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Resolution instructing the Planning Department to require a Tree Disclosure Statement as part of all building permit applications that include exterior work, demolition or grading.

WHEREAS, San Francisco has a relatively small percentage of large trees of high value, as documented by recently completed surveys (UFORE, 2005); and,

WHEREAS, It takes many years for a tree to grow to significant size and character; and,

WHEREAS, Significant, valuable trees are frequently cut down for small and large developments with inadequate public process; and,

WHEREAS, It is a tremendous loss to the surrounding neighborhood when such trees are cut down; and,

WHEREAS, It is incumbent on The City to ensure and promote preservation of the existing tree canopy cover within the City limits; and,

WHEREAS, Properly identifying and mapping all trees within a proposed construction site is the first step in preserving these trees; and,

WHEREAS, Promoting standards of maintenance required for the protection of the City's urban forest during and after construction is an effective way to ensure and promote preservation of such trees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors instruct the Planning Department to require that all building permit applications that include exterior work and all demolition or grading permit applications include a complete tree disclosure statement; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors instruct the Planning Department to
2 actively ensure and promote the survival of trees during construction events by providing
3 protection standards and best management practices; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors instruct the Planning Department to
5 ensure that before development plans are approved, that the Developer agrees in writing to:
6 a) inform all contractors of The City's requirement to preserve and protect landmark trees;
7 and b) to provide the best management practices, procedures, and mitigation so that all
8 parties to the development ar held accountable for tree preservation and their protection
9 during and after development; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisor instruct the Planning Department to
11 establish and maintain an up-to-date file of all "Tree Disclosure Statements", and make
12 copies available to the public upon request, as governed by The City's Sunshine Laws.

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