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1 [Planning Code - Massage Establishments in the Union Street NCD]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Planning Code to conditionally permit Massage**  
4 **Establishments, as defined, in the Union Street Neighborhood Commercial District;**  
5 **affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental**  
6 **Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight**  
7 **priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and findings of public convenience,**  
8 **necessity, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.**

9 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
10 **Additions to Codes** are in single-underline italics Times New Roman font.  
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14 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code  
15 subsections or parts of tables.

16 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

17 Section 1. Findings.

18 (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this  
19 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources  
20 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
21 Supervisors in File No. 180053 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms  
22 this determination.

23 (b) On March 15, 2018, the Planning Commission, in Resolution No. 20135, adopted  
24 findings that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance, with the  
25 City's General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The Board

1 adopts these findings as its own. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the  
2 Board of Supervisors in File No. 180053, and is incorporated herein by reference.

3 (c) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board finds that this Planning Code  
4 Amendment will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth  
5 in Planning Commission Resolution No. 20135, and the Board incorporates such reasons  
6 herein by reference.

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8 Section 2. The Planning Code is hereby amended by revising Section 725, to read as  
9 follows:

10 SEC. 725. UNION STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

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\* Not listed below

(1) ~~[Note deleted.] Existing message establishments that can demonstrate to the  
Zoning Administrator that they have been in operation prior to 12/31/17 need only do a  
change of use under Section 312.~~

Any Message Establishment that has continually operated without the benefit of a  
building permit within the Union Street NCD since prior to December 31, 2017 shall not  
require a Conditional Use authorization to legally establish the Message Establishment.  
However, such establishments must file a building permit application by May 1, 2020 to legally  
establish the Message Establishment use, and such building permit application will be subject  
to neighborhood notification pursuant to Planning Code Section 311.


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Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

Section 4. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By:   
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ANDREA RUIZ-ESQUIDE  
Deputy City Attorney

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**REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**  
(Amended in Committee, 7/23/2018)

[Planning Code - Massage Establishments in the Union Street NCD]

**Ordinance amending the Planning Code to conditionally permit Massage Establishments, as defined, in the Union Street Neighborhood Commercial District; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; 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

The Planning Code defines "Massage Establishments" as "a Retail Sales and Service Use defined by Section 29.5 of the Health Code." It also specifies that "[f]or purposes of the Planning Code only, "Massage Establishment" shall include both a "Massage Establishment" and a "Sole Practitioner Massage Establishment," as these terms are defined in Section 29.5 of the Health Code."

The Health Code, in turn, defines "Massage Establishments" as "a fixed place of business where more than one individual administers Massage for Compensation, excluding those locations where Massage is provided only on an outcall basis," and "Sole Practitioner Massage Establishments" as "a fixed place of business solely owned by a Massage Practitioner permit holder or California Massage Therapy Council Certified Practitioner, which individual is the only person who provides Massage for Compensation."

Currently Massage Establishments are not permitted in the Union Street Neighborhood Commercial District (NCD).

Amendments to Current Law

This legislation would amend the Planning Code to provide that Massage Establishments, as defined in the Planning Code, are permitted in the Union Street NCD, with a Conditional Use authorization. It further provides that "any Massage Establishment that has continually operated without the benefit of a building permit within the Union Street NCD since prior to December 31, 2017 shall not require a Conditional Use authorization to legally establish the Massage Establishment. However, such establishments must file a building permit application by May 1, 2020 to legally establish the Massage Establishment use, and such building permit application will be subject to neighborhood notification pursuant to Planning Code Section 311."

FILE NO. 180053

Background Information

This Revised Legislative Digest was prepared to accompany amendments made to this Ordinance at Land Use Committee, on July 23, 2018.

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# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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March 28, 2018

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**Re: Transmittal of Planning Department Case Number 2018-001205PCA:  
Massage Establishments in the Union Street NCD  
Board File No. 180053  
Planning Commission Recommendation: Approval with Modification**

Dear Ms. Calvillo and Supervisor Stefani,

On March 15, 2018, the Planning Commission conducted duly noticed public hearings at regularly scheduled meetings to consider the proposed Ordinance, introduced by Supervisor Stefani, that would conditionally permit Massage Establishments in the Union Street Neighborhood Commercial District. At the hearing the Planning Commission recommended approval with modification.

