

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code, Zoning Map - Sign Regulations]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to correct and update provisions, delete obsolete or redundant sections, and reinstate the distinction between Historic and Vintage Signs; amending the Zoning Map to delete the Showplace Square Special Sign District, the South of Market General Advertising Special Sign District, and the Hamm's Building Historic Special Sign District; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and findings of public convenience, necessity, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

Existing Law

Signs are generally regulated in Article 6 of the Planning Code. Additional provisions related to specific sign features are contained in other sections that are proposed to be amended by this ordinance. A number of Special Sign District are established in Sections 608 through 608.9.

Amendments to Current Law

Article 6 is amended to delete sections or amend provisions that have become obsolete or redundant. In addition, the separate section numbers for definitions in Section 602 and cross-references to them elsewhere in Article 6 and in Section 188 are deleted. The distinction between historic and vintage signs, which was conflated in a prior Code amendment, is reinstated in the definition section, elsewhere in Article 6, and in Section 260. The requirement for recognition of the artist for required On-Site Public Artwork has been relocated from Section 429.6 to a new Section 429.4(b). Three obsolete Special Sign Districts are deleted from the Code and/or the Zoning Map.

Background Information

These amendments are being made as part of the ongoing effort to update, correct, and streamline the Planning Code.

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