

1 [Closing specified streets in Golden Gate Park on Saturdays on a trial basis for six months
2 beginning May 5, 2007.]

3 **Ordinance adding Section 6.13 to the San Francisco Park Code to prohibit, on a trial**
4 **basis from Saturday May 5, 2007 and continuing for six months to Saturday November**
5 **3, 2007, motor vehicle traffic on Saturdays in Golden Gate Park on John F. Kennedy**
6 **Drive between Kezar Drive and Transverse Drive; Arguello Boulevard; Conservatory**
7 **Drive East and Conservatory Drive West; 8th Avenue; Bowling Green Drive between**
8 **John F. Kennedy Drive and Middle Drive East; and Stow Lake Drive between Stow Lake**
9 **Drive East and John F. Kennedy Drive; requiring reports from the Recreation and Park**
10 **Department and Department of Parking and Traffic pertaining to the Saturday road**
11 **closures; requiring the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority to share its own data**
12 **and reports that are relevant to the Saturday road closures with the aforementioned**
13 **departments; requiring a hearing on the Saturday road closures before the Board of**
14 **Supervisors or a Board committee; and making environmental findings.**

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16 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.
17 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
18 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

19 Section 1. The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in
20 this Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California
21 Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of
22 the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by
23 reference.

24 Section 2. In 2006, Mayor Newsom and Supervisor McGoldrick jointly commissioned a
25 study of the weekend access conditions to and around Golden Gate Park in light of the long-

1 standing Sunday road closure of John F. Kennedy Drive and the vehicular access to this area
2 that is allowed on Saturdays. In response to this request, the San Francisco County
3 Transportation Authority, in consultation with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation
4 Agency, prepared and published the Golden Gate Park Transportation Access Study, Report
5 on Weekend Access Conditions Summer 2006 (February 2007). This report is on file with the
6 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by
7 reference. Based on the findings of this report, the Board has determined that a six-month
8 trial closure of John F. Kennedy Drive in Golden Gate Park on Saturdays is warranted in order
9 to generate additional data and information as well as to provide for expanded opportunities
10 for healthy recreational activity and enjoyment of the Park on Saturdays. For purposes of this
11 legislation, the Board hereby acknowledges and adopts the findings of this report as its own.

12 Section 3. The San Francisco Park Code is hereby amended by adding Section 6.13
13 to read as follows:

14 SEC. 6.13. PROHIBITION ON MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN GOLDEN GATE PARK ON
15 SATURDAYS.

16 (a) Findings and Purpose. (i) This legislation supports and is in furtherance of the findings set
17 forth in Section 6.12

18 (ii) The public interest will be served by Saturday closure, on a trial basis, of John F. Kennedy
19 Drive, between Kezar Drive and Transverse Drive, and closures of portions of adjacent roads
20 connecting with that portion of John F. Kennedy Drive. The limited vehicular access to the Golden
21 Gate Park Concourse area and the CAS provide an opportunity to extend to Saturdays the popular
22 Sunday and holiday road closures in Golden Gate Park on a trial basis. This coincides with the CAS'
23 closure, and thus has no possible negative impact on the CAS. This trial period of Saturday road
24 closures will expand the possibilities for recreational and other uses of Golden Gate Park during the
25 six-month period of the road closures, and will provide useful information to aid the City in making

1 future decisions about Saturday road closures in the Park.

2 (iii) This trial period of Saturday road closures is necessary for the safety and protection of
3 persons who would use these roads during the temporary closures.

4 (b) Saturday Road Closures. The following roads in Golden Gate Park shall be closed to
5 motor vehicle traffic on Saturdays, from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time and 6:00 a.m. to
6 6:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, regardless of weather conditions: John F. Kennedy Drive between
7 Kezar Drive and Transverse Drive; Arguello Boulevard; Conservatory Drive East and Conservatory
8 Drive West; 8th Avenue; Bowling Green Drive between John F. Kennedy Drive and Middle Drive East;
9 and Stow Lake Drive between Stow Lake Drive East and John F. Kennedy Drive. The Recreation and
10 Park Department, with the assistance, as needed, of other City departments, shall arrange for
11 appropriate barriers to motor vehicles to be placed at entrances to Golden Gate Park and within
12 Golden Gate Park so as to effectuate the aforementioned street closures. The Saturday road closures
13 mandated in this subsection (b) shall be in effect beginning Saturday May 5, 2007 and continuing for
14 six (6) months thereafter until Saturday November 3, 2007.

15 (c) The disability access standards, exempt motor vehicles provision, and the emergency
16 authority of the General Manager, as set forth in Sections 6.12(b), (c), and (d), respectively, shall apply
17 to the Saturday road closures established herein.

18 (d) Effect on Sunday and Holiday Road Closures. Except as provided in subsection (d), this
19 section is not intended to have any effect on street closures in Golden Gate Park on Sundays and
20 holidays, or to limit the authority of the Recreation and Park Commission to expand road closures in
21 Golden Gate Park on Sundays and holidays beyond their present scope or to extend road closures in
22 Golden Gate Park to other days.

23 (e) Conflict With Other Provisions of Law. If any provision of this section conflicts with an
24 earlier enacted provision of this Article or of any other earlier enacted provision of law, and the
25 conflict cannot be reasonably reconciled, the provision of this section shall govern.

1 (f) Severability. If any provision, sentence, clause, or other part of this section is held to be
2 invalid or unlawful, such a holding shall not limit or abrogate other parts of this section that can be
3 given effect independently of the invalid or unlawful provision, sentence, clause, or part. If the
4 application of a provision, sentence, clause, or other part of this section to a person or class of persons,
5 or to a specific circumstance, is held to be invalid or unlawful, such a holding shall not limit or
6 abrogate other applications of the same provision, sentence, clause, or part that can be given effect
7 independently of the invalid or unlawful application.

8 Section 4. This Section shall be uncodified. (a) Departmental Reports on the
9 Saturday road closure. (i) The Recreation and Park Department, in consultation with such
10 other departments as it deems appropriate, shall conduct a study of the impact of the
11 Saturday road closures on use of Golden Gate Park, including particularly disability access
12 and recreational and other use of the roads closed to motor vehicle traffic. By no later than
13 December 15, 2007, the Recreation and Park Department shall transmit to the Board of
14 Supervisors a written report detailing the results of its study, including any recommendations it
15 deems appropriate.

16 (ii) The Department of Parking and Traffic, in consultation with such other departments
17 as it deems appropriate, shall conduct a study of the impact of the Saturday road closures on
18 parking and traffic patterns in neighborhoods adjacent to Golden Gate Park and on patterns of
19 cross-traffic in the Park. By no later than December 15, 2007, the Department of Parking and
20 Traffic shall transmit to the Board of Supervisors a written report detailing the results of its
21 study, including any recommendations it deems appropriate.

22 (iii) Within two (2) weeks after the initial three (3) months of the Saturday closure, the
23 Department of Park and Recreation and the Department of Parking and Traffic shall submit to
24 the Board preliminary reports addressing the issues identified in subsections (a)(1) and (a)(ii)

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1 above. The reports also shall describe problems observed during this initial closure period
2 and any actions taken to abate such problems.

3 (iv) The Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority shall cooperate with the Recreation
4 and Park Department and the Department of Parking and Traffic in connection with the
5 studies mandated in subsections (a)(i)-(ii), by sharing data and reports of its own that are
6 relevant to those respective studies.

7 (b) Board of Supervisors Hearing. The Board of Supervisors or a committee thereof
8 shall conduct a hearing on the Saturday road closures within one month of receiving the
9 reports required by subsections (a)(i) and (a)(ii).

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