The Commission's proposed modifications were as follows:

- Amend Note 1 in in the Zoning Control Table for Section 725 to include an 18 month timeline for filing a building permit application to legalize Massage Establishment uses; and
- Amend proposed Note 1 in the Zoning Control Table for Section 725 to specify that only massage uses currently within the Union Street NCD may avail themselves of the legalization process, including the exemption from the Conditional Use Authorization requirement.

The proposed amendments are not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c) and 15378 because they do not result in a physical change in the environment.

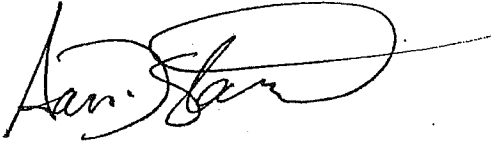
Supervisor, please advise the City Attorney at your earliest convenience if you wish to incorporate the changes recommended by the Commission.

Please find attached documents relating to the actions of the Commission. If you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Transmittal Materials

CASE NO.2018-001205PCA  
Massage Establishments in the Union Street NCD

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Starr", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Aaron D. Starr  
Manager of Legislative Affairs

cc:

Andrea Ruiz Esquide, Deputy City Attorney  
Ellie Miller Hall, Aide to Supervisor Stefani  
Erica Major, Office of the Clerk of the Board

Attachments:

Planning Commission Resolution  
Planning Department Executive Summary





# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## Planning Commission Resolution No. 20135

HEARING DATE MARCH 15, 2018

*Project Name:* Massage Establishments in the Union Street NCD  
*Case Number:* 2018-001205PCA [Board File No. 180053]  
*Initiated by:* Supervisor Stefani / Introduced January 9, 2018  
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD AMEND THE PLANNING CODE TO CONDITIONALLY PERMIT MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS, AS DEFINED, IN THE UNION STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; ADOPTING FINDINGS, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS, PLANNING CODE SECTION 302 FINDINGS, AND FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN AND PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1.**

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2018 Supervisor Stefani introduced a proposed Ordinance under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") File Number 180053, which would amend the Planning Code to conditionally permit Massage Establishments, as defined, in the Union Street Neighborhood Commercial District;

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance on March 15, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Ordinance has been determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15060(c) and 15378; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of Department staff and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, all pertinent documents may be found in the files of the Department, as the custodian of records, at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds from the facts presented that the public necessity, convenience, and general welfare require the proposed amendment; and

MOVED, that the Planning Commission hereby approves with modifications the proposed ordinance. Those modifications include:

1. Amend Note 1 in in the Zoning Control Table for Section 725 to include an 18 month timeline for filing a building permit application to legalize Massage Establishment uses; and
2. Amend proposed Note 1 in the Zoning Control Table for Section 725 to specify that only massage uses currently within the Union Street NCD may avail themselves of the legalization process, including the exemption from the Conditional Use Authorization requirement.

## FINDINGS

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

1. Massage Establishment regulations should seek to assure safety and increase access to massage uses. Scaling back prohibitions on Massage Establishments and requiring Conditional Use authorization accomplishes both goals.
2. Regulatory paths for legalizing existing Massage Establishments operating without benefit of permit should sunset and be geographically limited. This helps assure that those unauthorized operators in defined areas eventually seek permits.
3. **General Plan Compliance.** The proposed Ordinance and the Commission's recommended modifications are is consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan:

## COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ELEMENT

### OBJECTIVE 2

MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE A SOUND AND DIVERSE ECONOMIC BASE AND FISCAL STRUCTURE FOR THE CITY.

#### Policy 2.1

Seek to retain existing commercial and industrial activity and to attract new such activity to the city.

*By allowing Massage Establishments to locate within the Union Street NCD, the Ordinance helps attract new commercial activity to the City. This helps diversify the retail offerings within the Union Street NCD and enhances its attraction to patrons.*

### OBJECTIVE 6

MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN VIABLE COMMERCIAL AREAS EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO CITY RESIDENTS.

#### Policy 6.2

Promote Economically Vital Neighborhood Commercial Districts which Foster Small Business Enterprises and Entrepreneurship and Which Are Responsive to Economic and Technological Innovation in the Marketplace and Society.

