

1 [License Agreements - Department of the Environment - Zero Waste Signmaker Tool]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to enter into agreements**  
4 **with other municipalities and entities under which the City will grant a royalty free,**  
5 **irrevocable, and perpetual license to use the City’s Zero Waste Signmaker Tool.**

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7 WHEREAS, The City owns an online and mobile communications tool used to create  
8 signage about recycling, reuse, and proper disposal options for residents and businesses (the  
9 “Zero Waste Signmaker Tool”), currently located on the City’s website at  
10 <https://sfrecycles.org/signmaker>; and

11 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment believes the Zero Waste Signmaker  
12 Tool can assist others in promoting better recycling, reuse, and proper disposal efforts in  
13 areas outside of San Francisco; and

14 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment desires to enter agreements with  
15 other municipalities and entities substantially in the form of the sample agreement in File  
16 No. 211142 (“License Agreement”), under which the City will grant a royalty free, irrevocable,  
17 and perpetual license to use the City’s Zero Waste Signmaker Tool; and

18 WHEREAS, The City’s licensing of the Zero Waste Signmaker Tool to other  
19 municipalities and entities will help strengthen the City’s leadership role in promoting better  
20 recycling, reuse, and proper disposal efforts across the nation; and

21 WHEREAS, San Francisco strives to support other municipalities and entities in  
22 advocating for shared recycling goals so everyone can achieve zero waste; and

23 WHEREAS, Sharing the Zero Waste Signmaker Tool is a form of practicing zero waste  
24 by building on existing recycling and reuse tools; and

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1           WHEREAS, Charter, Section 4.118 defines the role and duties of the Commission on  
2 the Environment, but neither Section 4.118 nor any other section of the Charter vests in the  
3 Department of the Environment the ability to enter licenses to allow third parties to use City  
4 intellectual property; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department of the  
6 Environment to enter License Agreements with other municipalities and entities to use the  
7 Zero Waste Signmaker Tool; and, be it

8           FURTHER RESOLVED, That within 30 days of any License Agreement being fully  
9 executed, the Department of the Environment shall submit to the Clerk of the Board of  
10 Supervisors a completely executed copy of the License Agreement for inclusion in File  
11 No. 211142.