

1 [Zoning – Jackson Square Special Use District.]

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3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Planning Code by amending Section 249.25**
4 **(Jackson Square Special Use District) to require that ground floor institutional use be**
5 **subject to conditional use authorization and by amending Sectional Map 1SU of the**
6 **Zoning Map of the City and County of San Francisco to include Lot 4, Block 195 (site of**
7 **City Landmark No. 237) within the boundaries of the Jackson Square Special Use**
8 **District; adopting findings, including environmental findings and findings of**
9 **consistency with the General Plan and priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.**

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11 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.
12 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
13 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

15 Section 1. Section 1. Findings.

16 (a) Pursuant to Planning Code section 302, this Board of Supervisors finds that this
17 ordinance will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare for the reasons set forth
18 below and in Planning Commission Resolution Nos. _____, which reasons are
19 incorporated herein by reference. A copy of said Planning Commission resolution is on file
20 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____.

21 (b) The Board of Supervisors finds that this ordinance is in conformity with the
22 General Plan and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1(b) for the reasons set
23 forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. _____, and incorporates those
24 reasons herein by reference.

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1 (c) The Planning Department has completed environmental review of this ordinance
2 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the CEQA Guidelines, and
3 Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. Documentation of that review is on file
4 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____.

5 (d) San Francisco has a proud tradition of historic neighborhoods and thriving
6 commercial districts that reflect the diverse character of the city, and often attract visitors from
7 around the world.

8 (e) Ordinance number 203-03 established the Jackson Square Special Use District
9 in order to provide for the protection and enhancement of specialty retail and antique store
10 uses in the Historic Jackson Square area.

11 (f) In recent years Block 195, a portion of which is in the Jackson Square Special
12 Use District, has experienced the establishment of several large institutional uses that
13 threaten to displace specialty retail and antique store uses throughout the District.

14 (g) Ordinance number 177-02 designated the Drexler/Colombo Building, situated on
15 Lot 4 of Block 195, as City Landmark 237. This structure is adjacent to the Jackson Square
16 Special Use District, is a contributory structure to the Jackson Square Historic District, and
17 along with Landmarks Nos. 52 and 212, is one of three City Landmark structures at the
18 corners of Washington, Columbus, and Montgomery Streets that have traditionally marked the
19 entrance to the Jackson Square area from the Financial District to the south.

20 (h) City Landmark 237 was designed for and has traditionally housed specialty retail
21 uses similar to those found in the Jackson Square Special Use District, and it plays a
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1 prominent role in the transition between the high-rise Financial District to the south, and the
2 smaller scale neighborhood serving uses of North Beach, Chinatown, and Jackson Square.

3 Section 2. The San Francisco Planning code is hereby amended by amending Section
4 249.25, to read as follows:

5 SEC. 249.25. JACKSON SQUARE SPECIAL USE DISTRICT.

6 In order to provide for the protection and enhancement of specialty retail and antique
7 store uses in the Jackson Square area, there shall be established the Jackson Square Special
8 Use District as designated on Sectional Map No. 1 SU of the Zoning Map. The boundaries of
9 this special use district shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the Jackson Square
10 Historic District as established by Appendix B to Article 10 of this Code and further described
11 in Section 3 of that Appendix, and shall also include Lot 4 of Block 195. The following
12 provisions shall apply within the Jackson Square Special Use District:
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14 (a) Purposes. These controls are intended to protect and enhance the unique retail
15 character of the special use district. All decisions of the Planning Commission and
16 Department for the establishment of ground floor use shall be guided by the following factors:
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18 (1) Continuation and enhancement of existing ground floor retail uses are of critical
19 importance to the character of the District and displacement of such uses should be
20 discouraged;

21 (2) Attraction and retention of similar new retail establishments that conform with
22 the character of this District should be encouraged; and
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1 (3) Uses that greatly intensify the density of employment have a negative impact on
2 the provision of neighborhood services, traffic circulation, and limited on- and off-street
3 parking.

4 (b) Controls.

5 (1) General. The provisions of the C-2 use district as established in Section 210.2
6 and applicable provisions of the Garment Shop Special Use District (Section 236), ~~and~~ the
7 Washington-Broadway Special Use Districts (Section 239), and the Chinatown Community
8 Business District (Section 810.1), shall prevail except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3)
9 below.

10 (2) Conditional Uses.

11 (a) Office uses set forth in Sections 219(a), (b), (c), and (d), and Sections 890.70
12 and 890.111, and all institutional uses set forth in Sections 217 and 890.50, at the ground
13 floor are subject to conditional use authorization pursuant to Section 303 of this Code,
14 provided, however, that building lobbies, entrances, and exits to and from the basement,
15 ground floor, or upper floors, and other reasonably-sized common areas at the ground floor
16 shall be permitted without conditional use authorization. In addition to the findings required
17 under Section 303(c) for conditional use authorization, the Commission shall make the
18 following findings:

19 (i) The use shall be necessary to preserve the historic resource and no other use
20 can be demonstrated to preserve the historic resource.

21 (ii) The use shall be compatible with, and shall enhance, the unique retail character
22 of the District.

23 (b) Subsection (b)(2)(a) shall not apply to any use that fronts Pacific Street.
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1 (3) Prohibited Uses. Adult entertainment enterprises, as defined in Section 221(k)
2 are prohibited.

3 Section 3. The San Francisco Planning Code is hereby amended by amending Sheet
4 1SU of the Zoning Map of the City and County of San Francisco to include Assessor's Block
5 195, Lot 4 within the boundaries of the Jackson Square Special Use District as defined in
6 Planning Code Section 249.25.

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8 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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11 JUDITH A. BOYAJIAN
12 Deputy City Attorney

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