AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE – 7/7/03 ORDINANCE NO.

FILE NO. 030040

1	[Jackson Square Special Use District.]		
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3	Ordinance amending the Planning Code to add section 249.24 to establish the Jackson		
4	Square Special Use District, amending the Zoning Map Sectional Map No. 1 SU to show		
5	the boundaries of this District, requiring that within a portion of this District all ground		
6	floor-and basement level office use be subject to conditional use authorization and in		
7	other specified portions be prohibited as specified, requiring that within this District		
8	adult entertainment enterprises be prohibited, modifying the abandonment period for		
9	permitted conditional uses in this District, and making findings of consistency with the		
10	General Plan and priority	policies of Planning Code section 101.1.	
11	Note:	Additions are <i>single-underline italics Times New Roman</i> ; deletions are <i>strikethrough italics Times New Roman</i> .	
12		Board amendment additions are double underlined.	
13		Board amendment deletions are strikethrough normal.	
14	Be it ordained by the	e People of the City and County of San Francisco:	
15	Section 1. Findings. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco		
16	hereby finds and determines that:		
17	(a) Pursuant	to Planning Code section 302, this Board of Supervisors finds that	
18	this ordinance will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare for the reasons set		
19	forth in Planning Commission Resolution Nos. 16577 and 16578 recommending approval of		
20	this Planning Code amendment, and incorporates such reasons by this reference hereto. A		
21	copy of said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.		
22	030040.		
23	(b) Pursuant	to Planning Code section 101.1, this Board of Supervisors finds	
24	that this ordinance is consi	istent with the Priority Policies of section 101.1(b) of the Planning	
25	Code and the General Plan	n and hereby adopts the findings of the Planning Commission, as	

1	set forth in Planning Commission Resolution Nos. 16577 and 16578, and incorporates said		
2	findings by this reference hereto.		
3	Section 2. The San Francisco Planning Code is hereby amended by adding		
4	section 249.24, to read as follows:		
5	SEC. 249.24. Jackson Square Special Use District.		
6	In order to provide for the protection and enhancement of specialty retail and antique store uses		
7	in the Jackson Square area, there shall be established the Jackson Square Special Use District as		
8	designated on Sectional Map No. 1 SU of the Zoning Map. The boundaries of this special use district		
9	shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the Jackson Square Historic District as established by		
10	Appendix B to Article 10 of this Code and further described in section 3 of that Appendix. The		
11	following provisions shall apply within the Jackson Square Special Use District:		
12	(a) Purposes. These controls are intended to protect and enhance the unique retail character		
13	of the special use district. All decisions of the Planning Commission and Department for the		
14	establishment of ground floor-and basement use shall be guided by the following factors:		
15	(1) Continuation and enhancement of existing ground floor and basement retail uses		
16	are of critical importance to the character of the District and displacement of such uses should be		
17	<u>discouraged;</u>		
18	(2) Attraction and retention of similar new retail establishments that conform with the		
19	character of this District should be encouraged; and		
20	(3) Uses that greatly intensify the density of employment have a negative impact on the		
21	provision of neighborhood services, traffic circulation, and limited on- and offstreet parking.		
22	(b) Controls.		
23	(1) General. The provisions of the C-2 use district as established in section 210.2 and		
24	applicable provisions of the Garment Shop Special Use District (section 236) and the Washington-		
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1	Broadway Special Use Districts (section 239) shall prevail except as provided in paragraphs (2) and			
2	(3) below.			
3	(2) Conditional Uses. (a) Office uses set forth in sections 219(a), (b), (c), and (d) at			
4	the ground floor are subject to conditional use authorization pursuant to section 303 of this Code,			
5	provided, however, that building lobbies, entrances, and exits to and from the basement,			
6	ground floor, or upper floors, and other reasonably-sized common areas at the ground floor			
7	shall be permitted without conditional use authorization. In addition to the findings required			
8	under section 303(c) for conditional use authorization, the Commission shall make the			
9	following findings:			
10	(i) The use shall be necessary to preserve the historic resource and no other			
11	use can be demonstrated to preserve the historic resource.			
12	(ii) The use shall be compatible with, and shall enhance, the unique retail			
13	character of the District.			
14	(b) Subsection (b)(2)(a) shall not apply to any use that fronts Pacific Street.			
15	(3) Prohibited Uses.			
16	(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) above, office uses set forth			
17	in sections 219(a), (b), and (d) are prohibited on Jackson Street between Sansome and			
18	Montgomery Streets.			
19	(b) Adult entertainment enterprises, as defined in section 221(k), are prohibited.			
20	Section 3. The San Francisco Planning Code is hereby amended by amending section			
21	178 to read as follows:			
22	SEC. 178. CONDITIONAL USES.			
23	The following provisions shall apply to conditional uses:			
24	(a) Definition. For the purposes of this Section, a permitted conditional use			
25	shall refer to:			

