

1 [Planning Code - Landmark Designation - San Francisco Fire Station No. 44]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Planning Code to designate San Francisco Fire Station No. 44,**  
 4 **located at 1298 Girard Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6194, Lot No. 010, as a**  
 5 **Landmark consistent with the standards set forth in Article 10 of the Planning Code;**  
 6 **affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental**  
 7 **Quality Act; and making public necessity, convenience, and welfare findings under**  
 8 **Planning Code, Section 302, and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the**  
 9 **eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

10 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
 11 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
 12 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.  
 13 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
 14 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
 15 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code  
 16 subsections or parts of tables.

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

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17 Section 1. CEQA and Land Use Findings.

18 (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this  
 19 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources  
 20 Code Sections 21000 *et seq.*). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
 21 Supervisors in File No. 240089 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board of  
 22 Supervisors affirms this determination.

23 (b) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that the  
 24 proposed landmark designation of San Francisco Fire Station No. 44, located at 1298 Girard  
 25 Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6194, Lot No. 010, will serve the public necessity,

1 convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth in Historic Preservation Commission  
2 Resolution No.1369, recommending approval of the proposed designation, which is  
3 incorporated herein by reference.

4 (c) On December 20, 2023, the Historic Preservation Commission, in Resolution  
5 No. 1369, adopted findings that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on  
6 balance, with the City's General Plan and with the eight priority policies of Planning Code  
7 Section 101.1. The Board adopts these findings as its own.

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9 Section 2. General Findings.

10 (a) On September 26, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 448-23,  
11 initiating landmark designation of San Francisco Fire Station No. 44 as a San Francisco  
12 Landmark pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the Planning Code. On October 5, 2023, the Mayor  
13 returned the approved resolution. Said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
14 Supervisors in Board File No. 230880.

15 (b) Pursuant to Charter Section 4.135, the Historic Preservation Commission has  
16 authority "to recommend approval, disapproval, or modification of landmark designations and  
17 historic district designations under the Planning Code to the Board of Supervisors."

18 (c) Planning Department Preservation staff prepared a Landmark Designation Fact  
19 Sheet for San Francisco Fire Station No. 44. All preparers meet the Secretary of the Interior's  
20 Professional Qualification Standards for historic preservation program staff, as set forth in  
21 Code of Federal Regulations Title 36, Part 61, Appendix A. The report was reviewed for  
22 accuracy and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10 of the Planning  
23 Code.

24 (d) The Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of December 20,  
25 2023, reviewed Planning Department staff's analysis of the architectural and historical

1 significance of San Francisco Fire Station No. 44 set forth in the Landmark Designation Fact  
2 Sheet, dated December 13, 2023.

3 (e) On December 20, 2023, after holding a public hearing on the proposed  
4 designation, and having considered the specialized analyses prepared by Planning  
5 Department staff, and the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet, the Historic Preservation  
6 Commission recommended designation of San Francisco Fire Station No. 44 as a landmark  
7 under Article 10 of the Planning Code by Resolution No. 1369. Said resolution is on file with  
8 the Clerk of the Board in Board File No. 240089.

9 (f) The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that San Francisco Fire Station No. 44 has a  
10 special character and special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value, and  
11 that its designation as a Landmark will further the purposes of and conform to the standards  
12 set forth in Article 10 of the Planning Code. In doing so, the Board hereby incorporates by  
13 reference the findings of the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet.

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15 Section 3. Designation.

16 Pursuant to Section 1004.3 of the Planning Code, San Francisco Fire Station No. 44,  
17 located at 1298 Girard Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6194, Lot No. 010, is hereby  
18 designated as a San Francisco Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code. Appendix A  
19 to Article 10 of the Planning Code is hereby amended to include this property.

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21 Section 4. Required Data.

22 (a) The description, location, and boundary of the Landmark site consists of the City  
23 parcel located at 1298 Girard Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6194, Lot No. 010, in San  
24 Francisco's Visitacion Valley neighborhood.

1 (b) The characteristics of the Landmark that justify its designation are described and  
2 shown in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet and other supporting materials contained in  
3 Planning Department Record Docket No. 2023-009941DES. In brief, San Francisco Fire  
4 Station No. 44 is eligible for local designation because it is associated with events that have  
5 made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of San Francisco history (National  
6 Register of Historic Places Criterion A) and as an example that embodies the distinctive  
7 characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction and is representative of the  
8 work of an architect of merit (Criterion C). Specifically, designation of San Francisco Fire  
9 Station No. 44, constructed in 1913 and one of the oldest active fire stations in the city, is  
10 significant for association with a period of expansion in San Francisco's Fire Department in  
11 the 1910s and as an excellent example of an early twentieth century, Classical Revival style,  
12 brick fire station, representative of the work of architect of merit, John Reid, Jr.

13 (c) The particular features that shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind as determined  
14 necessary, are those shown in photographs and described in the Landmark Designation Fact  
15 Sheet, which can be found in Planning Department Record Docket No. 2023-009941DES,  
16 and which are incorporated in this designation by reference as though fully set forth.  
17 Specifically, the following features are character-defining and shall be preserved or replaced  
18 in kind:

19 (1) The character-defining exterior features of the original portion of San Francisco Fire  
20 Station No. 44, constructed in 1913, including:

- 21 (A) Two-story height and rectangular massing;
- 22 (B) Brick and stucco cladding;
- 23 (C) Tall apparatus bay opening with brick and terracotta reveal;
- 24 (D) Terracotta panel with medallions above apparatus bay opening;

1 (E) Arcade at second floor of the Girard Street façade formed by three openings  
2 divided by brick-clad piers with terracotta capitals, and curved, metal balconettes;

3 (F) Setback space within the arcade with brick-clad sidewalls, stucco ceiling,  
4 and wood paneled wall containing two window openings with transoms flanking a door  
5 opening with transom;

6 (G) Terracotta cornice with brackets and a brick parapet extending across Girard  
7 Street and Wilde Avenue façades with returns on rear (west) and side (north)  
8 elevations;

9 (H) Fenestration pattern and size of openings on Wilde Avenue façade  
10 highlighted by brick sills, brickmold surrounds, and terracotta capitals;

11 (I) Stucco frieze, cornice, and parapet on rear (west) and side (north) elevation;  
12 and

13 (J) Metal and red glass lanterns.

14 (2) The character-defining interior feature of the original portion of San Francisco Fire  
15 Station No. 44: herringbone pattern brick floor at ground floor apparatus bay.

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17 Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
18 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
19 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
20 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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