

1 [Tree Disclosure Statement]

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Resolution urging the Planning Department to require a Tree Disclosure Statement as part of all building permit applications that include exterior work, demolition or grading.

WHEREAS, San Francisco has a relatively small percentage of large trees of high value, as documented by recently completed surveys (UFORE, 2005); and,

WHEREAS, It takes many years for a tree to grow to significant size and character; and,

WHEREAS, Significant, valuable trees are frequently cut down for small and large developments with inadequate public process; and,

WHEREAS, It is a tremendous loss to the surrounding neighborhood when such trees are cut down; and,

WHEREAS, It is incumbent on The City to ensure and promote preservation of the existing tree canopy cover within the City limits; and,

WHEREAS, Properly identifying and mapping all trees within a proposed construction site is the first step in preserving these trees; and,

WHEREAS, Promoting standards of maintenance required for the protection of the City's urban forest during and after construction is an effective way to ensure and promote preservation of such trees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Planning Department to require that all building permit applications that include exterior work and all demolition or grading

1 permit applications include a complete tree disclosure statement (see example from City of
2 Palo Alto); and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges the Planning Department to
4 actively ensure and promote the survival of trees during construction events by providing
5 protection standards and best management practices (see example from City of Palo Alto);
6 and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges the Planning Department to
8 ensure that before development plans are approved, that the Developer agrees in writing to:
9 a) inform all contractors of The City's requirement to preserve and protect landmark trees;
10 and b) to provide the best management practices, procedures, and mitigation so that all
11 parties to the development are held accountable for tree preservation and their protection
12 during and after development; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges the Planning Department to
14 establish and maintain an up-to-date file of all "Tree Disclosure Statements", and make
15 copies available to the public upon request, as governed by The City's Sunshine Laws.

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