- (1) Any use or feature authorized as a conditional use pursuant to Article 3 of this Code, provided that such use or feature was established within the time limits specified as a condition of authorization or, if no time limit was specified, within a reasonable time from the date of authorization; or
- (2) Any use or feature which is classified as a conditional use in the district in which it is located and which lawfully existed either on the effective date of this Code, or on the effective date of any amendment imposing new conditional use requirements upon such use or feature; or
- (3) Any use deemed to be a permitted conditional use pursuant to Section179 of this Code.
- (b) Continuation. Except as provided for temporary uses in Section 205 of this Code, and except where time limits are otherwise specified as a condition of authorization, any permitted conditional use may continue in the form in which it was authorized, or in the form in which it lawfully existed either on the effective date of this Code or the effective date of any amendment imposing new conditional use requirements upon such use or feature, unless otherwise provided in this Section or in Article 2 of this Code.
- (c) Enlargements or Alteration. A permitted conditional use may not be significantly altered, enlarged, or intensified, except upon approval of a new conditional use application pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of this Code. With regard to an Internet Services Exchange as defined in Section 209.6(c), any physical alteration which will enlarge or expand the building for the purpose of intensifying the use shall be deemed to be significant under this section, and any increase in the size of electrical service to the building which will require a permit from the Department of Building Inspection shall be deemed to be significant under this section.

(d) Abandonment. A permitted conditional use which is discontinued for a
period of three years, or otherwise abandoned, shall not be restored, except upon approval of
a new conditional use application pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of this Code. For
purposes of this Subsection, the period of nonuse for a permitted conditional use to be
deemed discontinued in the North Beach, and Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial
Districts, and the Jackson Square Special Use District shall be eighteen (18) months.

- (e) Changes in Use. The following provisions shall apply to permitted conditional uses with respect to changes in use:
- (1) A permitted conditional use may be changed to another use listed in Articles 2, 7 or 8 of this Code as a principal use for the district in which it is located and the new use may thereafter be continued as a permitted principal use.
- (2) A permitted conditional use may be changed to another use listed in Articles 2, 7 or 8 of this Code as a conditional use for the district in which the property is located, subject to the other applicable provisions of this Code, only upon approval of a new conditional use application, pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of this Code.
- (3) A permitted conditional use may not be changed to another use not permitted or prohibited by Articles 2, 7 or 8 of this Code. If a permitted conditional use has been wrongfully changed to another use in violation of the foregoing provisions and the violation is not immediately corrected when required by the Zoning Administrator, the wrongful change shall be deemed to be a discontinuance or abandonment of the permitted conditional use.
- (4) Once a permitted conditional use has been changed to a principal use permitted in the district in which the property is located, or brought closer in any other manner to conformity with the use limitations of this Code, the use of the property may not thereafter

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- be returned to its former permitted conditional use status, except upon approval of a new
 conditional use application pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of this Code.
 - (5) In the North Beach Neighborhood Commercial District, any use that exceeds the use size provisions of Section 121.2(a) or 121.2(b) may be changed to a new use only upon approval of a new conditional use application. The Commission's approval of such conditional use application shall explicitly address the use size findings of Section 303(c).
 - (6) In the Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District, any use that exceeds the use size provisions of Section 121.2(a), but is smaller than the maximum use size limit of Section 121.2(b), may be changed to a new use only upon approval of a new conditional use application. The Commission's approval of such conditional use application shall explicitly address the use size findings of Section 303(c).
 - occupied by a permitted conditional use that is damaged or destroyed by fire, or other calamity, or by Act of God, or by the public enemy, may be restored to its former condition and use without the approval of a new conditional use application, provided that such restoration is permitted by the Building Code, and is started within one year and diligently pursued to completion. Except as provided in Subsection (g) below, no structure occupied by a permitted conditional use that is voluntarily razed or required by law to be razed by the owner thereof may thereafter be restored except upon approval of a new conditional use application pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of this Code.
 - (g) None of the provisions of this Section 178 shall be construed to prevent any measures of construction, alteration or demolition necessary to correct the unsafe or dangerous condition of any structure, other feature, or part thereof, where such condition has been declared unsafe or dangerous by the Superintendent of the Bureau of Building Inspection or the Chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety, and where the

1	proposed measures have been declared necessary, by such official, to correct the said			
2	condition; provided, however, that only such work as is absolutely necessary to correct the			
3	unsafe or dangerous condition may be performed pursuant to this Section.			
4	Section 4. Amendment of the Zoning Map. The following change is hereby adopted as			
5	an amendment to Zoning Map Sectional Map No. 1 SU of the City and County of San			
6	Francisco:			
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8	Description of Property	Special Use		
9		District to be		
10		<u>Approved</u>		
11	Jackson Square Historic District	Jackson Square		
12	as established by Appendix B	Special Use District		
13	to Article 10 of this Code comprising			
14	Assessor's Blocks 173 and 196 and			
15	portions of Assessor's Blocks 163,			
16	164, 176, and 195			
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18	ADDDOVED AG TO FORM			
19	APPROVED AS TO FORM: DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney			
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