

1 [Ordinance to Designate the Old U.S. Mint At 88 Fifth Street As a Landmark Under Planning
2 Code Article 10.]

3 **Ordinance Designating 88 Fifth Street, The Old U.S. Mint, Block 3704, Lot 11, As**
4 **Landmark No. 236 Pursuant To Article 10, Sections 1004 And 1004.4 Of The Planning**
5 **Code.**

6 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;
7 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.
8 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
9 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

10 Section 1. Findings.

11 The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that 88 Fifth Street, the Old U.S. Mint, Lot 11 in
12 Assessor's Block 3704, has a special character and special historical, architectural and
13 aesthetic interest and value, and that its designation as a Landmark will further the purposes
14 of, and conform to the standards set forth in Article 10 of the City Planning Code.

15 (a) Designation: Pursuant to Section 1004 of the City Planning Code, 88 Fifth
16 Street, the Old U.S. Mint, is hereby designated as Landmark No. 236. This designation has
17 been considered by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board as set forth in Resolution
18 No. 559 and by the Planning Commission as set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No.
19 16512, which Resolutions are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No.
20 021687 and which Resolutions are incorporated herein and made part hereof as though fully
21 set forth.

22 (b) Required Data:

23 (1) The description, location and boundary of the Landmark site is Lot 11 in
24 Assessor's Block 3704.

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1 (2) The characteristics of the Landmark which justify its designation are described
2 and shown in the Landmark Designation Report adopted by the Landmarks Preservation
3 Advisory Board on July 18, 2001 and other supporting materials contained in Planning
4 Department Docket No. 2001.0690L. Said Landmark Designation Report is incorporated
5 herein as though fully set forth. In brief, the characteristics of the landmark which justify its
6 designation are as follows:

7 (A) Association with the economic history of San Francisco and the nation;

8 (B) Association with the governmental history of San Francisco and the
9 nation; and,

10 (C) Exemplification of Greek Revival Design.

11 (3) The particular exterior and interior features that should be maintained and
12 preserved are those described and identified as “very significant,” “significant,” and
13 “contributory” character-defining features in the Historic Structure Report for the United States
14 Old Mint, 5th and Mission Streets, San Francisco, California, prepared for the City and County
15 of San Francisco by Architectural Resources Group, dated 26 June 2002 (the “Historic
16 Structure Report”) and shown in the photographs contained in the Historic Structure Report,
17 and as generally described in the Landmark Designation Case Report, which reports can be
18 found in the Planning Department Docket No. 2001.0690L and Board of Supervisors File No.
19 021687 and are incorporated in this designation ordinance as though fully set forth. In brief,
20 the description of the particular features that should be maintained and preserved include the
21 following:

22 (A) The exterior envelope of the free standing building, including all four
23 street-facing elevations from ground through parapet/pediment and the roof features, surfaces
24 and appurtenances, the fabric of the exterior envelope just described, and the interior
25 surfaces of the building envelope, including: the balanced and symmetrically composed

1 facades with 2-story pilasters; Greek Revival architectural idiom; Roman Doric portico and
2 entablature; six solid fluted sandstone columns at front; two brick chimneys at the rear;
3 massive granite base and belt course; regular courses of smooth-face ashlar sandstone
4 blocks; two pitched center roof gables behind front and rear pediments; roof form (roof slightly
5 sloping toward courtyard); the main entrance doors; exterior double doors of cast iron on the
6 west elevation; projecting stone window sills; mounted bracket sconces, torch and column
7 type light fixtures; low chimney flues with profiled cast iron molding; steel doors on the south
8 elevation; and two-over-two double-hung wood-framed sash windows;

9 (B) All elevations of the two story interior courtyard, its walls, their structural fabric,
10 and the surfaces of these walls, including: the overall proportion, massing and openness of
11 courtyard; four elevations of regular courses of smooth-face ashlar sandstone; gabled stone
12 cornice; slightly projecting pedimented central wall section at east and west; rhythm of original
13 window openings; two-story height with attic; and two-over-two double-hung wood-framed
14 sash windows;

