

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
(Amended in Committee, 2/15/2024)

[Public Works Code - Neighborhood Commercial Districts Banner Fee Waiver]

Ordinance amending the Public Works Code to waive the banner and inspection fees for nonprofit organizations in certain Neighborhood Commercial Districts (NCDs) and Neighborhood Commercial Transit Districts (NCTDs) through December 31, 2026; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Public Works Code Section 184.78 specifies a process and conditions under which banners may be placed on City-owned utility poles. Applicants for banner permits must pay permit and inspection fees. The Board of Supervisors has approved various waivers of the banner permit and inspection fees under the Public Works Code.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would amend Public Works Code Section 184.78 to waive permit and inspection fees for certain Exempt Nonprofit Organizations for the installation of banners sharing the same content and design within the geographic boundaries of certain Neighborhood Commercial or Neighborhood Commercial Transit District(s) that the Exempt Nonprofit Organization primarily serves, or in which the Exempt Nonprofit Organization is located. For purposes of this fee waiver, Exempt Nonprofit Organization means any organization that (A) is exempt from income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; (B) has an annual budget of no more than \$250,000; and (C) is located in or primarily serves certain Neighborhood Commercial or Neighborhood Commercial Transit Districts.

This ordinance would authorize Exempt Nonprofit Organizations to modify the content or design of the banners, and to remove and replace such banners, without incurring banner permit fees and inspection fees up to two times per year per banner permit.

Background Information

This legislative digest reflects amendments made to this ordinance by the Government Audit and Oversight Committee on February 15, 2024.

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