



July 1, 2025

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk
Honorable Mayor Lurie
City and County of San Francisco
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: **Transmittal of Planning Department Case Number 2025-003622PCA:**
Reproductive Health Clinics
Board File No. 250385

Planning Commission Recommendation: Approval

Dear Ms. Calvillo and Mayor Lurie,

On June 5, 2025, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance, introduced by Mayor Lurie that would amend Planning Code to indicate districts where Reproductive Health Clinics are principally permitted and to make other conforming changes to the Planning Code and Zoning Control Tables, as required by Proposition O, passed by the voters in November 2024. At the hearing the Planning Commission adopted a recommendation for approval.

The proposed amendments are not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c) and 15378 because they do not result in a physical change in the environment.

Please find attached documents relating to the actions of the Commission. If you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Aaron D. Starr
Manager of Legislative Affairs

cc: Heather Goodman, Deputy City Attorney
Aly Bonde, Mayor's Office
Eileen Mariano, Mayor's Office
John Carroll, Office of the Clerk of the Board

ATTACHMENTS :

Planning Commission Resolution
Planning Department Executive Summary



PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 21745

HEARING DATE: June 5, 2025

Project Name: Reproductive Health Clinics
Case Number: 2025-003622PCA [Board File No. 250385]
Initiated by: Mayor Lurie / Introduced April 15, 2025
Staff Contact: Aaron Starr, Legislative Affairs
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RESOLUTION ADOPTING A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD AMEND THE PLANNING CODE TO INDICATE DISTRICTS WHERE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CLINICS ARE PRINCIPALLY PERMITTED AND TO MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE PLANNING CODE AND ZONING CONTROL TABLES, AS REQUIRED BY PROPOSITION O, PASSED BY THE VOTERS IN NOVEMBER 2024; AFFIRMING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; MAKING FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN, AND THE EIGHT PRIORITY POLICIES OF PLANNING CODE, SECTION 101.1; AND MAKING FINDINGS OF PUBLIC NECESSITY, CONVENIENCE, AND WELFARE PURSUANT TO PLANNING CODE, SECTION 302.

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2025 Mayor Lurie introduced a proposed Ordinance under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") File Number 250385, which would Ordinance amending the Planning Code to indicate districts where Reproductive Health Clinics are principally permitted and to make other conforming changes to the Planning Code and Zoning Control Tables, as required by Proposition O, passed by the voters in November 2024;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance on June 5, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Ordinance has been determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15378 and 15060(c); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of Department staff and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, all pertinent documents may be found in the files of the Department, as the Custodian of Records, at 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400, San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds from the facts presented that the public necessity, convenience, and general welfare requires the proposed amendment; and

MOVED, that the Planning Commission hereby adopts a **recommendation for approval** of the proposed ordinance.

Findings

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

The Commission supports the goals of this Ordinance because it will update the Planning Code so that affected zoning districts accurately reflect the changes made by Proposition O. Having accurate zoning control tables ensures that the code can be more effectively implemented.

General Plan Compliance

The proposed Ordinance is consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan:

COMMUNITY FACILITIES ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 7

DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF DISTRICT PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS TO MAKE THE EDUCATIONAL AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONVENIENT TO THE PEOPLE, THEREBY HELPING TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM IN SAN FRANCISCO.

The proposed ordinance will help facilitate Reproductive Health Clinics distribution throughout the city.

Planning Code Section 101 Findings

The proposed amendments to the Planning Code are consistent with the eight Priority Policies set forth in Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code in that:

1. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses enhanced;

The proposed Ordinance would not have a negative effect on neighborhood serving retail uses and will not have a negative effect on opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of

neighborhood-serving retail.

2. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods;

The proposed Ordinance would not have a negative effect on housing or neighborhood character.

3. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced;

The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on the City's supply of affordable housing.

4. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking;

The proposed Ordinance would not result in commuter traffic impeding MUNI transit service or overburdening the streets or neighborhood parking.

5. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced;

The proposed Ordinance would not cause displacement of the industrial or service sectors due to office development, and future opportunities for resident employment or ownership in these sectors would not be impaired.

6. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake;

The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on City's preparedness against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

7. That the landmarks and historic buildings be preserved;

The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on the City's Landmarks and historic buildings.

8. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development;

The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on the City's parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas.

Planning Code Section 302 Findings.

The Planning Commission finds from the facts presented that the public necessity, convenience and general welfare require the proposed amendments to the Planning Code as set forth in Section 302.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby ADOPTS A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL the proposed Ordinance as described in this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on June 5, 2025.



Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

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AYES: Campbell, McGarry, Williams, Braun, Imperial, Moore, So
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ADOPTED: June 5, 2025



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PLANNING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT

HEARING DATE: June 5, 2025

90-Day Deadline: July 22, 2025

Project Name: Reproductive Health Clinics
Case Number: 2025-003622PCA [Board File No. 250385]
Initiated by: Mayor Lurie / Introduced April 15, 2025
Staff Contact: aaron starr, Legislative Affairs
aaron.starr@sfgov.org, 628-652-7533
Environmental Review: Not a Project Under CEQA

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt of Recommendation for Approval

Planning Code Amendment

The proposed Ordinance would amend the Planning Code to indicate districts where Reproductive Health Clinics are principally permitted and to make other conforming changes to the Planning Code and Zoning Control Tables, as required by Proposition O, passed by the voters in November 2024.

