

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Fulton Street Grocery Store Special Use District]

Ordinance amending Planning Code Section 249.35A to allow a grocery store that may be defined as a formula retail use.

Existing Law

Planning Code Section 249.35A currently would allow a grocery store in this special use district, but the legislation expired earlier in the year 2013. The Planning Code did not contain an exemption from the formula retail prohibition in the Hayes-Gough NCT and required that any other commercial uses not exceed 3,000 square feet of occupied floor area per use. Any grocery store signs would be subject to the requirement of Planning Code Article 6.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would allow a formula retail grocery store and would allow other commercial uses to exceed 3,000 square feet. The ordinance contains restrictions for the grocery store business signs, including the window signs, wall signs, projecting signs and signs on awnings and marquees. Freestanding signs are not permitted. The legislation extends the effectiveness of the ordinance for 5 years of its effective date.