and shops for people with disabilities and the elderly (Kulash, Development, July/August 1990). Because there are fewer pedestrian route choices and people must walk on fewer, more-highly trafficked and busier streets for longer distances, the quality of the pedestrian experience is severely diminished and there are more conflicts with motor vehicles, with corresponding heightened concerns for pedestrian safety on major streets.

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SEC. 303.1. FORMULA RETAIL USES.

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(e) **Conditional Use Authorization Required.** ~~A~~Conditional Use ~~A~~authorization shall be required for a Formula Retail use in the ~~following~~ zoning districts listed in this subsection (e) unless explicitly exempted, except for those uses not permitted pursuant to subsection (f).

~~(1) All Neighborhood Commercial Districts in Article 7;~~

~~(2) All Mixed Use General Districts in Section 840;~~

~~(3) All Urban Mixed Use Districts in Section 843;~~

~~(4)(1) All Residential-Commercial RC Districts as defined in Section 209.3, except for lots in the RC-3 District that front Van Ness Avenue, beginning immediately north of Chestnut Street to the north, to Broadway to the south, and lots in the RC-4 District that front Van Ness Avenue, from Broadway to Redwood Street;~~

~~(2) Limited Commercial Uses in RTO Districts (Sec. 209.4) as permitted by Sections 186 and 231~~

~~(3) Western SoMa Special Use District (Sec. 249.39)~~

~~(4) Central SoMa Special Use District (Sec. 249.78)~~

- (5) All Neighborhood Commercial Districts in Article 7
- (6) Third Street Formula Retail Restricted Use District (Sec. 786)
- (57) Chinatown Community Business District ~~as defined in Section~~ (Sec. 810)
- (68) Chinatown Residential/Neighborhood Commercial District as defined in (Sec. 812)
- ~~(7) Western SoMa Planning Area Special Use District as defined in 823;~~
- (9) MUG – Mixed Use-General District (Sec. 831)
- (10) UMU – Urban Mixed Use District (Sec. 838)
- (11) RED-MX – Residential Enclave – Mixed District (Sec. 835)
- (12) SALI – Service/Arts/Light Industrial District (Sec. 836), up to the limit in set forth therein
- (13) UMU – Urban Mixed Use District (Sec. 838)
- (14) WMUG – WSoMa Mixed Use-General (Sec. 839)
- (15) WMUO – WSoMa Mixed Use-Office (Sec. 840), up to the limit in set forth therein
- (816) Limited Commercial Uses in ~~RTO and the~~ RED Districts (Sec. 834), as permitted by Sections 186, ~~186.3,~~ and 231;
- ~~(9) Third Street Formula Retail Restricted Use District, as defined in Section 786; and~~
- ~~(10) Central SoMa Special Use District as defined in Section 848, except for those uses not permitted pursuant to subsection (f) below.~~
- (f) **Formula Retail Uses Not Permitted.** Specified Formula Retail ~~u~~Uses are not permitted in ~~the following~~ certain zoning districts, as set forth below:
- (1) All Formula Retail Uses are not permitted in the following districts:
- (A) RH Districts (Sec. 209.1)
- (B) RM Districts (Sec. 209.2)
- (C) Hayes-Gough NCT Neighborhood Commercial Transit District (Sec. 761);

~~(2)-(D) North Beach NCD (Sec. 722) Neighborhood Commercial District;~~

~~(3) (E) Chinatown Visitor Retail District (Sec. 811);~~

(2) Formula Retail Restaurant and Limited Restaurant Uses are not permitted in the following districts:

(A) Broadway NCD (Sec. 714)

(B) Upper Fillmore Street NCD (Sec. 718)

(C) Noriega Street NCD (Sec. 731)

(D) Irving Street NCD (Sec. 732)

(E) Taraval Street NCD (Sec. 733)

(F) Judah Street NCD (Sec. 734)

~~(4) Upper Fillmore District does not permit Formula Retail uses that are also Restaurant or Limited Restaurant uses;~~

~~(5) Broadway Neighborhood Commercial District does not permit Formula Retail uses that are also Restaurant or Limited Restaurant uses;~~

~~(6) Geary Boulevard Formula Retail Pet Supply Store and Formula Retail Eating and Drinking Subdistrict does not permit Formula Retail uses that are also either a Retail Pet Supply Store or an Eating and Drinking use as set forth in Section 781.4;~~

~~(7) (G) Taraval Street Restaurant Subdistrict (Sec. 781.1), and within 1/4 mile of the subdistrict if within the NC-1 District does not permit Formula Retail uses that are also Restaurant or Limited Restaurant uses;~~

~~(8) Chinatown Mixed Use Districts do not permit Formula Retail uses that are also Restaurant or Limited Restaurant uses;~~

(H) Chinatown Community Business District (Sec. 810)

(I) Chinatown Residential NCD (Sec. 812)

(3) Formula Retail Limited Restaurant Uses are not permitted in the 24th Street – Noe

1 Valley NCD (Sec. 728).

2 ~~(9) Central SoMa Special Use District does not permit Formula Retail Uses that are~~
3 ~~also Bar, Restaurant, or Limited Restaurant Uses as defined in Section 102;~~

4 (4) Formula Retail Bar, Restaurant, and Limited Restaurant Uses are not permitted
5 in the following districts:

6 (A) Central SoMa Special Use District (Sec. 249.78)

7 (B) Central SoMa Mixed Use-Office District (Sec. 830)

8 ~~(10) RH Districts do not permit Formula Retail; and~~

9 ~~(11) RM Districts do not permit Formula Retail.~~

10 (5) Formula Retail pet supply stores and Eating and Drinking Uses are not permitted
11 in the Geary Boulevard Formula Retail Pet Supply Store and Formula Retail Eating and Drinking
12 Subdistrict (Sec. 781.4).

