

1 [Adopting disability access standards for the Sunday closure of JFK Drive.]

2 **Ordinance amending the Park Code by adding Section 6.12 to adopt disability access**  
3 **standards and authorized vehicular traffic use for the Sunday closure of John F.**  
4 **Kennedy Drive and related roads in Golden Gate Park and making environmental**  
5 **findings.**

6 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;  
7 deletions are ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman*~~.  
8 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
9 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

11 Section 1. The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in  
12 this Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California  
13 Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of  
14 the Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is incorporated herein by  
15 reference.

16 Section 2. The San Francisco Park Code is hereby amended by adding Section 6.12  
17 to read as follows:

18 SEC. 6.12. DISABILITY ACCESS STANDARDS AND AUTHORIZED VEHICULAR TRAFFIC  
19 USE FOR GOLDEN GATE PARK DURING SUNDAY ROAD CLOSURES.

20 (a) Findings and Purpose. (i) Golden Gate Park was created more than 100 years ago to  
21 provide a sanctuary from the pressures of urban life. Golden Gate Park remains an irreplaceable  
22 resource of open space for visitors to and residents of San Francisco, especially those families for  
23 whom it is difficult to travel out of the City for recreation.

24 (ii) For more than 30 years, Sunday and holiday closure to motor vehicles of a portion of John  
25 F. Kennedy Drive, approximately 1.5 miles in length, between Kezar Drive and Transverse Drive, and

1 closure of portions of adjacent roads connecting with that portion of John F. Kennedy Drive, has been  
2 one of the most popular attractions in Golden Gate Park, attracting hundreds of thousands of people  
3 each year from every neighborhood, racial/ethnic group, age category, and income level.

4 (iii) Proposition J, the Golden Gate Park Revitalization Act of 1998, adopted by San Francisco  
5 voters on June 2, 1998, has as one of its primary purposes to take steps to reduce the impact of  
6 automobiles in Golden Gate Park while still providing long-term assurance of safe, reliable, and  
7 convenient access for visitors to the Park. This goal remains of paramount importance in ensuring that  
8 Golden Gate Park is scenically beautiful, environmentally sensitive, culturally diverse, and accessible  
9 to all.

10 (iv) Concerns about ensuring automobile access to the cultural institutions in the Golden Gate  
11 Park Concourse area, including the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum and the California Academy of  
12 Sciences ("CAS"), have been addressed by the construction of an underground parking garage in the  
13 Concourse area pursuant to the aforementioned Proposition J.

14 (b) Disability Access Standards. The following disability access standards shall apply to the  
15 Sunday and holiday road closures of John K. Kennedy Drive and related roads.

16 (i) Disability access to Golden Gate Park shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act  
17 and the Golden Gate Park Revitalization Act of 1998.

18 (ii) All vehicular access points to the areas of closure shall contain directional signage that  
19 describes all access points and accessible surface parking areas for people with disabilities and  
20 provides directions to the underground parking facility in the Music Concourse. Signage also shall  
21 include telephone and TTY/TDD contact numbers where callers can obtain information on disability  
22 access during the road closure periods.

23 (iii) The Department, in consultation with the Department of Parking and Traffic, Fine Arts  
24 Museums, Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority, and Mayor's Office on Disability, shall explore and  
25 adopt disability access measures. Such measures may include, but are not limited to:

1 (A) The provision of eight (8) accessible parking spaces on 8th Avenue between Fulton  
2 Street and John F. Kennedy Drive during the closure period.

3 (B) An additional ten (10) accessible parking spaces to assist with access to the road  
4 closure areas.

5 (C) A signed drop-off zone for people with disabilities on Bowling Green Drive as close  
6 as practicable to its intersection with John F. Kennedy Drive.

7 (D) An authorized intra-park transit shuttle that is accessible and operates frequently  
8 on the closed sections of John F. Kennedy Drive, additional accessible parking spaces and additional  
9 signed drop-off zones for people with disabilities outside of the area of closure.

10 (c) Exempt Motor Vehicles. The following motor vehicles are exempt from the Sunday road  
11 closures:

12 (i) emergency vehicles, including but not limited to police and fire vehicles;

13 (ii) official City, state, or federal vehicles, or any other authorized vehicle, being used to  
14 perform official City, state, or federal business pertaining to Golden Gate Park or any property or  
15 facility therein, including but not limited to vehicles of the Recreation and Park Department and  
16 construction vehicles authorized by the Recreation and Park Department; and

17 (iii) authorized intra-park transit shuttle buses or similar authorized vehicles used to transport  
18 persons within Golden Gate Park.

19 (d) Emergency Authority. The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department shall  
20 have the authority to allow traffic on roads that would otherwise be closed in accordance with this  
21 section in circumstances which in the General Manager's judgment constitute an emergency such that  
22 the benefit to the public from the street closure is outweighed by traffic burden or public safety hazard  
23 created by the emergency circumstances.

24 Section 3. This Section is uncodified. Departmental Reports. (a) The Recreation and  
25 Park Department, in consultation with such other departments as it deems appropriate, shall

1 conduct a study of the impact of the Sunday road closure on use of Golden Gate Park,  
2 including particularly disability access and recreational and other use of the roads closed to  
3 motor vehicle traffic. By no later than February 1, 2007, the Recreation and Park Department  
4 shall transmit to the Board of Supervisors a written report detailing the results of its study,  
5 including any recommendations it deems appropriate.

6 (b) The Department of Parking and Traffic, in consultation with such other departments  
7 as it deems appropriate, shall conduct a study of the impact of the Sunday road closure on  
8 parking and traffic patterns in neighborhoods adjacent to Golden Gate Park and on patterns of  
9 cross-traffic in the Park. By no later than February 1, 2007, the Department of Parking and  
10 Traffic shall transmit to the Board of Supervisors a written report detailing the results of its  
11 study, including any recommendations it deems appropriate.

12 (c) The Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority shall cooperate with the Recreation  
13 and Park Department and the Department of Parking and Traffic in connection with the  
14 studies mandated in subsections (a) and (b), by sharing data and reports of its own that are  
15 relevant to those respective studies.

16 (d) Board of Supervisors Hearing. The Board of Supervisors or a committee thereof  
17 shall conduct a hearing on disability access in relation to the Sunday road closure within two  
18 months of receiving the departmental reports specified above.

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