15 (C) The interior ground floor courtyard area including: the granite curb measuring
16 approximately 4 feet in height; masonry walls; cistern walls; original window openings marking
17 original courtyard perimeter; and original drains;

18 (D) The former executive offices (Rooms 121 & 122) located on the first floor
19 overlooking the interior courtyard, including: the double height rooms; second level balcony
20 and decorative railings; ceiling of shallow corrugated galvanized iron arches; pairs of fluted
21 cast iron pilasters above paneled cast iron pedestals; smooth finish plaster over brick between
22 pilasters; cast iron frieze, moldings, cornices, capitals; cast iron window and door casings,
23 baseboards; other cast iron ornaments, rosettes, dentils, egg-and-dart motif; original vaults;
24 original hardware, hinges, door knobs, escutcheon plates, keyholes; original bronze window
25 pulleys; double mahogany doors; and chandeliers;

1 (E) All other interior features described and identified in the Historic Structure
2 Report as character-defining features contributing to the significance of the building including:
3 the double loaded, north-south running main corridors on the first and second floors; east-
4 facing offices off the main corridor; main vestibule and entrance doors on the first floor;
5 original work room spaces and configurations on the First Floor in the east, west, north and
6 south areas, and on the Second Floor in the west area; original floor surfaces of marble,
7 stone, granite and concrete; stone window sills; original plaster wall finishes; masonry walls;
8 original granite and steel vaults; staircases and all staircase elements such as granite treads
9 and cast iron balusters, newel posts and strings; other cast iron elements including window
10 and door casings, columns, lintels, thresholds, baseboards, stanchions, interior window
11 shutters, paneled doors and spiral staircases; mahogany handrails; original chandeliers and
12 light fixtures; marble fireplaces and hearths; exposed brick walls and surfaces; brick piers and
13 wrought iron beams; brick vaulted ceilings, piers and walls; barrel vaulted ceilings; ceilings of
14 corrugated galvanized iron arches; intact window casings; intact interior doors and transoms
15 including mahogany doors; original door hardware, hinges, door knobs, escutcheon plates,
16 keyholes; original bronze window hardware, sash locks, pulls, pulleys and chains; original
17 exposed gas piping, circular masonry flue openings; decorative grille in ceilings; wall surface
18 of granite foundation blocks below the steps and portico on the ground floor interior (east
19 area); and the following features on the interior ground floor work area: recessed wall surfaces
20 marking the location of the main belt and guide pulley, the embedded iron wheels related to
21 belt and pulley machinery, and the workmen's graffiti in Room 21 dated 1874; and

22 (F) Character defining features of the site, including lawns and gardens, cast
23 iron railings above low granite curb at the front and south elevations, cast iron fountains in the
24 front garden, and multi-globe cast iron lamp standards.

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1 (c) General Plan, Priority Policy and Public Welfare Findings.

2 (1) Pursuant to Section 101.1 of the Planning Code, the Board of Supervisors finds
3 that this designation is in conformity with the Priority Policies of Section 101.1 of the Planning
4 Code and with the General Plan, and hereby adopts the findings set forth in the letter dated
5 January 22, 2003 from the Director of Planning and incorporates such findings by this
6 reference thereto.

7 (2) Pursuant to Section 302 of the Planning Code, the Board of Supervisors finds that
8 this designation will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare for the reasons set
9 forth in the letter dated January 22, 2003 from the Director of Planning. Such letter is on file
10 with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 021687 and is incorporated herein by this reference
11 thereto.

12 Section 2. Controls.

13 The property shall be subject to all of the controls and procedures applicable to
14 Landmarks and significant interiors as required by this Ordinance and Planning Code Article
15 10.

16 Section 3. Amendment of Article 10, Appendix A of the Planning Code.

17 Appendix A of Planning Code Article 10 shall be amended to add: The Old U.S. Mint,
18 88 Fifth Street, Block and Lot Number 3704/11.

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20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

RECOMMENDED:
PLANNING COMMISSION

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22 By: _____
Kate H. Stacy
23 Deputy City Attorney

By: _____
Gerald G. Green
24 Director of Planning

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