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15 **SEC. 305.1. REQUESTS FOR REASONABLE MODIFICATION – RESIDENTIAL**
16 **USES.**

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18 **(c) Procedure.**

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20 **(2) Content of Application.** The application shall be in accordance with the policies,
21 rules and regulations of the Planning Department, Zoning Administrator, and Planning
22 Commission. In addition to any other information that is required under this Section 305.1, the
23 applicant shall complete the Reasonable Modification Form. The form shall at a minimum
24 include the applicant's contact information and a description of the need for the requested
25 modification including an identifiable relationship, or nexus, between the requested

1 modification and the individual's disability. ~~This information is required for the administrative~~
2 ~~reasonable modification process and the standard reasonable modification variance procedure.~~

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4 (e) **Determination.**

5 (1) **Zoning Administrator Authority.** The Zoning Administrator is authorized to consider
6 and act on requests for reasonable modification. The Zoning Administrator may conditionally
7 approve or deny a request. In considering requests for reasonable modification under this
8 Section 305.1, the Zoning Administrator shall consider the factors in subsection (e)(2).

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10 (4) **Historic Resource Review.** If the proposed project would affect a building that is listed
11 in or eligible for listing in a local, state, or federal historic resource register, then the
12 modifications, ~~either through the administrative reasonable modification process or the standard~~
13 ~~reasonable modification variance procedure,~~ will be reviewed by the Planning Department's
14 Historic Preservation Technical Specialists to ensure conformance with the Secretary of the
15 Interior Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Properties.

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18 **SEC. 306.2. SCHEDULING OF HEARINGS.**

19 When an action for an amendment to the Planning Code, ~~e~~Conditional ~~u~~Use, or variance
20 has been initiated by application or otherwise, ~~except as provided by Sections 316.2 through 316.5,~~
21 the Zoning Administrator shall set a time and place for a hearing thereon within a reasonable
22 period. In the case of an application for a variance, such period shall not exceed 30 days from
23 the date upon which the application is accepted for filing. ~~The procedures for scheduling of~~
24 ~~hearings and determinations on conditional use applications where such authorization is required in~~
25 ~~any South of Market District or Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use District, or pursuant to zoning~~

1 ~~categories .10, .11, .21, .24 through .27, .38 through .90, and .95 of Sections 710 through 729 for each~~
2 ~~Neighborhood Commercial District, are set forth in Sections 316.2 through 316.8 of this Code.~~ When
3 an action for an amendment to the General Plan has been initiated by the Planning
4 Commission, the Planning Department shall set a time and place for a hearing thereon within
5 a reasonable period.

7 **SEC. 306.6. INITIATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

8 Amendments initiated by the ~~City~~ Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors and
9 proposed modifications to text amendments referred to the ~~City~~ Planning Commission
10 pursuant to Section 302(d) are not subject to the requirements of Sections 306.1 and 306.5.
11 The Board of Supervisors may designate a proponent for the amendment or modification from
12 among its membership, in adopting its motion.

14 **SEC. 306.7. INTERIM ZONING CONTROLS.**

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16 (b) **Effect of Interim Zoning Controls Upon Permit Applications.** A resolution of the
17 Board of Supervisors or of the Planning Commission imposing interim zoning controls shall
18 set forth the duration of the interim zoning controls. Once interim zoning controls are imposed
19 pursuant to this Section, and for the duration of the controls and any extension permitted by
20 this Section, no department of the City and County of San Francisco, including the Board of
21 Appeals, may approve any application for a demolition permit, a building or site permit, ~~or for~~
22 any other permit or license authorizing the demolition, alteration, or construction of any
23 building or the establishment of any use unless the action proposed would conform both to the
24 existing provisions of the Planning Code and also to the provisions of the resolution imposing
25 the controls. Failure of the Board of Supervisors or the Planning Commission to act on a

1 proposed interim control within 120 days of its initiation shall be deemed to constitute
2 disapproval. At any time after the first noticed hearing, in order to insure that the purpose for
3 imposing interim controls is not undermined during the period when their adoption is being
4 considered, the body considering the proposed controls may by resolution issue an order
5 directing the Zoning Administrator, the Director of the Department of Building Inspection, the
6 Board of Appeals, and other permit-issuing and permit-approving agencies to suspend action
7 on applications which propose a use prohibited by the proposed interim controls pending final
8 action on the controls; provided, however, that such order shall not apply to applications filed
9 more than 60 days before the first noticed hearing and shall not prohibit action on applications
10 which would otherwise be deemed approved during the period of such suspension pursuant to
11 Government Code Sections 65950 - 65957.1.

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14 **SEC. 318. EFFICIENCY DWELLING UNITS WITH REDUCED SQUARE FOOTAGE.**

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16 ~~(c) **Reporting and Reauthorization.** After the approval of approximately 325 Efficiency Dwelling~~
17 ~~Units with reduced square footage, the Planning Department in collaboration with the Mayor's Office~~
18 ~~of Housing shall submit a report to the Board of Supervisors that provides whatever information those~~
19 ~~Departments believe will assist the Board in determining whether to increase the numerical cap on the~~
20 ~~number of Efficiency Units with reduced square footage or to otherwise modify the requirements. At a~~
21 ~~minimum, the report shall include the following information:~~

22 ~~(1) Pricing information, based on data from the Assessor's Office, for sales properties and, to the~~
23 ~~extent feasible, rental prices for the Efficiency Dwelling Units with reduced square footage;~~

24 ~~(2) A comparison of the sales and rental pricing information for Efficiency Dwelling Units with~~
25 ~~reduced square footage to similar data for studio and 1-bedroom dwelling units;~~

1 ~~(3) A map showing where the Efficiency Dwelling Units with reduced square footage are located,~~
2 ~~both projects that are entitled but not yet built and projects that have been constructed;~~

3 ~~(4) A comparison of the numbers of Efficiency Dwelling Units with reduced square footage that~~
4 ~~are entitled and/or built and the goals for other dwelling unit sizes within any adopted Area Plans; and~~

5 ~~(5) A comparison of the numbers of Efficiency Dwelling Units with reduced square footage with~~
6 ~~the quantified housing production goals, to the extent available by household income level, set forth in~~
7 ~~the Regional Housing Needs Allocation.~~

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9 **SEC. 401. DEFINITIONS.**

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11 “Owned Unit.” A unit Affordable to Qualifying Households that is a condominium, stock
12 cooperative, community apartment, or detached single-family home. The owner or owners of
13 an Owned Unit must occupy the unit as their primary residence. An Owned Unit shall not be
14 Group Housing, as defined in Section 102.