*Relaxing the prohibition on Massage Establishments in the Union Street NCD will help foster the growth of smaller, independently owned businesses. This also helps the Union Street NCD respond to the current changes in the retail sector posed by the growth of e-commerce. Because massage therapy is not easily obtained over the internet, conditionally allowing Massage Establishments is a viable strategy to help fill vacancies and respond to demand for experience oriented retail.*

4. **Planning Code Section 101 Findings.** The proposed amendments to the Planning Code are consistent with the eight Priority Policies set forth in Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code in that:

1. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses enhanced;

*The proposed Ordinance will help preserve existing neighborhood-serving massage uses and will not have a negative effect on opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of neighborhood-serving retail.*

2. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods;

*The proposed Ordinance will not have a negative effect on housing or neighborhood character within the Union Street Neighborhood Commercial District and will augment the economic diversity of that neighborhood commercial district.*

3. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced;

*The proposed Ordinance will not have an adverse effect on the City's supply of affordable housing because the Ordinance conditionally allows or authorizes a retail use within the Union Street Neighborhood Commercial District.*

4. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking;

*The proposed Ordinance will not result in commuter traffic impeding MUNI transit service or overburdening the streets or neighborhood parking.*

5. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced;

*The proposed Ordinance will not cause displacement of the industrial or service sectors due to office development because the Ordinance conditionally allows or authorizes a retail use within the Union*

*Street Neighborhood Commercial District. The Ordinance does not impair future opportunities for resident employment or ownership in those sectors.*

6. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake;

*Because the Ordinance conditionally allows or authorizes a retail use within the Union Street Neighborhood Commercial District it will not have an adverse effect on City's preparedness against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.*

7. That the landmarks and historic buildings be preserved;

*The proposed Ordinance will not have an adverse effect on the City's Landmarks and historic buildings because the Ordinance concerns itself with retail uses within the Union Street Neighborhood Commercial District.*

8. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development;

*The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on the City's parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas.*

5. **Planning Code Section 302 Findings.** The Planning Commission finds from the facts presented that the public necessity, convenience and general welfare require the proposed amendments to the Planning Code as set forth in Section 302.

Resolution No. 20135  
March 15, 2018

CASE NO. 2018-001205PCA  
Massage Establishments in the Union Street NCD

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby APPROVES WITH MODIFICATIONS the proposed Ordinance as described in this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on March 15, 2018.



Christine L. Silva  
Acting Commission Secretary

AYES: Fong, Hillis, Johnson, Koppel, Moore, Melgar

NOES: None

ABSENT: Richards

ADOPTED: March 15, 2018





# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## Executive Summary Planning Code Text Amendment

HEARING DATE: MARCH 15, 2018  
90-DAY DEADLINE: APRIL 19, 2018

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*Recommendation:* Approval with Modifications

### PLANNING CODE AMENDMENT

The proposed Ordinance would amend the Planning Code to conditionally permit Massage Establishments, as defined in Planning Section 102, in the Union Street Neighborhood Commercial District.

#### The Way It Is Now:

Massage Establishments are prohibited in the Union Street Neighborhood Commercial District (NCD).

#### The Way It Would Be:

Massage Establishments would be allowed, with Conditional Use authorization, at the First and Second Stories within the Union Street NCD. Additionally, existing Massage Establishments that can demonstrate to the Zoning Administrator (ZA) that they have been in operation prior to December 31, 2017 would only need neighborhood notification pursuant to Planning Code Section 312 to legalize operations.

### ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS

#### Recent Massage Establishment Regulations Balance Access and Safety

During the last 15 years, regulatory jurisdiction over massage uses has markedly changed. Before 2004 the San Francisco Police Department was the lead regulatory agency. Then in 2004, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) took jurisdiction over massage uses.<sup>1</sup> Where massage uses were allowed in the City, Conditional Use (CU) authorization was typically required. In 2008 the California State Legislature created a parallel and independent permitting process that circumvented local controls,

<sup>1</sup> Ordinance No. 269-03 : <https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=2600565&GUID=4DC26B04-364E-4A7B-AEB5-190B271594F3>

allowing individuals to secure licenses only from the State.<sup>2</sup> Six years later, the State ended that parallel permitting process.<sup>3</sup> Following suit, Supervisor Tang's 2015 Massage Establishments Ordinances returned all permitting authority to SFDPH and reinforced the CU requirement.<sup>4</sup>

Supervisor Tang's Ordinances attempted to strike a balance between ensuring safe and legitimate operation and increased access to massage therapy. Positioning SFDPH as the sole licensing agency and requiring CU for most massage uses provides regulatory tools that help ensure safe operation. To facilitate access to small businesses, Supervisor Tang's Ordinance exempted Sole Practitioner Massage Establishments from the CU requirement. Supervisor Tang's Ordinances also included a legalization program. This program provided Massage Establishments that had yet to secure local authorization an 18 month timeframe to do so.

