

1 [Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Mission Congregational Church]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Planning Code to designate the Mission Congregational**
 4 **Church, located at 3689 19th Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3598, Lot No. 060, on**
 5 **the south side of 19th Street between Dolores Street and Guerrero Street, as a**
 6 **landmark consistent with the standards set forth in Article 10 of the Planning Code;**
 7 **affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental**
 8 **Quality Act; and making public necessity, convenience, and welfare findings under**
 9 **Planning Code, Section 302, and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the**
 10 **eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

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

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

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18 Section 1. Findings.

19 (a) Environmental and Land Use Findings.

20 (1) The Planning Department has determined that the Planning Code
 21 amendment proposed in this ordinance is subject to a Categorical Exemption from the
 22 California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et
 23 seq., hereinafter "CEQA") pursuant to Section 15308 of California Code of Regulations, Title
 24 14, Sections 15000 et seq., the Guidelines for implementation of the statute, for actions by
 25 regulatory agencies for protection of the environment (in this case, landmark designation).

1 Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.
2 _____ and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board of Supervisors affirms
3 this determination.

4 (2) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that
5 the proposed landmark designation of the Mission Congregational Church will serve the public
6 necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth in Historic Preservation
7 Commission Resolution No. _____, recommending approval of the proposed
8 designation, which is incorporated herein by reference.

9 (3) The Board of Supervisors finds that the proposed landmark designation of
10 the Mission Congregational Church is consistent with the General Plan and with Planning
11 Code Section 101.1(b) for the reasons set forth in Historic Preservation Commission
12 Resolution No. _____, which is incorporated herein by reference.

13 (b) General Findings.

14 (1) On March 3, 2026, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 102-
15 26, initiating landmark designation of the Mission Congregational Church as a San Francisco
16 Landmark pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the Planning Code. On Marh 6, 2026, the Mayor
17 approved the resolution. Said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
18 File No. 260055.

19 (2) Pursuant to Charter Section 4.135, the Historic Preservation Commission
20 has authority “to recommend approval, disapproval, or modification of landmark designations
21 and historic district designations under the Planning Code to the Board of Supervisors.”

22 (3) The Landmark Designation Fact Sheet dated May 20, 2026 was prepared
23 by Planning Department Preservation staff. All preparers meet the Secretary of the Interior’s
24 Professional Qualification Standards for historic preservation program staff, as set forth in
25 Code of Federal Regulations Title 36, Part 61, Appendix A. The report was reviewed for

1 accuracy and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10 of the Planning
2 Code. A copy of the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
3 Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by reference.

4 (4) The Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of May 20,
5 2026, reviewed Planning Department staff’s analysis of the historical significance of the
6 Mission Congregational Church set forth in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet.

7 (5) On May 20, 2026, after holding a public hearing on the proposed
8 designation and having considered the specialized analyses prepared by Planning
9 Department staff and the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet, the Historic Preservation
10 Commission recommended designation of the Mission Congregational Church as a landmark
11 consistent with the standards set forth in Section 1004 of the Planning Code, by Resolution
12 No. _____. Said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.
13 _____.

14 (6) The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that the Mission Congregational
15 Church has a special character and special historical, cultural, architectural, and aesthetic
16 interest and value, and that its designation as a landmark will further the purposes of and
17 conform to the standards set forth in Article 10 of the Planning Code. In doing so, the Board of
18 Supervisors hereby incorporates by reference the findings of the Landmark Designation Fact
19 Sheet.

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21 Section 2. Designation.

22 Pursuant to Section 1004.3 of the Planning Code, the Mission Congregational Church,
23 located at 3689 19th Street, Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 3598, Lot No. 060, is hereby
24 designated as a San Francisco landmark consistent with the standards set forth in Section
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1 1004. Appendix A to Article 10 of the Planning Code is hereby amended to include this
2 property.

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4 Section 3. Required Data.

5 (a) The description, location, and boundary of the landmark site consists of the
6 footprint of the Mission Congregational Church, located on Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3598
7 Lot No. 060, on the south side of 19th Street between Dolores Street and Guerrero Street in
8 San Francisco's Mission neighborhood, as shown in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet.

9 (b) The characteristics of the landmark that justify its designation are described and
10 shown in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet and other supporting materials contained in
11 Planning Department Record Docket No. 2026-001917DES. In brief, the Mission
12 Congregational Church, located at 3689 19th Street is eligible for local designation as an
13 intact example of a Gothic Revival Church in San Francisco, and for its association with post-
14 1906 earthquake and fire reconstruction of the Mission Neighborhood. Constructed in 1910,
15 the brick-framed church was designed by architect Reverend Francis W. Reid. The church
16 was built as the Mission Congregational Church, which was a consolidation of the Third
17 Congregational Church organized in 1863 and the Olivet Congregational Church organized in
18 1884. In 1930, the church was purchased by the Ascension Lutheran Church. While the
19 parcel was vacant prior to the Great 1906 Earthquake and Fires, it lies in an area heavily
20 impacted by the Fires, known as the burn zone. Thus, the church is associated with the
21 neighborhood's reconstruction following the disaster.

22 (c) The particular features that should be preserved, or replaced in kind as determined
23 necessary, are those generally shown in photographs and described in the Landmark
24 Designation Fact Sheet, which can be found in Planning Department Record Docket No.
25 2026-001917DES, and which are incorporated in this designation by reference as though fully

1 set forth herein. This designation does not identify any interior character-defining features.
2 Specifically, the features that are character-defining and shall be preserved or replaced in kind
3 are the exterior elevations, form, massing, structure, rooflines, architectural ornament, and
4 materials of the property, identified as:

- 5 (1) Corner location of the building on the property;
- 6 (2) Two-story height;
- 7 (3) Varied roof form, including intersecting hipped roof and flat roof;
- 8 (4) North and west street facing gables;
- 9 (5) Metal frame with brick walls, red pressed brick facing, and red sandstone
10 trimmings, and exterior brick buttresses;
- 11 (6) Lancet, arched, and rectangular openings with deeply recessed windows,
12 including a trio of stained-glass windows with floral designs;
- 13 (7) Tall, square, crenulated tower; and
- 14 (8) Two sets of wood paneled double doors on west facing façade.

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16 Section 4. Effective Date.

17 This ordinance shall become effective on the 31st day after enactment. Enactment
18 occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or
19 does not sign the ordinance within 10 days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors
20 overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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22 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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