

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(7/20/2021, Amended in Board)

[Park Code - Non-Resident Fees at Certain Specialty Attractions]

Ordinance amending the Park Code to allow the Recreation and Park Department to continue setting non-resident adult admission fees for the Japanese Tea Garden, the Coit Tower Elevator, the Conservatory of Flowers, and the San Francisco Botanical Garden by flexible pricing until December 7, 2021; clarifying that the increased non-resident adult admission fees for the Coit Tower Elevator shall be deemed to have expired by operation of law on June 30, 2021; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

The Park Code imposes admission fees for the Japanese Tea Garden, the Coit Tower Elevator, the Conservatory of Flowers, and the San Francisco Botanical Garden. There are different rates for children, adults and seniors, plus a discount for San Francisco residents.

In 2019, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Recreation and Park Department to set the non-resident adult admission fees through "flexible pricing," meaning that the Department may temporarily increase or decrease the fees based on factors such as customer demand, rates at comparable facilities, adverse weather conditions, and facility conditions. (Admission fees for non-resident youth and seniors, and for San Francisco residents of all ages, are exempt from flexible pricing.) The flexible pricing system is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2021.

Amendments to Current Law

This version of the digest corresponds with a second set of amendments made on July 20, 2021. The first set of amendments would have allowed the Recreation and Park Department to continue to use flexible pricing for non-resident adult visitors at the four facilities in question until December 7, 2021. This second set of amendments modified that version, by removing the Coit Tower Elevator from the list of facilities where flexible pricing would be extended. Thus, flexible pricing at the Coit Tower Elevator expired by operation of law on June 30, 2021, but at the other three facilities will be extended to December 7, 2021.

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