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17 **SEC. 412. DOWNTOWN PARK FEE.**

18 Sections 412.1 through 412.6, hereafter referred to as Section 412.1 et seq., set forth the
19 requirements and procedures for the Downtown Park Fee. The effective date of these
20 requirements shall be either September 17, 1985, which is the date that the requirements
21 originally became effective, ~~of~~or the date a subsequent modification, if any, became effective.

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23 **SEC. 607.2. MIXED USE DISTRICTS.**

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25 (f) Business Signs. Business Signs, as defined in Section 602, shall be permitted in all

1 Mixed Use Districts subject to the limits set forth below.

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3 (3) **Chinatown Community Business District, Eastern Neighborhoods, ~~South of~~**
4 **~~Market Mixed Use Mixed Use Districts,~~ and the Downtown Residential Districts.**

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7 **SEC. 608.16. CITY CENTER SPECIAL SIGN DISTRICT.**

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9 (c) **Definitions.** Within the City Center Special Sign District, the following definitions shall
10 apply in addition to the applicable definitions in Sections 602-~~et seq.~~:

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12 (f) **Business Signs.** Business signs, as defined in Section 602-3, shall be permitted
13 subject to the limits set forth below.

14 (1) **Wall Signs.** Wall signs, as defined in Section 602-22, shall be permitted as follows:

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16 (C) **Other Wall Signs.** The following additional wall signs shall be permitted:

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18 (iii) One wall sign shall be permitted in each of the two existing sign alcoves located
19 below the roofline of the building on the primary west and east building elevations
20 perpendicular to Geary Boulevard, subject to the following conditions: wall signs shall be no
21 higher than the wall to which they are attached, shall have a maximum area of 170 square
22 feet, and shall be identifying signs, as defined in Section 602-10, for the shopping center.

23 (2) **Window Signs.** The total area of all window signs, as defined in Section 602-1(b),
24 shall not exceed 1/3 the area of the window on or in which the signs are located.

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SEC. 701. NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT PROVISIONS.

This Article is adopted specifically for Neighborhood Commercial Districts (NCDs), as shown on the Zoning Map of the City and County of San Francisco. The provisions set forth or referenced in Article 7 shall apply to any use, property, structure, or development which is located in a Neighborhood Commercial District, unless otherwise provided for within this Code. In the event of conflict between provisions of Article 7 and other provisions of this Code, the provisions of Article 7 shall prevail.

SEC. 711. NC-2 – SMALL-SCALE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

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**Table 711. SMALL-SCALE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT NC-2
ZONING CONTROL TABLE**

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		NC-2		
Zoning Category	§ References	Controls		
* * * *				
NON-RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS AND USES				
* * * *				
NON-RESIDENTIAL USES		Controls by Story		
		1st	2nd	3rd +
* * * *				
Sales and Service Use Category				

* * * *				
Restaurant	§§ 102, 202.2(a)	P(4)	P(4)	NP
Restaurant, Limited	§§ 102, 202.2(a)	P(4)	P(4)	NP

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(4) *[Note deleted.] TARAVAL STREET RESTAURANT SUBDISTRICT: Applicable only for the Taraval Street NC 2 District between 12th and 19th Avenues as mapped on Sectional Maps 5 SU and 6 SU. Formula Retail Restaurants and Limited Restaurants are NP.*

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SEC. 714. BROADWAY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

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Table 714. BROADWAY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

ZONING CONTROL TABLE

		Broadway NCD
Zoning Category	§ References	Controls
* * * *		
NON-RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS AND USES		
* * * *		
Commercial Use Characteristics		
* * * *		
Formula Retail	§§ 102, 303.1	C(4)
* * * *		

		Controls by Story		
		1st	2nd	3rd +
* * * *				
Sales and Service Use Category				
* * * *				
Restaurant	§§ 102, 202.2(a)	P(4)	P(4)(5)	NP
Restaurant, Limited	§§ 102, 202.2(a)	P(4)	P(4)	NP

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(4) Formula Retail NP for ~~this use~~ Restaurants and Limited Restaurants

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SEC. 718. UPPER FILLMORE STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

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**Table 718. UPPER FILLMORE STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
ZONING CONTROL TABLE**

		Upper Fillmore Street NCD
Zoning Category	§ References	Controls
* * * *		
NON-RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS AND USES		

* * *		
Commercial Use Characteristics		
* * *		
Formula Retail	§§ 102, 303.1	C(5)
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(5) Formula Retail NP for ~~this use.~~ Restaurants and Limited Restaurants

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SEC. 721. JAPANTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

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Table 721. JAPANTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

ZONING CONTROL TABLE

		Japantown NCD
Zoning Category	§ References	Controls
BUILDING STANDARDS		
* * *		
Miscellaneous		
* * *		
Awning, Canopy, or Marquee	§ 136.1	P
Signs	§§ 262, 602-604, 607 , 607.1, 608, 609	As permitted by § 607.1. All Business Signs, as defined in § 602.3 are also subject to the guidelines in the "Commission Guide for Formula Retail."
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1 **SEC. 726. PACIFIC AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.**

