

1 [Non-Renewal of a Mills Act Historical Property Contract - 627 Waller Street]

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3 **Resolution regarding non-renewal of a Mills Act historical property contract with John**
4 **Hjelmstad and Allison Bransfield, the owners of 627 Waller Street (Assessor’s Parcel**
5 **Block No. 0866, Lot No. 012), under Chapter 71 of the San Francisco Administrative**
6 **Code; notifying the Assessor-Recorder’s Office of such non-renewal; and authorizing**
7 **the Planning Director to send notice of the non-renewal of the historical property**
8 **contract to the owners.**

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10 WHEREAS, The California Mills Act (Government Code, Section 50280 et seq.)
11 authorizes local governments to enter into a contract with the owners of a qualified historical
12 property, as defined in the Act, who agree to rehabilitate, restore, preserve, and maintain the
13 property in return for property tax reductions under the California Revenue and Taxation
14 Code; and

15 WHEREAS, Chapter 71 of the Administrative Code was adopted to implement the Mills
16 Act in San Francisco and to preserve these historic buildings; and

17 WHEREAS, Under the Mills Act and Chapter 71, a year is added automatically to the
18 initial term of the contract at the anniversary date of the contract, unless notice of non-renewal
19 is given as provided as prescribed in the Act; and

20 WHEREAS, A Mills Act application for an historical property contract was submitted by
21 John Hjelmstad and Allison Bransfield, the owners of 627 Waller Street (Assessor’s Block No.
22 0866, Lot No. 012), detailing rehabilitation work and proposing a maintenance plan for the
23 property; and

24 WHEREAS, At a public hearing on November 14, 2017, in Resolution No. 420-17, and
25 after reviewing the Historic Preservation Commission’s recommendation and the information

1 provided by the Assessor’s Office, the Board of Supervisors approved the historical property
2 contract between John Hjelmstad and Allison Bransfield, the owners of 627 Waller Street, and
3 the City and County of San Francisco; and

4 WHEREAS, When it considered the approval of the historical property contract, the
5 Board of Supervisors balanced the benefits of the Mills Act to the owner of 627 Waller Street
6 with the cost to the City of providing the property tax reductions authorized by the Mills Act, as
7 well as the historical value of 627 Waller Street and the resultant property tax reductions, and
8 determined that it was in the public interest to enter into a historical property contract with the
9 applicants; and

10 WHEREAS, At the time, the Board of Supervisors also expressed interest in the
11 historical property contract for 627 Waller Street having a term of ten years, no more, in order
12 to better achieve such balance between the benefits of the Mills Act and the costs to the City;
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14 WHEREAS, The historical property contract for 627 Waller Street was recorded at the
15 Assessor Recorder Office on December 19, 2017, and therefore under the contract, that is the
16 anniversary date of the contract; and

17 WHEREAS, The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in
18 this Resolution comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public
19 Resources Code, Sections 21000 et seq.); said determination is on file with the Clerk of the
20 Board of Supervisors in File No. 180870, is incorporated herein by reference, and the Board
21 herein affirms it; and now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby decides not to renew the historical
23 property contract for 627 Waller Street (Assessor’s Block No. 0866, Lot No. 012); and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby notifies the Assessor
25 Recorder of the non-renewal of the historical property contract for 627 Waller Street; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Planning
2 Director to send notice to the owners of the historical property contract for 627 Waller Street,
3 informing them of the non-renewal of the contract at least 90 days prior to the anniversary
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