Subsequent controls should also strike this balance between safety and access. This includes scaling back prohibitions in NCDs to expand the areas where Massage Establishments may locate with CU. It should also include a legitimization process for those establishments that are not operating with benefit of permit. However, any legalization process should include a timeframe to file for local authorization and be limited in scope to existing establishments operating in San Francisco. This ensures effective and clear implementation of a legalization process while minimizing loopholes in and confusion with the legalization program.

#### E-Commerce and Retail Trends

The growth of e-commerce is impacting the viability of specific retail uses. Nationally, the number of brick and mortar establishments selling retail goods readily purchased over the internet is contracting.<sup>5</sup> And while San Francisco's retail sector is somewhat particular, owing, for example, to the various neighborhood commercial districts that offer unique shopping experiences, it is still susceptible to national trends. E-commerce competes for San Francisco's consumer dollars as it does in other cities.

This competition is reflected in changing demand for neighborhood commercial storefront space. Strategic Economics reports an increased interest in street level commercial spaces from personal service, medical service and restaurant uses.<sup>6</sup> This reflects changing consumer demand for experience based retail. Massage therapy can capitalize on this change in consumer preferences because it is an experience

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<sup>2</sup> SB-731

<sup>3</sup> AB-1147

<sup>4</sup> Ordinance No. 72-15 <https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=3770125&GUID=A159CA67-2961-4529-9587-D4DF8A43356C>

Ordinance No. 73-15 <https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=3770126&GUID=E2B7CDFC-A9B7-41CA-AAD6-8B1349DD9BB9>

<sup>5</sup> State of the Retail Sector: Challenges and Opportunities for San Francisco's Neighborhood Commercial Districts. Executive Summary Prepared for the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Strategic Economics. January 2018. <https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=5782348&GUID=BB47CD23-E434-4007-A8BD-EEE094D5DC7F>

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*



based service. In this context, it makes sense to loosen land use controls on Massage Establishments to allow their entry into the City's neighborhood commercial districts, including the Union Street NCD. It is also reasonable to create pathways to legalize and adequately regulate Massage Establishments currently operating without benefit of permit. This would further expand legal access to an experience based service.

#### Massage Uses in Operation without Land Use Authorization within the Union St NCD

Through conversations with the SFPDH, the Planning Department understands that there are three massage uses operating within the Union Street NCD that do not have proper land use authorization. These massage uses did not complete the legalization process available through the 2015 Massage Establishments Ordinances. These establishments would be prime candidates for the proposed legalization program.

#### General Plan Compliance

##### Commerce and Industry Element

**Objective 2:** Maintain and Enhance a Sounds and Diverse Economic Base and Fiscal Structure for the City  
**Policy 2.1:** Seek to Retain Existing Commercial and Industrial Activity and to Attract New Such Activity to the City

By allowing Massage Establishments to locate within the Union Street NCD, the Ordinance helps attract new commercial activity to the City. This helps diversify the retail offerings within the Union Street NCD and enhances its attraction to patrons.

**Objective 6:** Maintain and Strengthen Viable Neighborhood Commercial Areas Easily Accessible to City Residents

**Policy 6.2:** Promote Economically Vital Neighborhood Commercial Districts which Foster Small Business Enterprises and Entrepreneurship and Which Are Responsive to Economic and Technological Innovation in the Marketplace and Society.

Relaxing the prohibition on Massage Establishments in the Union Street NCD will help foster the growth of smaller, independently owned businesses. This also helps the Union Street NCD respond to the current changes in the retail sector posed by the growth of e-commerce. Because massage therapy is not easily obtained over the internet, conditionally allowing Massage Establishments is a viable strategy to help fill vacancies and respond to demand for experience oriented retail.

#### Implementation

The Department has determined that this ordinance will not impact our current implementation procedures.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Commission *approve with modifications* the proposed Ordinance and adopt the attached Draft Resolution to that effect. The Department's proposed recommendations are as follows:

1. Include an 18 month timeline for filing a building permit application to legalize Massage Establishment uses.

2. Include language to specify that only Massage Establishments operating within the Union Street NCD may avail themselves of the exemption from the CU requirement.