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3 **Table 726. PACIFIC AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**
4 **ZONING CONTROL TABLE**

		Pacific Avenue NCD
Zoning Category	§ References	Controls
BUILDING STANDARDS		
Massing and Setbacks		
* * * *		
Rear Yard	§§ 130, 134, 134(a)(e), 136	Required at Grade level and at each succeeding level or Story: 45% of lot depth, averaging not permitted. <u>25% of lot depth, but in no case less than 15 feet.</u>
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16 **SEC. 731. NORIEGA STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.**

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18 **Table 731. NORIEGA STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**
19 **ZONING CONTROL TABLE**

		Noriega Street NCD
Zoning Category	§ References	Controls
* * * *		
NON-RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS AND USES		
* * * *		
Commercial Use Characteristics		

* * * *		
Formula Retail	§§ 102, 303.1	C(3)(4)
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(3) Formula Retail NP for ~~this use~~ Restaurants and Limited Restaurants

(4) Trade Shops are sSubject to Formula Retail Controls

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SEC. 732. IRVING STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

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**Table 732. IRVING STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
ZONING CONTROL TABLE**

		Irving Street NCD
Zoning Category	§ References	Controls
* * * *		
NON-RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS AND USES		
* * * *		
Commercial Use Characteristics		
* * * *		
Formula Retail	§§ 102, 303.1	C(3)(4)
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(3) Formula Retail NP for ~~this use~~ Restaurants and Limited Restaurants

(4) Trade Shops are sSubject to Formula Retail Controls

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SEC. 733. TARAVAL STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

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Table 733. TARAVAL STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

ZONING CONTROL TABLE

		Taraval Street NCD
Zoning Category	§ References	Controls
* * * *		
NON-RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS AND USES		
* * * *		
Commercial Use Characteristics		
* * * *		
Formula Retail	§§ 102, 303.1	C(3)(4)
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(3) Formula Retail NP for ~~this use~~ Restaurants and Limited Restaurants

(4) Trade Shops are sSubject to Formula Retail Controls

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SEC. 734. JUDAH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

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Table 734. JUDAH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

ZONING CONTROL TABLE

		Judah Street NCD
Zoning Category	§ References	Controls

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NON-RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS AND USES		
* * * *		
Commercial Use Characteristics		
* * * *		
Formula Retail	§§ 102, 303.1	C(3)(4)
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(3) Formula Retail NP for ~~this use~~ Restaurants and Limited Restaurants

(4) Trade Shops are sSubject to Formula Retail Controls

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SEC. 780. NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL SPECIAL USE DISTRICTS.

Purpose. In order to provide, maintain, and strengthen viable neighborhood commercial districts, promote the multiple use of neighborhood commercial areas, and protect environmental quality in neighborhood commercial areas, there shall be Neighborhood Commercial Special Use Districts. The designations, locations, and boundaries of these Neighborhood Commercial Special Use Districts shall be as ~~provided in Section 780.1 as~~ shown on Sectional Maps of the Zoning Map referred to in Sections 105 and 106 of this Code, subject to the provisions of Sections 105 and 106. ~~The original of the numbered sectional maps of the Zoning Map for Special Use Districts referred to in Section 780.1 of this Code is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. 115-87-4.~~ In any Neighborhood Commercial Special Use District, the provisions of the applicable use district established by Section 702 shall prevail, except as specifically provided in ~~Section 780.1 and Section 249.14 "Third Street~~

1 ~~Special Use District,” as designated on Sectional Map 10SU of the Zoning Map the Section~~
2 ~~establishing the controls for the Neighborhood Commercial Special Use District.~~ The provisions set
3 forth in this Section shall be applicable to all property, whether public or private, therein.
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5 **SEC. 781. NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL RESTRICTED USE SUBDISTRICTS.**

6 (a) **Purpose.** In order to provide, maintain, and strengthen viable neighborhood
7 commercial districts, promote the multiple use of neighborhood commercial areas, protect
8 environmental quality in neighborhood commercial areas, and control the expansion of certain
9 kinds of uses which if uncontrolled may adversely affect the character of certain neighborhood
10 commercial districts, there shall be Neighborhood Commercial Restricted Use Subdistricts.
11 The designations, locations, and boundaries of these Neighborhood Commercial Restricted
12 Use Subdistricts shall be as ~~provided in Sections 781.1 through 781.6 and as~~ shown on Sectional
13 Maps of the Zoning Map referred to in Sections 105 and 106 of this Code, subject to the
14 provisions of Sections 105 and 106. ~~The original of the numbered Sectional Maps of the Zoning~~
15 ~~Map for Restricted Use Subdistricts referred to in Sections 781.1 through 781.6 of this Code is on file~~
16 ~~with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. 115-87-4.~~ In any Neighborhood
17 Commercial Restricted Use Subdistrict the provisions of the applicable use district established
18 by Section 702.1 shall prevail, except as specifically provided in ~~Sections 781.1 through 781.6~~
19 ~~respectively, as designated on Sectional Maps of the Zoning Map the Section establishing the controls~~
20 ~~for the Neighborhood Commercial Restricted Use Subdistrict.~~ The provisions set forth in these
21 Sections shall be applicable to all property, whether public or private, therein.

