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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 18, 2026
To: Planning Department/Planning Commission
From: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee
Subject: Board of Supervisors Legislation Referral - File No. 260684
Fire, Public Works Codes - Audit Amnesty Fee Waivers

- 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.

1 [Fire, Public Works Codes - Audit Amnesty Fee Waivers]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Fire and Public Works Codes to waive application review and**
 4 **processing fees for permits to abate violations related to the Department of Building**
 5 **Inspection's Internal Quality Control Audit Amnesty Program; and affirming the**
 6 **Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

7 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
 8 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
 9 **Deletions to Codes** are in ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*~~.
 10 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
 11 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
 12 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
 13 subsections or parts of tables.

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

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14 Section 1. CEQA Findings. The Planning Department has determined that the actions
 15 contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act
 16 (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with
 17 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. ____ and is incorporated herein by reference.
 18 The Board affirms this determination.

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20 Section 2. Chapter 1 of the Fire Code is hereby amended by revising Section 108.19,
 21 to read as follows:

22 **108.19. Reserved. [For SF] Audit Amnesty Fee Waivers.**

23 Notwithstanding the fees established herein, all plan review, administrative, and inspection fees
 24 related to reviewing permits to abate violations subject to the Internal Quality Control Audit Amnesty

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1 Program set forth in Building Code Section 106A.6 are hereby waived regardless of whether the fees
2 were paid prior to the effective date of the ordinance in Board File No. 250191.

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4 Section 3. Article 2.1 of the Public Works Code is hereby amended by adding Section
5 2.1.5, to read as follows:

6 **SEC. 2.1.5. AUDIT AMNESTY FEE WAIVERS.**

7 Notwithstanding the fees established in Section 2.1.1 or elsewhere in this Code, all plan review,
8 administrative, and inspection fees related to permits to abate violations subject to the Internal Quality
9 Control Audit Amnesty Program set forth in Building Code Section 106A.6 are hereby waived
10 regardless of whether the fees were paid prior to the effective date of the ordinance in Board File No.
11 250191.

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13 Section 4. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors
14 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,
15 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal
16 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment
17 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that appears under
18 the official title of the ordinance.

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1 Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective on the 31st day after
2 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
3 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
4 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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7 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
8 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

9 By: /s/ Robb Kapla
10 ROBB KAPLA
11 Deputy City Attorney

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Fire, Public Works Codes - Audit Amnesty Fee Waivers]

Ordinance amending the Fire and Public Works Codes to waive application review and processing fees for permits to abate violations related to the Department of Building Inspection’s Internal Quality Control Audit Amnesty Program; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Section 108 of the Fire Code outlines the fees the Fire Department charges for administrative services to the public, including reviewing and inspecting permits associated with building construction and repair. Article 2.1 of the Public Works Code outlines the fee and assessment schedule for services provided by the Department of Public Works.

Amendments to Current Law

The Proposed Legislation amends Fire Code Section 108 and Article 2.1 of the Public Works Code to waive permit review and processing fees for any permits needed to abate violations related to DBI’s Internal Quality Control Audit (“Audit”).

Background Information

In May 2021, DBI initiated the Audit – a review of properties that were associated with Rodrigo Santos and former Inspector Bernard Curran. DBI completed the Audit in January 2025, and while DBI did not find any imminent life-safety hazards, some Audit properties were issued Notices of Violation (NOVs) requiring the owner to apply for permits to abate the underlying Code violation. To provide relief for these property owners, the Board passed Ordinance No. 171-25, which created an Amnesty program for Audit properties in Section 106A.6 of the Building Code and Section 187 of the Planning Code. The Amnesty program streamlined the permit process and waived Planning and DBI fees for permits to abate Audit-related NOVs. Since enactment of the Amnesty program, some permits to abate Audit-related NOVs have been charged permit review and inspection fees by the Fire Department and Department of Public Works. The Proposed Legislation extends the Amnesty program’s waiver to cover Fire and Public Works fees as well as DBI and Planning fees.

Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)



I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission Youth Commission Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Subject:

Long Title or text listed:

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

