

1 [Development Agreement - 98 Franklin Street, LLC - 98 Franklin Street; Certain Administrative
2 Code Waivers]

3 **Ordinance approving a Development Agreement between the City and County of San**
4 **Francisco and 98 Franklin Street, LLC, for certain real property at 98 Franklin Street**
5 **(Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0836, Lot Nos. 008, 009, and 013), consisting of three**
6 **parcels located in the Van Ness & Market Residential Special Use District on the east**
7 **side of Franklin Street, between Oak and Market Streets; waiving certain provisions of**
8 **Administrative Code, Chapter 56; adopting findings under the California Environmental**
9 **Quality Act; and making findings of conformity with the General Plan, and the eight**
10 **priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1(b), and findings of public necessity,**
11 **convenience, and general welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.**

12 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
13 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
14 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
15 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
16 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
17 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
18 subsections or parts of tables.

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

20 Section 1. Project Findings.

21 The Board of Supervisors makes the following findings:

22 (a) California Government Code Sections 65864 et seq. authorizes any city, county,
23 or city and county to enter into an agreement for the development of real property within its
24 respective jurisdiction.

25 (b) Administrative Code Chapter 56 ("Chapter 56") sets forth certain procedures for
the processing and approval of development agreements in the City and County of San
Francisco (the "City").

1 (c) 98 Franklin Street, LLC, a California limited liability company (the "Developer"),
2 is the owner of that certain real property located at 98 Franklin Street (Assessor's Parcel
3 Block No. 0836, Lots 008, 009, and 013; the "Project Site"), which is an irregularly shaped
4 property formed by three parcels totaling approximately 23,750 square feet, located on the
5 east side of Franklin Street, between Oak and Market Streets in the Van Ness & Market
6 Residential Special Use District.

7 (d) On May 21, 2020, the Planning Commission approved Resolution Nos. 20709
8 through 20712 and 20614, and Motion No. 20707; and on May 28, 2020, the Planning
9 Commission approved Motion Nos. 20726 through 20728 (collectively, the "Approvals"). The
10 Approvals entitled the Project Site for a new 36-story mixed-use building reaching a height of
11 approximately 365 feet (and approximately 397 feet including rooftop screen/mechanical
12 equipment), with 345 dwelling units, approximately 84,815 gross square feet of school use
13 floor area, approximately 3,229 gross square feet of retail space, 306 Class 1 and 57 Class 2
14 bicycle parking spaces, and three below-grade levels to accommodate up to 111 vehicle
15 parking spaces for the residential and school uses (the "Project"). The Approvals restrict 20%
16 of the Project's dwelling units as affordable. The Approvals are on file with the Planning
17 Department, located at 49 South Van Ness, Suite 1400, San Francisco, CA 94103.

18 (e) On November 21, 2022, the Developer submitted to the Planning Department a
19 request to amend the Approvals and enter into a development agreement to (1) increase the
20 Project's height limit to 400 feet (excluding permitted rooftop screen/mechanical equipment),
21 (2) increase the number of dwelling units to 385, (3) permit a land dedication to the City of real
22 property at 600 Van Ness Avenue (Block 0763, Lots 006 through 009; the "Affordable Housing
23 Site"), or other real property acceptable to the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community
24 Development ("MOHCD"), exceeding the dwelling unit requirements of Planning Code Section
25 249.33(b)(16), at no cost to the City, (4) waive all but one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of the

1 Project's applicable Market and Octavia Affordable Housing fee under Planning Code Section
2 416 and waive all of the Project's applicable Van Ness Residential Special Use District
3 Affordable Housing fee pursuant to Planning Code Section 424, with the intent that these
4 funds be dedicated to Parcel K (located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Hayes
5 Street and Octavia Boulevard, as described in the Market & Octavia Neighborhood Plan), and
6 (5) vest the Project's Approvals for five years following the effective date of the development
7 agreement (collectively, the "Approval Modifications").

8 (f) This ordinance does not constitute an approval of any new or revised project
9 located at the Affordable Housing Site. In 2018, the Planning Department prepared a
10 mitigated negative declaration for a 138-foot mixed use project encompassing 156,598 square
11 feet of residential uses, 168 dwelling units, 6,241 square feet of ground floor commercial uses,
12 and 22,900 square feet of parking at the Affordable Housing Site (Planning Department Case
13 Number 2015-012729ENV). At the time, the Planning Commission adopted CEQA findings
14 and a Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Program ("MMRP") in its Motion No. 20196
15 (Planning Department Case No. 2015-012729CUA) for the previously approved 168-unit
16 project at the Affordable Housing Site. The CEQA findings and the MMRP contained in
17 Planning Commission Motion No. 20196 are incorporated herein by this reference thereto, as
18 applicable to the land dedication authorized by this ordinance. The City is not otherwise
19 approving any changes to the approved project at 600 Van Ness Avenue. If and when any
20 revised project for the Affordable Housing Site is undertaken, or is submitted to the City for
21 review, the City will conduct any additional environmental review required by CEQA for that
22 project.

23 (g) The City and Developer negotiated a development agreement to implement the
24 Approval Modifications (the "Development Agreement"), a copy of which is on file with the
25 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 221163 and incorporated herein by reference.

