

**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

(Amended in Committee, 5/12/14)

[Planning Code – Plaza Program]

**Ordinance amending the Planning Code, by amending Sections 234, 234.1, 234.2, and 605, in order to modify and make technical amendments to the provisions of Public Use Zoning Districts; affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.**

Existing Law

Planning Code Sections 234, 234.1 and 234.2 regulate uses on property within a P (Public) zoning district. Section 605 regulates the posting of signs on P zoned property.

Amendments to Current Law

This legislation would allow public plazas as established in the new Administrative Code Chapter 94 to operate on P-zoned property and make other changes regarding accessory nonpublic uses and temporary uses. The ordinance also would make various updates and technical changes to uses that are principally permitted or subject to conditional use authorization in P zones, including a requirement for conditional use authorization for formula retail. The legislation would make business signs on P zoned sites subject to the sign controls for the zoning district nearest the location of the proposed sign, other than other P or Residential districts. The legislation would adopt the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act and findings of consistency with the General Plan and priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

Background Information

This ordinance is part of a legislative package that establishes the San Francisco Plaza Program and facilitates the establishment of plazas on City property under Division of Real Estate jurisdiction and on the public right-of-way under Department of Public Works jurisdiction. The Plaza Program will enable the City to partner with community stewards to help activate and maintain public plazas.

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