22 **SEC. 784. LOWER HAIGHT STREET ALCOHOL RESTRICTED USE DISTRICT.**

23 (a) **Findings.** There are an unusually large number of establishments dispensing alcoholic
24 beverages, including beer and wine, for off-site consumption in the Neighborhood Commercial
25 Cluster Districts located generally along Haight Street at Scott Street and generally along

1 Haight Street at Pierce Street and in the Lower Haight Street ~~Small-Scale~~ Neighborhood
2 Commercial District located generally along Haight Street at and between Steiner and
3 Webster Streets. The existence of this many ~~off-sale alcoholic beverage establishments~~ Liquor
4 Stores appears to contribute directly to numerous peace, health, safety, and general welfare
5 problems in the area, including loitering, littering, public drunkenness, defacement and
6 damaging of structures, pedestrian obstructions, as well as traffic circulation, parking, and
7 noise problems on public streets and neighborhood lots. The existence of such problems
8 creates serious impacts on the health, safety, and welfare of residents of nearby single- and
9 multiple-family areas, including fear for the safety of children, elderly residents, and visitors to
10 the area. The problems also contribute to the deterioration of the neighborhood and
11 concomitant devaluation of property and destruction of community values and quality of life.
12 The number of ~~establishments selling alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption~~ Liquor Stores and
13 the associated problems discourage more desirable and needed commercial uses in the area.

14 (b) **Boundaries. Establishment of the Lower Haight Street Alcohol Restricted Use District.** In
15 order to preserve the residential character and the neighborhood-serving commercial uses of
16 the area, the Lower Haight Street Alcohol Restricted Use District (Lower Haight Street Alcohol
17 RUD) is hereby established for the following:

18 (1) Properties in the Neighborhood Commercial Cluster District located generally along
19 Haight Street at Scott Street;

20 (2) Properties in the Neighborhood Commercial Cluster District located generally along
21 Haight Street at Pierce Street;

22 (3) Properties in the Lower Haight Street ~~Small-Scale~~ Neighborhood Commercial District
23 located generally along Haight Street at and between Steiner and Webster Streets.

24 The above Neighborhood Commercial Cluster Districts and Lower Haight Street ~~Small-Scale~~
25 Neighborhood Commercial District are designated on Sectional Map ZN07 of the Zoning Map

of the City and County of San Francisco. Block and lot numbers for the properties included in these districts are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 060537 and are incorporated herein by reference. The Lower Haight Street Alcohol RUD is designated on Sectional Map Number SU07 of the Zoning Map of the City and County of San Francisco.

(c) Controls.

(1) **Prohibition on New Liquor Stores.** No new Liquor Stores ~~off-sale liquor establishments~~ shall be permitted in the Lower Haight Street Alcohol RUD.

(2) **Exceptions from the Prohibition.** The prohibition on Liquor Stores ~~off-sale liquor establishments~~ shall not be interpreted to prohibit the following:

(A) Temporary uses, as described in Planning Code Section 205.1 or 205.3; or

(B) Establishment of ~~an off-sale liquor establishment~~ Liquor Store if an application for such ~~liquor establishment~~ Liquor Store is on file with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control prior to ~~the effective date of this ordinance establishing the Lower Haight Street Alcohol RUD~~ March 25, 2007.

(3) **Continuation of Existing ~~Prohibited Liquor Establishments~~ Stores.** In the Lower Haight Street Alcohol RUD, any ~~prohibited liquor establishment~~ lawfully existing Liquor Store that lawfully existed prior to March 25, 2007 may continue in accordance with Planning Code section 180 through 186.2, subject to the following provisions:

(A) ~~A prohibited liquor establishment lawfully existing and selling alcoholic beverages as licensed by the State of California prior to the effective date of this legislation, or subsequent legislation prohibiting that type of liquor establishment, so long as otherwise lawful,~~ The Liquor Store may continue to operate only under the following conditions, as provided by California Business and Professions Code Section 23790:

(i) Except as provided in subsection (B) below, the premises shall retain the same type of retail liquor license within a license classification; and

(ii) Except as provided in subsection (B) below, the ~~liquor establishment~~ Liquor Store shall be operated continuously, without substantial changes in mode or character of operation.

(B) A break in continuous operation shall not be interpreted to include the following, provided that, except as indicated below, the location of the establishment does not change, the square footage used for the sale of alcoholic beverages does not increase, and the type of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Liquor License ("ABC License") does not change:

(i) A change in ownership of ~~a prohibited liquor establishment~~ the Liquor Store or an owner-to-owner transfer of an ABC License;

(ii) Temporary closure for restoration or repair of ~~an existing prohibited liquor establishment~~ the Liquor Store on the same lot after total or partial destruction or damage due to fire, riot, insurrection, toxic accident, or act of God;

(iii) Temporary closure of ~~an existing prohibited liquor establishment~~ the Liquor Store for reasons other than total or partial destruction or damage due to fire, riot, insurrection, toxic accident, or act of God for not more than thirty (30) days for repair, renovation, or remodeling; or

(iv) Relocation of ~~an existing prohibited liquor establishment~~ the Liquor Store in the Lower Haight Street Alcohol RUD to another location within the same Lower Haight Street Alcohol RUD with Conditional Use authorization from the Planning Commission, provided that the original premises shall not be occupied by a ~~prohibited liquor establishment~~ lawfully pre-existing Liquor Store described in this subsection (3), unless by another ~~prohibited liquor establishment~~ lawfully pre-existing Liquor Store that is also relocating from within the Lower Haight Street Alcohol RUD.

~~—(c) Definitions. The following definitions shall apply to this Section 784.~~

~~—(1) An "off-sale liquor establishment" shall mean a Liquor Store use.~~

1 —(2) A “prohibited liquor establishment” shall mean any establishment selling alcoholic beverages
2 lawfully existing prior to the effective date of this ordinance and licensed by the State of California for
3 the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption (“off-sale”), so long as otherwise lawful.
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5 **SEC. 838. UMU – URBAN MIXED USE DISTRICT.**

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7 **Table 838**

8 **UMU – URBAN MIXED USE DISTRICT ZONING CONTROL TABLE**

Zoning Category	§ References	Urban Mixed Use District Controls
* * * *		
NON-RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS AND USES		
Development Standards		
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Use Size Controls		As indicated in this table by end notes (2) and (3), certain Uses have size limits. <u>(1)</u>
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Commercial Use Characteristics		
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Formula Retail	§§ 102, 303.1	C <u>(1)</u>
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23 (1) ~~[Note Deleted]~~ P on Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 3781, Lot 003, and the Non-Residential
24 Use Size controls in Section 838 shall not apply.

