

1 [Landmark Tree Designation of Flowering Ash tree no. 1 at 500 Cortland Avenue.]

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3 **Ordinance designating the Flowering Ash (*Fraxinus ornus*) tree no. 1 at 500 Cortland**  
4 **Avenue, in front of the Bernal Heights Library, which flanks the eastern side of the**  
5 **main doors to the library on Cortland Avenue (Assessor's Block 5707, Lot 027) as a**  
6 **landmark tree pursuant to Public Works Code Section 810, making findings supporting**  
7 **the designation, and requesting official acts in furtherance of the landmark tree**  
8 **designation.**

9 Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;  
10 deletions are ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~.  
11 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
12 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

13 Section 1. Findings.

14 (a) Public Works Code Section 810 establishes a procedure for the nomination,  
15 designation, and removal of landmark trees.

16 (b) Supervisor Ammiano introduced a resolution of intent to nominate the Flowering  
17 Ash (*Fraxinus ornus*) tree no. 1 located at 500 Cortland Avenue (Assessor's block 5707, Lot  
18 027) for landmark tree status. The Board of Supervisors adopted this nomination in  
19 Resolution no. 613-07. A copy of this Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
20 Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is incorporated herein by reference.

21 (c) The Board of Supervisors adopted landmark tree designation criteria in Resolution  
22 No. 440-06. A copy of this Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in  
23 File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is incorporated herein by reference.

24 (d) On December 14, 2007, after a duly noticed public hearing, the Urban Forestry  
25 Council adopted Resolution No. 011-07 recommending that the Board of Supervisors

1 designate this tree for landmark status based on the abovementioned landmark tree  
2 designation criteria. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
3 Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is incorporated herein by reference.

4 (e) The Urban Forestry Council determined that this tree qualifies as a landmark tree  
5 based on the criteria set forth below and as further delineated in the City's landmark tree  
6 designation criteria:

7 (1) Rare: The tree is exceedingly rare in San Francisco.

8 (2) Historical Significance: The tree has historical significance to the Bernal  
9 Heights Library, as it is planted in front of the library, flagging the main entrance.

10 (3) Neighborhood Character: The tree helps define the neighborhood  
11 character as part of a significant row of deciduous trees that is part of the street tree planting  
12 plan on Cortland Avenue.

13 (4) Publication: The tree is profiled in Mike Sullivan's publication "The Trees  
14 of San Francisco;" and

15 (5) Visibility: The tree is in a high traffic area and accessible from the  
16 public's right of way.

17 (f) The Board of Supervisors adopts as its own the findings of the Urban Forestry  
18 Council in regard to this tree.

19 Section 2. Landmark Tree Designation.

20 (a) Based on the above mentioned findings, the Board of Supervisors designates the  
21 Flowering Ash (*Fraxinus ornus*), tree no. 1 at 500 Cortland Avenue, in front of the Bernal  
22 Heights Library, which flanks the eastern side of the main doors to the library on Cortland  
23 Avenue (Assessor's Block 5707, Lot 027) as a landmark tree.

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1 (b) The Board of Supervisors directs the Department of Public Works to record the  
2 landmark designation of this tree on the property record of 500 Cortland Avenue and list the  
3 tree in the Department's Official Book of Landmark Trees.

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