

1 [Administrative Code - Official Band - San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to designate the San Francisco**
4 **Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band as the official band of the City and County of San**
5 **Francisco.**

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

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

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13 Section 1. Findings.

14 (a) The San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band was founded in 1978 by Jon
15 Sims at the height of Anita Bryant's anti-gay crusade. The Band was the first openly gay
16 music organization in the world.

17 (b) Over the past 40 years, the Band has inspired the formation of social activist
18 LGBTQ bands, choruses, and performing troupes worldwide, and has built understanding
19 between the LGBTQ community and other communities through public musical performances.
20 Each year, the Band performs its Community Concert Series and its beloved fun-filled holiday
21 production, the Dance-Along Nutcracker, and also performs at a variety of parades and civic
22 events. By performing at many important events, including both Presidential Inaugurals of Bill
23 Clinton; the 1979, 1987, and 1993 marches on Washington for LGBT rights; the 1997 National
24 Conference of the United Methodist Church; and the nationally televised San Francisco

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1 Domestic Partners' Ceremony, the Band has given San Francisco added national prominence
2 as a beacon of freedom in the struggle for LGBTQ rights.

3 (c) The Band has been recognized and honored by public officials over the past
4 several decades, and has been recognized as the Official Band of San Francisco in two
5 proclamations issued by Supervisor Tom Ammiano. In celebration of the Band's 40th
6 anniversary, the Board of Supervisors adopts this ordinance formally declaring the Band as
7 the official band of the City and County of San Francisco.

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9 Section 2. Chapter 1 of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Section
10 1.5-4, to read as follows:

11 **SEC. 1.5-4. OFFICIAL BAND DESIGNATED.**

12 *The San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band is hereby designated as the official band of the*
13 *City and County of San Francisco.*

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15 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
16 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
17 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
18 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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