1 (h) The Planning Department has determined that as a result of the development of
2 the Project Site with the Approval Modifications in accordance with the Development
3 Agreement, clear benefits to the public will accrue that could not be obtained through
4 application of existing City ordinances, regulations, and policies, as more particularly
5 described in the Development Agreement. Specifically, the Development Agreement will
6 provide an affordable housing contribution to the City that will exceed the requirements of
7 applicable City codes.

8 (i) On March 30 2023, at a duly noticed public hearing, the Planning Commission
9 approved (1) Resolution No. R-21297, recommending to the Board of Supervisors approval of
10 the Approval Modifications, including changes to the Height Map and Planning Code (the
11 “Companion Rezoning Legislation”), upon the effective date of the Development Agreement,
12 and (2) Resolution No. R-21299, recommending to the Board of Supervisors approval of the
13 Development Agreement. In addition, the Planning Commission, as part of Resolution No. R-
14 21297, adopted findings that the Project, with the Approval Modifications, is, on balance,
15 consistent with the General Plan and the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1
16 and adopted findings under Planning Code Section 302 that the Project will serve the public
17 necessity, convenience, and general welfare (the “Planning Commission General Plan
18 Consistency Findings”). The Planning Commission Resolutions referenced in this subsection
19 (i) are on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 221163 and incorporated into this
20 ordinance.

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22 Section 2. California Environmental Quality Act Findings.

23 The Planning Commission in Resolution No. R-21297 also adopted environmental
24 findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code
25 Sections 21000 et seq.; "CEQA"), that the Project with the Approval Modifications satisfied all

1 the requirements of CEQA (the “Planning Commission CEQA Findings”). A copy of the
2 Planning Commission CEQA Findings is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
3 File No. 221163. The Board of Supervisors incorporates the Planning Commission CEQA
4 Findings into this ordinance, and adopts these finding as its own.

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6 Section 3. Public Necessity, General Plan, and Planning Code Section 101.1(b)
7 Findings.

8 (a) The Board of Supervisors finds that the Development Agreement with the
9 Approval Modifications will serve the public necessity, convenience, and general welfare in
10 accordance with Planning Code Section 302 for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission
11 Resolution No. R-21299 recommending approval of the Development Agreement.

12 (b) The Board of Supervisors finds that the Development Agreement with the
13 Approval Modifications is, on balance, in conformity with the General Plan and the eight
14 priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 for the reasons set forth in the Planning
15 Commission General Plan Consistency Findings.

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17 Section 4. Approval of Development Agreement.

18 (a) The Board of Supervisors approves all of the terms and conditions of the
19 Development Agreement, in substantially the form on file with the Clerk of the Board of
20 Supervisors in File No. 221163.

21 (b) The Board of Supervisors approves and authorizes the execution, delivery, and
22 performance by the City of the Development Agreement, subject to the Developer's payment
23 of all City costs with respect to the Development Agreement. Upon receipt of the payment of
24 the City's costs billed to the Developer, the Director of Planning and other City officials listed
25 thereon are authorized to execute and deliver the Development Agreement, and the Director

1 of Planning and other applicable City officials are authorized to take all actions reasonably
2 necessary or prudent to perform the City's obligations under the Development Agreement in
3 accordance with the terms of the Development Agreement and Chapter 56, as applicable.
4 Without limiting the foregoing, MOHCD is authorized to take all actions necessary or prudent
5 to accept title to the Affordable Housing Site, or to an alternative site acceptable to MOHCD
6 that equals or exceeds the size needed to build not less than 168 dwelling units and does not
7 materially increase any costs to MOHCD for development of affordable housing on that
8 alternative site. The Director of Planning, at the Director's discretion and in consultation with
9 the City Attorney and the Director of MOHCD, is authorized to enter into any additions,
10 amendments, or other modifications to the Development Agreement that the Director of
11 Planning determines are in the best interests of the City and that do not materially increase
12 the obligations or liabilities of the City or materially decrease the benefits to the City under the
13 Development Agreement, subject to the approval of any affected City agency as more
14 particularly described in the Development Agreement.

15 (c) As set forth in the Development Agreement, Developer will not receive any of
16 the fee waivers described as part of the Approval Modifications unless and until the City
17 accepts title to the Affordable Housing Site, or to an alternative site acceptable to MOHCD, on
18 or before the date that the fees would otherwise be due and payable.

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20 Section 5. Administrative Code Chapter 56 Waivers.

21 In connection with the Development Agreement, the Board of Supervisors finds that the
22 requirements of Administrative Code, Chapter 56 have been substantially complied with, and
23 hereby waives any procedural or other requirements of Chapter 56 if and to the extent that
24 they have not been complied with.

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1 Section 6. Ratification of City Officials' Acts.

2 All actions taken by City officials in preparing and submitting the Development
3 Agreement to the Board of Supervisors for review and consideration are hereby ratified and
4 confirmed, and the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes all subsequent action to be taken
5 by City officials consistent with this ordinance.

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7 Section 7. Effective and Operative Dates.

8 (a) This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs
9 when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not
10 sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisor's overrides the
11 Mayor's veto of the ordinance; provided.,

12 (b) This ordinance shall become operative on the effective date of the companion
13 rezoning ordinance in Board File No. 221164, which, among other things, modifies the height
14 limit at Assessor's Block No. 0836, Lot No. 013.

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16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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