

1 [Landmark Designation of 1601 Larkin Street (the First St. John's United Methodist Church).]

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3 **Ordinance Designating 1601 Larkin Street, the First St. John's United Methodist**
4 **Church, (Assessor's Block Number 0620, Lot Number 006), a Landmark under Planning**
5 **Code Article 10; and adopting General Plan, Planning Code Section 101.1(b) and**
6 **environmental findings.**

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8 deletions are ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman*~~.
9 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

11 Section 1. Findings.

12 A. On September 20, 2007, at a duly noticed public hearing, the Planning
13 Commission in Resolution No. 17486 found that the proposed landmark designation of 1601
14 Larkin Street (the First St. John's United Methodist Church) was consistent with the City's
15 General Plan and with Planning Code Section 101.1(b). In addition, the Planning Commission
16 recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the landmark designation. A copy of said
17 Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 071544 and is
18 incorporated herein by reference. The Board finds that the proposed landmark designation is
19 consistent with the City's General Plan and with Planning Code Section 101.1(b) for the
20 reasons set forth in said Resolution.

21 B. Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board finds that the proposed
22 landmark designation will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare for the reasons
23 set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. 17486, which reasons are incorporated
24 herein by reference as though fully set forth. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk
25 of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 071544.

1 C. The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
2 Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public
3 Resources Code section 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the
4 Board of Supervisors in File No. 071544 and is incorporated herein by reference.

5 D. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that 1601 Larkin Street (the First St.
6 John's United Methodist Church), Lot No 006 in Assessor's Block No. 0620, has a special
7 character and special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value, and that its
8 designation as a Landmark will further the purposes of and conform to the standards set forth
9 in Article 10 of the San Francisco Planning Code.

10 Section 2: Designation. Pursuant to Section 1004 of the Planning Code, 1601 Larkin
11 Street (the First St. John's United Methodist Church), Lot No. 006 in Assessor's Block No.
12 0620, is hereby designated a Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code. This
13 designation was initiated by Resolution No. 308-07, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on
14 June 5, 2007, by Resolution 615 of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board, and
15 Resolution No. 17486 of the Planning Commission, which Resolutions are on file with the
16 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 071544 and which Resolutions are incorporated
17 herein by reference as though fully set forth.

18 Section 3. Required Data.

19 (a) The description, location, and boundary of the Landmark site consists of the City
20 parcel located at the northwest corner of Larkin and Clay Streets (Lot No. 006 in Assessor's
21 Block No. 0620), with the street address of 1601 Larkin Street (the First St. John's United
22 Methodist Church).

23 (b) The characteristic of the Landmark that justify its designation are described and
24 shown in the Landmark Designation Report adopted by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory
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1 Board on August 15, 2007 and other supporting materials contained in Planning Department
2 Docket No. 2007.0600L. In brief, the National Register of Historic Places characteristics of
3 the Landmark that justify its designation are as follows:

4 (1) Association with the work of a master architect, George Washington Kramer;

5 (2) Association with the Combination Church Plan, which combines the
6 characteristics of the Akron Plan Sunday School plan with the Pulpit-in-the-Corner plan;

7 (3) Association with the eclectic mix of Mission Revival and English Gothic Revival
8 architectural features, reflecting a style that breaks with traditional Church imagery, and a
9 combined style particularly suited to California; and

10 (4) The existing Church building retains a high level of physical integrity.

11 (c) The particular exterior features that shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind as
12 determined necessary, are those generally shown in photographs and described in the
13 Landmark Designation Report, which can be found in Planning Department Docket No.
14 2007.0600L and which is incorporated in this designation by reference as though fully set
15 forth. In brief, the description of the particular exterior features that should be preserved are
16 the elevations of 1601 Larkin Street, including all architectural finishes, features, and fabric on
17 the exterior of the buildings, including: the exterior features of the building that reflect its
18 interior and that express its mix of the Mission revival and English Gothic styles; the brick
19 base of the structure; the stucco walls of each elevation; the corner bell tower; the complex
20 roof form; the stained glass window and fenestration throughout the building; the gabled
21 entrance hoods; and the wood doors and bronze handles at the principal entrance.

22 Section 4. The property shall be subject to further controls and procedures, including
23 Certificate of Appropriateness requirements, pursuant to Planning Code Article 10.

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