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2 **SEC. 890.60. MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT.**

3 (a) **Definition.** Massage Establishments are defined by Section 29.5 of the Health
4 Code. For purposes of the Planning Code only, "Massage Establishment" shall include a
5 "Massage Establishment" but not a "Sole Practitioner Massage Establishment," as these
6 terms are defined in Section 29.5 of the Health Code. Any Massage Establishment shall have
7 first obtained a permit from the Department of Public Health pursuant to Section 29.25 of the
8 Health Code, or a letter from the Director of the Department of Public Health certifying that the
9 establishment is exempt from such a permit under Section 29.25.

10 (b) **Controls.** Massage Establishments shall be subject to Conditional Use
11 authorization. Certain exceptions to the Conditional Use for accessory use massage are
12 described in subsection (c) below. When considering an application for a conditional use
13 permit pursuant to this subsection, the Planning Commission shall consider, in addition to the
14 criteria listed in Section 303(c), the additional criteria described in Section 303(n).

15 (c) **Exceptions.** Certain exceptions would allow a massage use to be "permitted"
16 without a Conditional Use authorization including:

17 (1) Certain Accessory Use Massage and provided that the massage use is
18 accessory to a principal use; the massage use is accessed by the principal use; and the
19 principal use is:

20 ~~(A) a dwelling unit and the massage use conforms to the requirements of Section 204.1,~~
21 ~~for accessory uses for dwelling units in R or NC districts; or~~

22 ~~(AB)~~ a ~~tourist hotel~~ as defined in Section ~~790.46~~ 102 of this Code, that contains
23 100 or more rooms; ~~;~~

24 ~~(BC)~~ a ~~large institution~~ Health Service Use as defined in Section ~~790.50~~ 102 of this
25 Code; or

1 (~~C~~) a ~~hospital or medical center~~ Hospital, as defined in Section ~~790.44~~ 102 of this
2 Code.

3 (2) **Chair Massage.** The only massage service provided is chair massage, such
4 service is visible to the public, and customers are fully-clothed at all times.

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6 **SEC. 970. SIGNS: GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

7 (a) **Purposes.** These sections 970 through 973 are adopted in recognition of the important
8 function of signs and of the need for their regulation in Mission Bay Use Districts under the
9 Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City and County. In addition to those purposes of the
10 ~~City~~ Planning Code stated in Section 101, it is the further purpose of these provisions to
11 safeguard and enhance property values in residential, commercial and industrial areas; to
12 protect public investment in and the character and dignity of public buildings, open spaces
13 and thoroughfares; to protect the distinctive appearance of San Francisco which is produced
14 by its unique geography, topography, street patterns, skyline and architectural features; to
15 provide a physical environment which will promote the development of business; to encourage
16 sound practices and lessen the objectionable effects of competition in the size and placement
17 of signs; to minimize the impact of signs which are essential to the economic vitality of
18 commercial districts on the livability of residential units in or adjacent commercial districts; to
19 enhance the visual environment by relating the type, quality and size of signs to the scale and
20 character of the districts in which they are located; to reduce hazards to motorists and
21 pedestrians traveling on the public way; and thereby to promote the public health, safety and
22 welfare.

23 (b) **Definitions.** The definitions of terms contained in Section ~~602.1 through 602.23~~ of this
24 Code shall apply to the same terms used in Section 971 through 973.

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2 **SEC. 973. SIGNS IN MB-NC, MB-O, MB-CI, AND MB-H DISTRICTS.**

3 (a) **Signs or Sign Features Not Permitted.** Roof signs, as defined in Section 602-~~16~~, wind
4 signs, as defined in Section 602-~~22~~, signs on canopies, as defined in Section 136.1(b), and
5 general advertising signs, as defined in Section 602-~~7~~ are not permitted in MB-NC, MB-O, MB-
6 CI and MB-H Districts. No sign shall have or consist of any moving, rotating, or otherwise
7 physically animated part, or lights that give the appearance of animation by flashing, blinking,
8 or fluctuating, except as permitted by Section 607.1(i). All signs or sign features not otherwise
9 specifically regulated in this Section 973 shall be prohibited.

10 (b) **Signs Permitted.** In MB-NC, MB-O, MB-CI, and MB-H Districts the following signs
11 other than signs exempted by Section 603, shall be the only signs permitted.

12 ~~(1)I.~~ Identifying Signs. Identifying signs, as defined in Section 602-~~10~~, shall be permitted
13 subject to the following limitations.

14 ~~(A)A.~~ One sign per structure shall be permitted and such sign shall not exceed 20
15 square feet in area.

16 ~~(B)B.~~ The sign may be a freestanding sign, if the building is recessed from the street
17 property line, or may be a wall sign or a projecting sign. The existence of a freestanding
18 identifying sign shall preclude the erection of a freestanding business sign on the same lot.

19 ~~(C)C.~~ A wall or projecting sign shall be mounted on the first story level; a freestanding
20 sign shall not exceed 15 feet in height.

21 ~~(D)D.~~ The sign may be non-illuminated, indirectly illuminated, or directly illuminated.

22 ~~(2)2.~~ Nameplates. One nameplate, as defined in Section 602-~~11~~, not exceeding an area
23 of two square feet, shall be permitted for each non-commercial use.

24 ~~(3)3.~~ Business Signs. Business signs, as defined in Section 602-~~3~~, shall be permitted
25 subject to the following limitations.

1 ~~(A)A.~~ Business Signs in the MB-NC-2 District.

