

1 [Planning, Building Codes - Small Business Month - Fee Waiver Program]

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3 **Ordinance: 1) recognizing Small Business Month in May 2012; 2) amending the San**  
4 **Francisco Planning Code, and the San Francisco Building Code, to waive fees for the**  
5 **month of May for certain façade improvements; 3) making findings, including**  
6 **environmental findings, findings of consistency with the General Plan, and priority**  
7 **policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.**

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NOTE: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;  
9 deletions are ~~*strike-through italics Times New Roman*~~.  
Board amendment additions are double-underlined;  
10 Board amendment deletions are ~~strike-through normal~~.

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

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13 Section 1. Findings. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
14 hereby finds and declares as follows:

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15 (a) May is Small Business Month and this Board desires to recognize the importance  
16 of small businesses in San Francisco. As part of this recognition, the Board elects to waive  
17 various permit fees for the month of May for awning replacement and installation of pedestrian  
18 level lighting as these fees have acted as a bar from many small businesses to improve their  
19 building facades and store fronts.

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20 (b) On \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No.

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21 \_\_\_\_\_ recommending adoption of this Ordinance, and adopted findings that the  
22 legislation is consistent, on balance, with the City's General Plan and eight priority policies of  
23 Planning Code Section 101.1(b). The Board adopts these findings as it own. A copy of this  
24 Commission Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. \_\_\_\_\_, and is  
25 incorporated by reference herein.

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Supervisor Chu  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

1 (c) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board finds that this Ordinance will  
2 promote the public necessity, convenience, safety and welfare for the reasons set forth in  
3 Commission Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, which is incorporated herein by reference.

4 (d) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this  
5 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources  
6 Code Section 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
7 Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is incorporated herein by reference.

8 (e) On \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, the Building Inspection Commission conducted a public  
9 hearing on this legislation.

10 Section 2. This Section is uncodified.

11 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the Planning Code, including the fee schedule  
12 associated with Sections 355(a) and 355(e), the permit fee for awning replacement and for  
13 signs, respectively, are hereby waived for any permit issued for such activities during the  
14 month of May 2012.

15 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the Building Code, including the fee schedules of  
16 Tables 1A-A and 1A-E, the permit fees related to reviewing the structural integrity of awning  
17 replacements for those permits submitted "over the counter" at the Central Permit Bureau and  
18 installation of pedestrian level lighting, respectively, are hereby waived for any permit issued  
19 for such activities during the month of May 2012.

20 Section 3. The fee waivers set forth in this Ordinance shall apply only to small  
21 business enterprises. The Board of Supervisors hereby delegates to the Department of  
22 Building Inspection and the Planning Department the establishment of a process by which the  
23 respective departments will certify that an applicant is a small business enterprise.

1           Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the  
2 date of passage; provided, however, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be retroactive  
3 to May 1, 2012 should the effective date of the Ordinance occur after said date.

4           Section 4. This section is uncodified. In enacting this Ordinance, the Board intends to  
5 amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers,  
6 punctuation, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent part of the Planning Code that are  
7 explicitly shown in this legislation as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and  
8 Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title  
9 of the legislation.

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

13 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
14       John D. Malamut  
15       Deputy City Attorney