

1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - Firehouse : Hose Company No. 30]

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3 **Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**
4 **Firehouse : Hose Company No. 30, located at 1757 Waller Street, Assessor's Parcel**
5 **Block No. 1250, Lot No. 029.**
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7 WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by
8 Resolution initiate landmark designation; and

9 WHEREAS, Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic Preservation
10 Commission to respond to historic district or individual landmark designations initiated by the
11 Board of Supervisors within 90 days, and authorizes the Board, by Resolution, to extend the
12 time within which the Historic Preservation Commission is to render its decision; and

13 WHEREAS, Firehouse : Hose Company No. 30 was constructed in 1896 at 1757
14 Waller Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 1250, Lot No. 029, in the Haight Ashbury
15 neighborhood and operated as a firehouse until 1959; and

16 WHEREAS, The building remains in its original location and is amongst the oldest
17 standing firehouses in San Francisco; and

18 WHEREAS, From 1912-1956 Truck Company Number 12 resided at the property with
19 a district covering the entire Sunset neighborhood to the Pacific Ocean; and

20 WHEREAS, The property is an intact example of a granite and wood firehouse in
21 Italianate design with extant facade detailing; and

22 WHEREAS, The property includes intact features including its denticulated beltcourse,
23 bracketed cornice line, molded panels with circle motifs, Classical-inspired plaster moldings,
24 and intact lettering ("Chemical 5", "S.F.F.D." and "Truck 12"); and
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1 WHEREAS, Italianate architecture was the first Victorian era style to gain popularity in
2 San Francisco and remained a dominant style between 1865 and 1886; and

3 WHEREAS, The 1968 book “Here Today, San Francisco’s Architectural Heritage”, by
4 the Junior League of San Francisco, Inc. describes the property as “exuding the character of a
5 structure of Gold Rush Days”; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2022 the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted the
7 Victorian Era Styles (1870-1910) Historic Context Statement which provided frameworks for
8 identifying and evaluating Italianate and other Victorian-era buildings for historical significance
9 and integrity; and

10 WHEREAS, Through applying the evaluative framework as outlined in the Victorian Era
11 Styles (1870-1910) Historic Context Statement, the property can be considered as an
12 individually eligible historic resource based on year built, architectural expression, extant
13 character defining features, and sufficient integrity; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby initiates a landmark designation of the
15 Firehouse : Hose Company No. 30 under Planning Code, Section 1004.1; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board requests that the Planning Department prepare a
17 landmark designation report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission for its
18 consideration of the full historical, architectural, aesthetic, and cultural interest and value of
19 Firehouse : Hose Company No. 30; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Historic
21 Preservation Commission consider whether the Firehouse : Hose Company No. 30 warrants
22 landmark designation and submit its recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of
23 the Planning Code.