

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Reproductive Health Clinics]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to indicate districts where Reproductive Health Clinics are principally permitted and to make other conforming changes to the Planning Code and Zoning Control Tables, as required by Proposition O, passed by the voters in November 2024; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302.

Existing Law

San Francisco voters passed Proposition O in November 2024. Among other things, Proposition O added Planning Code Section 202.5, providing that Reproductive Health Clinics, as defined, are principally permitted on all floors in all districts, except three residential districts. In those residential districts, Reproductive Health Clinics are principally permitted only on the ground floor on corner lots, where they are permitted as Limited Corner Commercial Uses. Proposition O directed the Planning Department to prepare an ordinance implementing Proposition O, as follows: the "Planning Department shall, within 120 days of the effective date of this ordinance, submit for introduction at the Board of Supervisors an ordinance that makes all changes necessary to conform the Planning Code to the requirements of Section 202.5 adopted herein, including but not limited to, amending Zoning Control Tables to list Reproductive Health Clinics as a Principally Permitted use."

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance amends the Planning Code and its Zoning Control Tables to list Reproductive Health Clinics as a Principally Permitted use, as required by Proposition O.

Background Information

The State of California passed Assembly Bill 2085 (Bauer-Kahan) in late 2024, which requires ministerial approval of reproductive health clinics in many zoning districts, as further specified in the bill.

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