

## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Park Code – Botanical Garden Non-Resident Fees]

**Ordinance amending the San Francisco Park Code, Article 12, by amending Section 12.46, (1) to extend admission fees to the Botanical Garden for non-San Francisco residents ~~beyond June 30, 2011~~ until September 30, 2013; (2) eliminate the provision cancelling this admission fee if the Recreation and Park Department receives revenue from a new tax that can be used for Botanical Garden operating and maintenance costs, and (3) making environmental findings.**

### Existing Law

In 2010, entrance fees to the San Francisco Botanical Garden were established for non San Francisco residents. These fees are to expire on June 30, 2011.

Additionally, these fees are to expire if the Recreation and Park Department receives revenue from a new tax that can be used for operating and maintenance costs at the Botanical Garden.

### Amendments to Current Law

- Removes the sunset date on the non-resident fees provision and extends the provision ~~indefinitely~~ until September 30, 2013.
- Eliminates the provision which would suspend the non-resident fee should a new tax be approved to pay for operating and maintenance costs at the San Francisco Botanical Garden.
- Changes the submission of required reports by the Recreation and Park Department to the Budget and Finance Committee on the San Francisco Botanical Garden non-resident fee from twice a year to once a year.

### Background Information

The non-resident fee was established to offset operation and maintenance costs for the San Francisco Botanical Garden because the Recreation and Park Department has to reduce its general fund support by 20%.