

1 [Planning Code, Zoning Map - Wawona Street and 45th Avenue Cultural Center Special Use  
2 District]

3 **Ordinance amending the Planning Code to create the Wawona Street and 45th Avenue**  
4 **Cultural Center Special Use District (Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 2513, Lot No. 026) to**  
5 **facilitate the redevelopment of a cultural center; amending the Zoning Map to show the**  
6 **Wawona Street and 45th Avenue Cultural Center Special Use District; affirming the**  
7 **Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act;**  
8 **and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority**  
9 **policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and findings of public necessity,**  
10 **convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.**

11 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
12 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
13 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.  
14 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
15 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
16 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code  
17 subsections or parts of tables.

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

19 Section 1. CEQA and Land Use Findings.

20 (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this  
21 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources  
22 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
23 Supervisors in File No. 230505 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms  
24 this determination.

25 (b) On July 27, 2023, the Planning Commission, in Resolution No. 21377, adopted  
findings that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance, with the

1 City’s General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The Board  
2 adopts these findings as its own. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the  
3 Board of Supervisors in File No. 230505, and is incorporated herein by reference.

4 (c) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board finds that these Planning Code  
5 amendments will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set  
6 forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. 21377, and the Board adopts such reasons as  
7 its own. A copy of said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File  
8 No. 230505 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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10 Section 2. Background and Findings.

11 (a) The Irish Cultural Center (“Cultural Center”) has operated at 2700 45th Avenue for  
12 more than 45 years and has established a strong community presence by providing facilities  
13 for social, recreational, athletic, and cultural activities. The Cultural Center has operated in  
14 the original 2-story building since 1975 and has not been significantly renovated since it was  
15 first constructed. To ensure the long-term viability of the Cultural Center and its ability to  
16 continue serving the San Francisco community, a larger space that can better accommodate  
17 its ongoing cultural, educational, and recreational activities is necessary.

18 (b) The Wawona Street and 45th Avenue Cultural Center Special Use District would  
19 facilitate the construction of a modern, state-of-the-art community center that will reactivate  
20 the street frontages and beautify the neighborhood. The Special Use District will allow for an  
21 expanded Cultural Center that will provide the public with additional educational, cultural,  
22 social, entertainment, recreational, and retail opportunities, including an aquatic center with a  
23 kiddie pool, a gym and youth basketball court, art gallery, banquet event space, library, 99-  
24 person screening theater, cafes, restaurants, and a pub. The proposed expansion of the  
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1 Cultural Center will also include nonprofit office space, classrooms, a children’s playroom, and  
2 a member lounge.

3 (c) The Board of Supervisors finds that the proposed amendment will fulfill a public  
4 purpose and serve the public convenience and general welfare by facilitating the continued  
5 operation and expansion of the longstanding Cultural Center. The continuation of this use is  
6 important to retain existing neighborhood character and will benefit area residents, visitors,  
7 and the broader community for years to come.

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9 Section 3. The Planning Code is hereby amended by adding Section 249.96, to read  
10 as follows:

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12 **SEC. 249.96. WAWONA STREET AND 45TH AVENUE CULTURAL CENTER SPECIAL**  
13 **USE DISTRICT.**

14 (a) **General.** *A special use district entitled the “Wawona Street and 45th Avenue Cultural*  
15 *Center Special Use District” consisting of Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 2513, Lot No. 026, is hereby*  
16 *established for the purposes set forth below. The boundaries of the Wawona Street and 45th Avenue*  
17 *Cultural Center Special Use District are designated on Sectional Map No. SU13 of the Zoning Map.*

18 (b) **Purpose.** *The purpose of this special use district is to provide for the development of a*  
19 *community center with related educational, cultural, social, entertainment, recreational, and retail uses*  
20 *to serve both the immediate neighborhood and the larger San Francisco community.*

21 (c) **Development Controls.** *Applicable provisions of the Planning Code shall control except as*  
22 *otherwise provided in this Section 249.96. If there is a conflict between other provisions of the*  
23 *Planning Code and this Section 249.96, this Section 249.96 shall prevail.*

1                   (1) The following uses and use categories shall be permitted as principal uses on all floors:  
2 General Office, Institutional, Retail Sales and Service, Wireless Telecommunications Facility, and  
3 Nighttime Entertainment.

4                   (2) The provisions of Planning Code Sections 121.1 (Development of Large Lots,  
5 Neighborhood Commercial Districts) and 121.2 (Non-Residential Use Size Limits in Neighborhood  
6 Commercial and Neighborhood Commercial Transit Districts) shall not apply.

7                   (3) For the purposes of compliance with Planning Code Section 169 (Transportation  
8 Demand Management Program), development projects shall be subject to 30% of the applicable target.  
9 All other provisions of Section 169 shall apply.

10                  (d) **Conditional Use Authorization.** Exceptions from otherwise applicable requirements of this  
11 Code may be appropriate to further the purpose of the Wawona Street and 45th Avenue Cultural  
12 Center Special Use District. The Planning Commission may authorize exceptions from the following  
13 Code requirements through a Conditional Use Authorization:

14                   (1) **Floor Area Ratio.** The maximum Floor Area Ratio shall be 7.0:1.

15                   (2) **Rear Yard Setbacks.** The provisions of Section 134 do not apply.

16                   (3) **Bulk.** The applicable Bulk limits shall be a maximum length of 130 feet and a maximum  
17 diagonal of 176 feet, applying at a height of 40 feet and above.

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19                  Section 4. Pursuant to Sections 106 and 302(c) of the Planning Code, Sheet SU 13 of  
20 the Zoning Map of the City and County of San Francisco is hereby amended, as follows:

<b>Assessor's Parcels (Block/Lot Numbers)</b>	<b>Special Use District Hereby Approved</b>
2513/026	Wawona Street and 45th Avenue Cultural Center Special Use District

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Section 5. 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.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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Deputy City Attorney

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