

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Signage Requirements for Privately-Owned Publicly-Accessible Open Spaces]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Planning Code by: 1) amending Sections 135(h)(4), 135.3(g), and 138(i) to impose additional signage requirements for privately-owned publicly-accessible open spaces; 2) amending Section 603(k) to make a conforming amendment; and 3) making environmental findings, Planning Code Section 302 findings, and findings of consistency with General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1.

Existing Law

Planning Code Section 135(h) sets forth the requirements for publicly-accessible open space in DTR Districts and Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts; subsection (4) sets forth the requirements for an informational plaque identifying such open space. Section 135.3 sets forth the requirements for usable open space in the South of Market and Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts; subsection (g) sets forth the requirements for an informational sign for publicly-accessible open space. Section 138 sets forth the open space requirements in C-3 Districts; subsection (i) sets forth the requirements for an information plaque identifying such open space. Section 603 exempts certain signs from the requirements of Article 6; subsection (k) exempts information plaques or signs which identify to the public open space resources.

Amendments to Current Law

Planning Code Sections 135(h)(4), 135.3(g), and 138(i) are amended to impose additional signage requirements for informational plaques identifying privately-owned publicly-accessible open spaces. A conforming amendment is made to Section 603(k).

Background Information

The Planning Code requirements certain buildings to provide publicly-accessible open space as a condition of approval. A critical component of the City's privately-owned publicly-accessible open space requirements is making people aware of the fact that these amenities exist and their location. Improving the signage requirements for these spaces is necessary to implement the intent of these open space requirements.