2 (i) **Window Signs.** The total area of all window signs, as defined in Section 602-1(b),
3 shall not exceed one-third the area of the window on or in which the signs are located. Such
4 signs may be non-illuminated, indirectly illuminated, or directly illuminated.

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6 (iii) **Projecting Signs.** The number of projecting signs shall not exceed one per
7 business. The area of such sign, as defined in Section 602-1(a), shall not exceed 15 square
8 feet. The height of such sign shall not exceed 24 feet, or the height of the wall to which it is
9 attached, or the height of the lowest of any residential window sill on the wall to which the sign
10 is attached, whichever is lower. No part of the sign shall project more than 75 percent of the
11 horizontal distance from the street property line to the curblineline, or ~~6~~ six feet, ~~6~~ six inches,
12 whichever is less. Such signs may be non-illuminated or indirectly illuminated; or during
13 business hours, may be directly illuminated.

14 (iv) **Signs on Awnings and Marquees.** Sign copy may be located on permitted
15 awnings or marquees in lieu of projecting signs. The area of such sign copy, as defined in
16 Section ~~602-1(e)~~, shall not exceed 20 square feet. Such sign copy may be non-illuminated or
17 indirectly illuminated; except that sign copy on marquees for movie theaters or places of
18 entertainment may be directly illuminated during business hours.

19 (v) **Freestanding Signs and Sign Towers.** ~~With the exception of automotive gas and~~
20 ~~service stations, which are regulated under Paragraph below, o~~One freestanding sign or sign tower
21 per lot shall be permitted in lieu of a projecting sign, if the building or buildings are recessed
22 from the street property line. The existence of a freestanding business sign shall preclude the
23 erection of a freestanding identifying sign on the same lot. The area of such freestanding sign
24 or sign tower, as defined in Section 602-1(a), shall not exceed 30 square feet, nor shall the
25 height of the sign exceed 24 feet. No part of the sign shall project more than 75 percent of the

horizontal distance from the street property line to the curbline, or six feet, whichever is less. Such signs may be non-illuminated or indirectly illuminated, or during business hours, may be directly illuminated.

(B)B. Business Signs in MB-NC-3, MB-NC-S, MB-O, MB-CI, and MB-H Districts.

(i) **Window Signs.** The total area of all window signs, as defined in Section 602-1(b), shall not exceed one-third the area of the window on or in which the signs are located. Such signs may be non-illuminated, indirectly illuminated, or directly illuminated.

(ii) **Wall Signs.** The area of all wall signs shall not exceed three square feet per foot of street frontage occupied by the use measured along the wall to which the signs are attached, or 150 square feet for each street frontage, whichever is less. The height of any wall sign shall not exceed 24 feet, or the height of the wall to which it is attached, or the height of the lowest of any residential window sill on the wall to which the sign is attached, whichever is lower. Such signs may be non-illuminated, indirectly, or directly illuminated.

(iii) **Projecting Signs.** The number of projecting signs shall not exceed one per business. The area of such sign, as defined in Section 602-1(a), shall not exceed 32 square feet. The height of the sign shall not exceed 24 feet, or the height of the wall to which it is attached, or the height of the lowest of any residential window sill on the wall to which the sign is attached, whichever is lower. No part of the sign shall project more than 75 percent of the horizontal distance from the street property line to the curbline, or six feet six inches, whichever is less. Such signs may be non-illuminated, indirectly, or directly illuminated.

(iv) **Signs on Awnings and Marquees.** Sign copy may be located on permitted awnings or marquees in lieu of projecting signs. The area of such sign copy, as defined in Section 602-1(e), shall not exceed 40 square feet. Such sign copy may be non-illuminated or indirectly illuminated; except that sign copy on marquees for movie theaters or places of entertainment may be directly illuminated during business hours.

(v) **Freestanding Signs and Sign Towers.** With the exception of automotive gas and service stations, which are regulated under Paragraph below, one freestanding sign or sign tower per lot shall be permitted in lieu of a projecting sign, if the building or buildings are recessed from the street property line. The existence of a freestanding business sign shall preclude the erection of a freestanding identifying sign on the same lot. The area of such freestanding sign or sign tower, as defined in Section 602-~~4(a)~~, shall not exceed 30 square feet nor shall the height of the sign exceed 24 feet. No part of the sign shall project more than 75 percent of the horizontal distance from the street property line to the curblin, or six feet, whichever is less. Such signs may be non-illuminated or indirectly illuminated; or during business hours, may be directly illuminated.

~~(C)C~~ **Special Standards for Automotive Gas and Service Stations in MB-NC-3 and MB-NC-S Districts.** For automotive gas and service stations in MB-NC-3 and MB-NC-S Districts only the following signs are permitted, subject to the standards in this subsection (C) ~~Paragraph C~~ and to all other standards in this Section 973.

(i) A maximum of two oil company signs, which shall not extend more than 10 feet above the roofline if attached to a building, or exceed the maximum height permitted for freestanding signs in the same district is freestanding. The area of any such sign shall not exceed 180 square feet, and along each street frontage, all parts of such a sign or signs that are within 10 feet of the street property line shall not exceed 80 square feet in area. No such sign shall project more than five feet beyond any street property line. The areas of other permanent and temporary signs as covered in subsection (ii) ~~Subparagraph (B)~~ below shall not be included in the calculation of the area specified in this Subparagraph.

(ii) Other permanent and temporary business signs, not to exceed 30 square feet in area for each such sign or a total of 180 square feet for all such signs on the premises. No such sign shall extend above the roofline if attached to a building, or in any case project

beyond any street property line or building setback line.