The Way It Is Now:

Prop O added Planning Code Section 202.5 to the Planning Code to more widely permit Reproductive Health Clinics in San Francisco; however, the ordinance did not amend individual zoning control tables to reflect these changes.

The Way It Would Be:

All relevant zoning districts would be amended to reflect the new status of Reproductive Health Clinics as principally permitted uses.

Background

In November 2024, City voters passed Proposition O, which requires the Planning Department to further implement Proposition O by submitting for introduction an ordinance that “makes all changes necessary to conform the Planning Code to the requirements of Section 202.5 . . . including but not limited to, amending Zoning Control Tables to list Reproductive Health Clinics as a Principally Permitted use.” This ordinance is intended to satisfy the requirements of Proposition O.

Issues and Considerations

Planning Code Legibility

Proposition O added Section 202.5 to the Planning Code to more broadly permit Reproductive Health Clinics throughout San Francisco. Section 202.5 provides:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, a Reproductive Health Clinic is a Principally Permitted use on all stories in all use districts, except the following residential districts: Residential, House (Section 209.1); Residential, Mixed (Section 209.2); and Residential, Transit-Oriented (Section 209.4). In these residential districts, Reproductive Health Clinics are permitted as a Limited Corner Commercial Use pursuant to Section 231, to the same extent such uses were allowed under Section 231 as of the effective date of this ordinance. If the development of a Reproductive Health Clinic would require the residential conversion of a Residential Unit or Unauthorized Unit under Section 317, the development is subject to Section 317 and may require Conditional Use authorization, or may be prohibited in the aforementioned residential districts. Reclassifying a Health Services or Institutional Use as a Reproductive Health Clinic shall not be deemed a change in use under this Code. Similarly, any Reproductive Health Clinic in operation before the effective date of this ordinance may revert to its prior use—such as Health Services—without being considered a change in use.

While Section 202.5 fulfills the intent of Proposition O, initiatives are often drafted in general terms to enhance public understanding, and therefore did not include updates to individual zoning control tables. This ordinance performs the essential task of amending those tables across all relevant zoning districts to reflect the new status of Reproductive Health Clinics as principally permitted uses. Without these technical updates, the Planning Code would remain inconsistent and outdated, increasing the likelihood of administrative error and misapplication.

General Plan Compliance

This ordinance is consistent with the San Francisco General Plan as it will help ensure even distribution of reproductive health clinics throughout the city, as call for in the Community Facilities Element.

Racial and Social Equity Analysis

Equity Goals and Context

Proposition O, adopted by voters in November 2024, affirmed that access to reproductive health services—including abortion, contraception, in vitro fertilization, and accurate medical information—is a fundamental human right. The ordinance aligns with San Francisco’s stated goal of eliminating barriers to care, particularly for those most impacted by social and structural inequities, including:

- Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)
- Low-income and uninsured residents
- LGBTQ+ individuals
- Immigrants and non-English speakers
- Youth and individuals with limited access to transportation

Equity Advancements

The ordinance advances racial and social equity in the following ways:

- **Expanded Geographic Access:** By permitting clinics in nearly all commercial, industrial, and mixed-use zones, the ordinance helps reduce geographic disparities in care availability—particularly benefiting communities in historically underserved areas.
- **Reduced Bureaucratic Barriers:** Principally permitting Reproductive Health Clinics (as opposed to requiring Conditional Use authorization) removes procedural obstacles that have disproportionately impacted providers serving low-income and BIPOC communities.
- **Inclusive Definition of Services:** The ordinance’s definition encompasses not only abortion and contraception but also reproductive health services critical to LGBTQ+ individuals and those facing infertility—ensuring broader inclusivity in care.
- **Support for Patient Autonomy and Safety:** By emphasizing access to unbiased, science-based health services, the ordinance protects patients from coercive or deceptive practices that disproportionately target vulnerable populations.

Implementation

The Department has determined that this ordinance will not impact our current implementation procedures.

Recommendation

The Department recommends that the Commission ***adopt a recommendation for approval*** of the proposed Ordinance and adopt the attached Draft Resolution to that effect.

Basis for Recommendation

The Department supports the goals of this Ordinance because it will update the Planning Code so that affected zoning districts accurately reflect the changes made by Proposition O. Having accurate zoning control tables ensures that the code can be more effectively implemented.

Required Commission Action

The proposed Ordinance is before the Commission so that it may adopt a recommendation of approval, disapproval, or approval with modifications.

Environmental Review

The proposed amendments are not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c) and 15378 because they do not result in a physical change in the environment.

Public Comment

As of the date of this report, the Planning Department has not received any public comment regarding the proposed Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit A: Draft Planning Commission Resolution
- Exhibit B: Board of Supervisors File No. 250385
- Exhibit C: Letters of Support/Opposition or other supporting documentation, etc.