

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Public Works Code, Planning Code - Fee Waiver for Vicha Ratanapakdee Mosaic Stairway]

Ordinance amending the Public Works Code to waive the major encroachment permit fees for a project to install and maintain mosaic tiles on the Vicha Ratanapakdee Way stairs located in the Anza Vista neighborhood between O'Farrell Street and Terra Anza Avenue and amending the Planning Code to waive the General Plan referral fee associated with this encroachment permit; affirming the Planning Commission's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

Existing Law

The Love Our Neighborhoods Project permit program, established in Ordinance No. 252-23, identified certain proposals for the installation and maintenance of tiles on public stairways as Tier 3 projects. Tier 3 projects require a major encroachment permit under Public Works Code Sections 786 et seq., and Public Works approves such permits in contrast to most other major encroachments that require Board of Supervisors approval. Under the Public Works Code major encroachment permit provisions, Public Works charges various fees as set forth in Public Works Code Sections 2.1.1 et seq. In addition, major encroachment permits also require a San Francisco General Plan consistency finding. The fee for the General Plan referral to obtain the consistency finding is found in the Planning Code.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would amend the Public Works Code to waive all fees associated with a major encroachment permit for a Tier 3 Love Our Neighborhoods Project. The legislation also would amend the Planning Code to waive the General Plan referral fee required for a major encroachment permit. The ordinance also would make findings, including environmental findings and findings of consistency with the General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1.

Background Information

The purpose of this legislation is to recognize the benefits to the community of the Vicha Ratanapakdee Mosaic Stairway Project, its symbolism of a tragic event affecting a beloved member of our community, and its ability to raise awareness about hate crime and mark San Francisco's solidarity in the fight against hate crime.

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