~~(D)D.~~ **Special Standards for Visual Accent Signs.** In order to create visual interest, variety, and distinctive character in Mission Bay Commercial Districts the Zoning Administrator may allow visual accent signs in MB-NC-2, MB-NC-3, MB-NC-S, MB-NC-S, MB-O, MB-CI₁ and MB-H Districts. Visual accent signs are business or identifying signs in the form of projecting signs which are larger in square footage and higher in height than would normally be permitted under the limitations of this Section 970. A visual accent sign shall meet the following standards:

(i) The sign does not exceed 40 square feet in area and 20 feet in height in MB-NC-2 Districts and 48 square feet in area and 30 feet in height in MB-NC-3, MB-NC-S, MB-O, MB-CI₁ and MB-H Districts without regard to the height of the wall or the lowest residential window sill on the wall to which the sign is attached.

(ii) Such signs are a minimum of 200 feet apart.

(iii) The sign is distinctive and attractive in its design and use of materials and will make an important contribution to the visual quality and character of the street.

(iv) To the maximum extent practicable given the specific uses on the street frontage, the sign identifies major destination points or places of public assembly such as theaters and cultural centers or public or quasi-public facilities such as parking garages.

(v) The sign identifies the name of the business, service₁ or other activity offered or conducted on premises or the generic type of commodities sold on the premises, rather than the specific brand names or symbol of commodities sold on premises.

Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment

1 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that appears under
2 the official title of the ordinance.

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4 Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
5 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
6 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
7 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.

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10 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Corrections and Clarifications]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to make various clarifying and typographical changes, and prohibit massage establishments and massage sole practitioner uses as accessory uses to residential uses; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302

Existing Law

This ordinance amends multiple sections of the Planning Code.

Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance makes the following amendments:

Section 102.

- Revises Nighttime Entertainment to remove reference to Section 202.11, which has been repealed.
- Amends the unit of measurement for General Grocery, Specialty Grocery, and Liquor Store to be "Gross Floor Area" for consistency with other definitions.
- Updates the reference to "Mayor's Office of Housing" within the definition of Planning Department to "Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development."

Sections 106, 306.6, and 970. Updates "City Planning Commission" and "City Planning Code" to "Planning Commission" and "Planning Code" respectively.

Sections 121.1, 121.2, and 201. Adds recently created Named Neighborhoods Commercial Districts (NCDs) that were previously missing to relevant Code sections. When these newer Named NCDs were created, they were not properly reflected in other relevant Code sections.

Sections 121.2 and 784. Adds or revises subsection titles for clarity.

Section 121.6. Amends the Large Retail CUA requirements to exempt General Grocery, which meets the intent of supporting General Grocery.

Sections 134 and 726. Deletes reference to Pacific Avenue NCD from 134 and corrects the rear yard requirements within Table 726, which was a drafting error.

Section 138. Removes the reference to Section 309 as the process has changed and amends the Code so that POPOS may be approved at the staff level.

Sections 147, 270.2, and 607.2. Removes reference to the “South of Market Mixed Use” district as this group of districts was consolidated into the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts.

Section 155.2. Fixes an error in the number of required bicycle parking spaces.

Section 202.12. Deletes this section as it has expired.

Sections 204.1 and 890.60. Prohibits Massage Establishments or Sole Practitioners as an Accessory Use to a Dwelling Unit for better alignment with the Department of Public Health’s practices.

Section 210.3. Deletes a duplicate listing of Parcel Delivery Services as a prior Ordinance accidentally listed this use out twice in the Zoning Control Table.

Section 249.5. Deletes an outdated Code section reference.

Section 249.31. Clarifies that the CUA requirement for Use Size and mergers applies to Non-Residential Uses, as this Zoning District does not allow Residential Uses. Also deletes the outdated noticing requirement.

Section 270. Deletes an outdated Code section reference and repealed height setback requirement.

Section 303.1. Reorganizes the section for better clarity and updates outdated Code section references.

Section 305.1 and 306.2. Deletes reference to outdated processes.

Section 318. Removes an outdated reporting requirement.

Section 401. Revises the definition of “Owned Unit” to properly reflect language that was added in a previous Ordinance, but into the wrong section.

Section 412. Corrects a typographical error.

Section 608.16, 721, 970, and 973. Corrects outdated Code section references and instead lists Section 602, which now lists all definitions for Signs.

Section 711. Removes footnote 4 related to the Taraval Street Restaurant Subdistrict. This portion of this Subdistrict has since been rezoned and no longer part of the NC-2 Zoning District.

Sections 714, 718, 731, 732, 733, and 734. Clarifies existing footnotes to explicitly state that Formula Retail is not permitted for Restaurants and Limited Restaurants.

Sections 731, 732, 733, and 734. Clarifies the existing footnote to explicitly state that Trade Shops are subject to Formula Retail controls.

Sections 780 and 781. Removes outdated references to Sectional Maps.

Section 784.

- Updates reference to the Small-Scale NCD as the area described has been rezoned to the Lower Haight Street NCD.
- Simplifies “off-sale alcoholic beverage establishment” to Liquor Store as it is now defined in the Code. The definition of “off sale liquor establishment is also deleted.
- Amends subsection to explicitly note the effective date of the Ordinance establishing the Lower Haight Street Alcohol Restricted Use District.
- Also eliminates the definition of a “prohibited liquor establishment” to say “lawfully existing Liquor Store”.

Section 838. Adds a missing footnote which was a drafting error.

Section 890. Amends outdated Use definitions and references.

Background Information

The Planning Code is amended frequently. Although the Planning Department and the City Attorney’s Office review individual ordinances, errors in grammar and syntax, mistakes in cross-references, and accidental additions and deletions of text occur due to the sheer number of legislative actions and the complexity of the Code. The Department and the City Attorney’s Office collect the Code errors and the Publisher also notes many of them in Codification Notes at the end of the section to which they apply. While many of these errors can be – and are – corrected in subsequent legislation, those errors that have not been corrected or code text clarified through subsequent legislation are recommended to the Board by the Planning Commission in an annual Code Corrections Ordinance.

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