

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(6/27/2016, Amended in Committee)

[Summary Street Vacation - Greenwich Street - Pioneer Park Improvements]

Ordinance ordering the summary street vacation of a portion of Greenwich Street adjacent to Coit Tower, and generally bounded by Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0079 to the north, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0086 to the south, Kearny Street to the west, and Montgomery Street to the east, as part of improvements to Pioneer Park; approving an interdepartmental transfer of the vacation area from Public Works to the Recreation and Park Department; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; adopting findings that the actions contemplated in this Ordinance are consistent with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and authorizing official acts in connection with this Ordinance.

Existing Law

San Francisco Public Works Code Section 787 and California Streets and Highways Code Sections 8300 et seq. establish the process and procedures that the City follows to vacate streets and public service easements. California Street and Highways Code Sections 8334 and 8334.5 permit the summary vacation of a public street or public service easement if certain conditions are satisfied. A summary street vacation allows for in a more expeditious legislative process than a standard street vacation. California Street and Highways Code Sections 8340 and 8341 allow the City to reserve a future easement for street purposes under which the street vacation area would revert to its prior street use status.

Amendments to Current Law

This legislation would summarily vacate a portion of Greenwich Street as part of improvements to Pioneer Park and adjacent to Coit Tower. The ordinance would approve an interdepartmental transfer of the vacation area from Public Works to the Recreation and Park Department. As specified in the legislation, the ordinance also would reserve a future easement for street and roadway purposes upon the occurrence of certain events related to a food and/or beverage kiosk proposed to be located on the street vacation area. The legislation would adopt findings under the California Environmental Quality Act and findings that the legislative actions are consistent with the City's General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

Background Information

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The street vacation and proposed interdepartmental transfer of the vacated area from Public Works to the Recreation and Park Department would allow improvements in Pioneer Park to provide for the sale of food and beverages to members of the public that visit Coit Tower and Pioneer Park.

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