

1 [Traffic Regulation – Closure of Jack Kerouac Alley to vehicular traffic.]

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3 **Resolution closing Jack Kerouac Alley (formerly known as Adler Street) between Grant**
4 **Avenue and Columbus Avenue to vehicular traffic; adopting findings, including**
5 **environmental and findings of consistency with the City's General Plan and priority**
6 **policies of Planning Code Section 101.1; accepting offers of quitclaim deeds for**
7 **abutters' rights vehicular access to Jack Kerouac Alley; and authorizing official acts in**
8 **connection with the street closure.**

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10 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works (DPW), working with the non-profit
11 community advocacy group, Chinatown Community Development Center (CCDC) identified
12 Jack Kerouac Alley as an alley that could be transformed into a pedestrian only amenity that
13 would provide open space to the Chinatown community and serve as a tourist destination;
14 and,

15 WHEREAS, Based on these findings, DPW prepared plans to transform Jack Kerouac
16 Alley (formerly known as Adler Street) between Grant Avenue and Columbus Avenue into a
17 pedestrian-only amenity; and,

18 WHEREAS, The design plan for Jack Kerouac Alley includes the demolition of the
19 existing asphalt road surface; replacing the old sewer main and side sewers; paving the
20 roadway with decorative cobblestone flush with existing sidewalks for improved accessibility;
21 installing three ornamental light standards, decorative pre-cast paving blocks commemorating
22 verses of famous writers; and a decorative trench drain. A copy of the design plan is on file
23 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is attached hereto
24 by reference; and,

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1 WHEREAS, By letter dated October 14, 2005, the Department of City Planning found
2 that the vehicular street closure of and pedestrian improvements to Jack Kerouac Alley were,
3 on balance, consistent with the City's General Plan and the priority policies of Planning Code
4 Section 101.1. The Department also found that the pedestrian improvements were consistent
5 with the 1998 "Chinatown Alleyway Master Plan," prepared by CCDC and DPW, which the
6 Planning Commission considered and commended in Planning Commission Resolution No.
7 14852. A copy of the letter and the Planning Resolution are on file with the Clerk of the Board
8 of Supervisors in File No. _____ and are attached hereto by reference; and,

9 WHEREAS, The abovementioned letter stated that on October 7, 2005, the Planning
10 Department determined that the actions contemplated herein are categorically exempt from
11 environmental review under Class 1(c)(9) – changes in traffic and parking regulations - in
12 compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code
13 sections 21000 et seq.); and,

14 WHEREAS, On September 22, 2005, at a duly noticed public hearing, the
15 Interdepartmental Staff Committee On Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT) recommended the
16 vehicular street closure of Jack Kerouac Alley; and,

17 WHEREAS, On October 14, 2005, at a duly noticed public hearing, the Department of
18 Parking and Traffic approved the vehicular street closure of Jack Kerouac Alley; and

19 WHEREAS, All of the property owners adjacent to Jack Kerouac Alley support the
20 closure of the alley and, in furtherance thereof, have offered to the City quitclaim deeds of
21 abutters' rights for vehicular access to Jack Kerouac Alley. The quitclaim deeds are on file
22 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and are attached hereto
23 by reference; and,

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1 WHEREAS, On May ____, 2006, the Director of DPW in DPW Order No. _____
2 recommended that this Board take various actions in relation to the closure of Jack Kerouac
3 Alley to vehicular traffic, including approving the vehicular street closure, authorizing the
4 expenditure of funds to install the pedestrian improvements along Jack Kerouac Alley, and
5 accepting the abovementioned quitclaim deeds. A copy of the DPW Order is on file with the
6 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is attached hereto by
7 reference; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of the California Vehicle Code
9 and Streets and Highways Code, the San Francisco Traffic Code, and San Francisco
10 Administrative Code Section 1.51, the Board of Supervisors hereby enacts the following
11 regulation governing the movement of vehicles as designated below:

12 Establish Jack Kerouac Alley between Grant Avenue and Columbus Avenue as a
13 street closed to vehicular traffic at all times; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors affirms the Planning Department's
15 environmental determination and adopts as its own the Department's findings of consistency
16 with the City's General Plan and the priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 that are
17 set forth in the Department's October 14, 2005 letter; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board authorizes DPW to incur costs and take all
19 necessary actions to construct the abovementioned pedestrian improvements on Jack
20 Kerouac Alley; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board, on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco,
22 accepts the offer from the adjacent property owners of the quitclaim deeds of abutters' rights
23 of vehicular access to Jack Kerouac Alley in substantially the same form as those on file with
24 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board approves and authorizes all necessary actions to
2 effectuate the intent of the vehicular street closure and construction of pedestrian
3 improvements, including but not limited to, authorizing the Director of Real Estate to execute
4 and record the abovementioned quitclaim deeds of abutters' rights of vehicular access.

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