## **BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Department supports Ordinance's intention to conditionally allow Massage Establishments in the Union Street NCD and offer a path to legalization for existing, unauthorized operators. Given current retail trends it is reasonable to amend land use controls to incentivize experience based retail uses. Owing to their nature, massage uses are experience based retail that helps counter the impacts of e-commerce on our neighborhood commercial districts. However, the Department does believe that two minor modifications would improve the proposed legalization process. Those two modifications are as follows:

**Recommendation 1: Amend proposed Note 1 in the Zoning Control Table for Section 725 to specify an 18 month timeline for legalization.** Staff recommends amending proposed Note 1 in the Zoning Control Table for Section 725 to include language specifying an 18 month timeline for unauthorized Massage Establishments to file for a building permit application to legalize their use. The language proposed in the Ordinance does not have any reference to a deadline for unauthorized Massage Establishments to begin the legalization process. As a matter of practice, it is better that uses operating without the benefits of a permit seek authorization sooner than later. This also ensures that the City inspects the Massage Establishment to assure safe operation. Staff believes an 18 month period is sufficient for unauthorized Massage Establishments to file a building permit application to legalize the use.

**Recommendation 2: Amend proposed Note 1 in the Zoning Control Table for Section 725 to specify that only massage uses currently within the Union Street NCD may avail themselves of the legalization process.** Staff recommends amending proposed Note 1 in the Zoning Control Table for Section 725 to specify that only those Massage Establishments operating without benefit of permit within the Union Street NCD may avail themselves of the legalization process. As proposed, the Ordinance does not specify which existing Massage Establishments may be exempted from the CU requirement to legally establish. While the intention is that the exemption apply only to existing Massage Establishments operating prior to December 31, 2017 within the Union Street NCD, Staff believes that explicitly stating this reduces ambiguity and clarifies the Ordinance's intention.

## **REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION**

The proposed Ordinance is before the Commission so that it may approve it, reject it, or approve it with modifications.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The proposed amendments are not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c) and 15378 because they do not result in a physical change in the environment.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

As of the date of this report, the Planning Department has not received any public comment regarding the proposed Ordinance.

Executive Summary  
Hearing Date: March 15, 2018

CASE NO. 2018-001205PCA  
Massage Establishments in the Union Street NCD

**Attachments:**

Exhibit A: Draft Planning Commission Resolution  
Exhibit B: Board of Supervisors File No. 180053

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January 19, 2018

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Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

*AKS* By: *Aksa Somera*, Legislative Deputy Director  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

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Attachment

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning  
Laura Lynch, Environmental Planning

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*Alisa Somera*  
By: Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

Attachment

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning  
Laura Lynch, Environmental Planning

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January 19, 2018

Planning Commission  
Attn: Jonas Ionin  
1650 Mission Street, Ste. 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Commissioners:

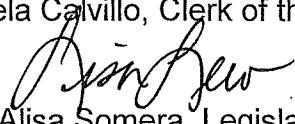
On January 9, 2018, Supervisor Farrell introduced the following legislation:

**File No. 180053**

**Ordinance amending the Planning Code to conditionally permit Massage Establishments, as defined, in the Union Street Neighborhood Commercial District; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; 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.**

The proposed ordinance is being transmitted pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302(b), for public hearing and recommendation. The ordinance is pending before the Land Use and Transportation Committee and will be scheduled for hearing upon receipt of your response.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

*for* By:  Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

c: John Rahaim, Director of Planning  
Aaron Starr, Acting Manager of Legislative Affairs  
Scott Sanchez, Zoning Administrator  
Lisa Gibson, Environmental Review Officer  
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# MEMORANDUM

TO: Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Director  
**Small Business Commission, City Hall, Room 448**

FROM: *AS* Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: January 9, 2018

SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following legislation, which is being referred to the Small Business Commission for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

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Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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RESPONSE FROM SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION - Date: \_\_\_\_\_

No Comment

Recommendation Attached

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Small Business Commission

Print Form

# Introduction Form

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SAN FRANCISCO

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

2016 JAN -9 PM 4:35

Time stamp  
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion, or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor [ ] inquires"
- 5. City Attorney request.
- 6. Call File No. [ ] from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. [ ]
- 9. Reactivate File No. [ ]
- 10. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on [ ]

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

**Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use a Imperative Form.**

Sponsor(s):

Supervisor Farrell

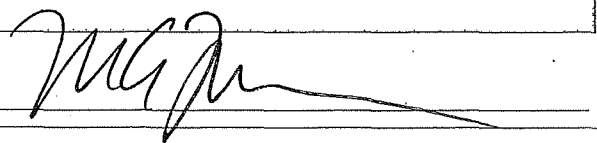
Subject:

Planning Code - Massage Establishments in the Union Street NCD

The text is listed below or attached:

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to conditionally permit Massage Establishments, as defined, in the Union Street Neighborhood Commercial District; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1, and Planning Code Section 302.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_



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