

1 [Existing Building Code - Enactment of New Code]

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3 **Ordinance enacting a 2016 San Francisco Existing Building Code consisting of the**  
4 **2016 California Existing Building Code with San Francisco amendments; adopting**  
5 **environmental findings and findings of local conditions under the California Health and**  
6 **Safety Code; providing for an operative date of January 1, 2017; and directing the Clerk**  
7 **of the Board to forward the legislation to the California Building Standards**  
8 **Commission as required by State law.**

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*.  
11 **Deletions to Codes** are in ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*~~.  
12 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
13 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~Arial font~~.  
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. Environmental Findings. The Planning Department has determined that the  
18 actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act  
19 (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with  
20 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 160947 and is incorporated herein by  
21 reference. The Board affirms this determination.

22 Section 2. General Findings.

23 (a) The State of California adopts a new California Building Standards Code every  
24 three years (the "triennial State Code") with supplements published in intervening years. The  
25 triennial State Code goes into effect throughout the State of California 180 days after its

1 triennial State Code goes into effect throughout the State of California 180 days after its  
2 publication by the California Building Standards Commission or at a later date established by  
3 the Commission.

4 (b) The California Building Standards Code is contained in Title 24 of the California  
5 Code of Regulations. It consists of 12 Parts based upon model codes that are amended by  
6 the State agencies with jurisdiction over the subject matter. The California Existing Building  
7 Code is Part 10 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations. The 2016 California Existing  
8 Building Code will go into effect throughout California on January 1, 2017.

9 (c) Local jurisdictions must enforce the California Building Standards Code but they  
10 may also enact more restrictive building standards that are reasonably necessary because of  
11 local conditions caused by climate, geology, or topography. Local amendments may be made  
12 to a triennial State Code and also throughout the intervening years. However, local  
13 amendments previously adopted are not automatically applicable to a new triennial State  
14 Code. Rather, they must be re-enacted with the required findings of local conditions,  
15 expressly made applicable to the new triennial State Code, and with an operative date no  
16 earlier than the effective date of the new State Code.

17 (d) San Francisco's existing building requirements currently are contained in  
18 Chapter 34 of the Building Code.

19 (e) Pursuant to Charter Section D3.750-5, the Building Inspection Commission  
20 considered and approved San Francisco's amendments to the 2016 California Existing  
21 Building Code at a duly noticed public hearing that was held on August 17, 2016.

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23 Section 3. Findings regarding Local Conditions.

24 (a) California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.7 and 18941.5 provide that  
25 before making any changes or modifications to the California Existing Building Code and any

1 other applicable provisions published by the California Building Standards Commission, the  
2 governing body must make an express finding that each such change or modification is  
3 reasonably necessary because of specified local conditions. The local amendments together  
4 with the required findings must be filed with the California Building Standards Commission  
5 before the local changes or modifications can go into effect.

6 (b) The City and County of San Francisco is unique among California communities  
7 with respect to local climatic, geological, topographical, and other conditions. A specific list of  
8 findings that support San Francisco's modifications to the 2016 California Existing Building  
9 Code, with a section-by-section correlation of each modification with a specific numbered  
10 finding, are contained in Exhibit A entitled "Standard Findings for San Francisco Building  
11 Standards Code Amendments."

12 (c) Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.7 and 18941.5,  
13 the Board of Supervisors finds and determines that the local conditions described in Exhibit A  
14 constitute a general summary of the most significant local conditions giving rise to the need  
15 for modification of the 2016 California Existing Building Code provisions published by the  
16 California Building Standards Commission. The Board of Supervisors further finds and  
17 determines that the proposed modifications are reasonably necessary based upon the local  
18 conditions set forth in Exhibit A.

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20 Section 4. Enactment of 2016 San Francisco Existing Building Code. The 2016 San  
21 Francisco Existing Building Code is hereby enacted. It consists of the 2016 California Existing  
22 Building Code as amended by San Francisco. San Francisco's existing building requirements,  
23 which are contained in Chapter 34 of the 2013 San Francisco Building Code, are re-enacted  
24 and expressly made applicable to the 2016 California Existing Building Code. Copies of the  
25 2016 California Existing Building Code and the stand-alone San Francisco amendments are

1 declared to be part of Board File No. 160947 and are incorporated into this ordinance by  
2 reference as though fully set forth. Additions to the 2016 California Existing Building Code are  
3 shown in bold underlined type; deletions are shown with bold strikethrough type.  
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5 Section 5. Continuance of Actions Under Prior Code. Nothing contained in this  
6 ordinance shall be construed as abating any action now pending under or by virtue of any  
7 ordinance of the City and County of San Francisco hereby repealed, nor shall this ordinance  
8 be construed as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalties accruing, or to  
9 accrue, or as waiving any right of the City under any such ordinance.  
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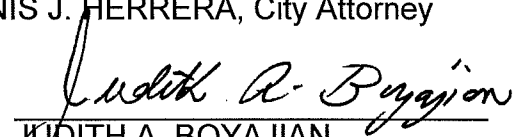
11 Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this  
12 ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the  
13 remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would  
14 have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this  
15 Ordinance, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences,  
16 clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.  
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18 Section 7. Effective and Operative Dates. This ordinance shall become effective 30  
19 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor  
20 returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it,  
21 or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance. This ordinance shall  
22 take effect and be in full force on and after either January 1, 2017 or its effective date if the  
23 effective date is later.  
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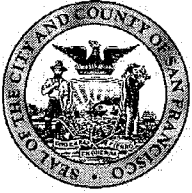
1 Section 8. Directions to Clerk. Upon final passage of this ordinance, the Clerk of the  
2 Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to transmit this ordinance with the Exhibit A  
3 attachment and the San Francisco modifications to the 2016 California Existing Building Code  
4 to the California Building Standards Commission pursuant to the applicable provisions of  
5 State law.

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

9 By:

  
10 JUDITH A. BOYAJIAN  
Deputy City Attorney

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City and County of San Francisco

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1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

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Date Passed: November 15, 2016

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October 31, 2016 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

November 01, 2016 Board of Supervisors - PASSED, ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

November 15, 2016 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 9 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin and Tang
Excused: 2 - Wiener and Yee

File No. 160947

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 11/15/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Signature of Angela Calvillo
for Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Signature of Mayor
Mayor

11/22/2016
Date Approved