

1 [Permeable Paving.]

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3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Building Code by adding Section 106A.1.14 to**  
4 **require a permit for construction or reconstruction of a driveway unless the driveway**  
5 **construction or reconstruction work is approved under a building or site permit; by**  
6 **amending Table 1A-F to add a permit fee for construction of a permeable driveway**  
7 **surface; and by adding Chapter 13E to require new driveways to have a permeable**  
8 **surface; adopting findings, including environmental findings and findings required by**  
9 **California Health and Safety Code Section 17958.5.**

10 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;  
11 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.  
12 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
13 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

14 Section 1. Findings. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
15 Francisco hereby finds and determines as follows:

16 (a) CEQA Findings. The Planning Department has determined that the actions  
17 contemplated in this Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality  
18 Act (California Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file  
19 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is incorporated  
20 herein by reference.

21 (b) Findings Required by California Health and Safety Code Section 17958.5.

22 All rainwater in San Francisco drains to the City's combined sewer, where it is  
23 conveyed to treatment plants, treated, and then discharged to the San Francisco Bay or the  
24 Pacific Ocean. In occasional extremely large rain events, stormwater runoff can increase the  
25 risk of localized flooding. At the same time, opportunities to use rainwater on-site or enhance

1 groundwater infiltration are lost. Requiring rainwater to either (1) drain through permeable  
2 surfaces into the soil wherever possible rather than into the City's sewer system, or (2) be  
3 slowed down, treated, and then released to the sewer, can help to mitigate these problems.

4 Section 2. The San Francisco Building Code is hereby amended by adding Section  
5 106A.1.14, to read as follows:

6 106A.1.14 Permits and fees for construction of a driveway.

7 1. General. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to commence or  
8 proceed with the construction of a new driveway or reconstruction of an existing driveway unless a  
9 permit is first obtained. If the driveway construction or reconstruction work is covered by a building or  
10 site permit, a separate permit need not be obtained. See Section 110A, Table 1A-F – Specialty Permit  
11 Fees – for applicable fee.

12 Section 3. The San Francisco Building Code is hereby amended by amending Table  
13 1A-F, to read as follows:

14 TABLE 1A-F – SPECIALTY PERMIT FEES

15	1. Bleachers permit fee table:	
16	Permanent bleachers	See new construction fee table
17	Temporary bleachers:	
18	0 to 1,000 seats or fraction thereof	\$21.75
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20	Each additional 1,000 seats or fraction thereof	\$10.75
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22	2. Chimney and flue permits:	
23	Each chimney or flue	\$15.25
24	3. Demolition permit fee table:	
25	Construction Type II-IHr., II-N, or V	\$29.95 per 25-foot section or fraction

1		thereof, per each story
2	All other construction types	\$44.90 per 25-foot section or fraction thereof, per each story
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4	If no frontage or more than 1, use shortest side of building for determination	
5	4. Extra permit work:	2 times the standard fees for work remaining to be done or not covered in original permit scope
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7	5. Garage door permits:	
8	Each garage door in an existing building fee	\$10.75
9	6. Grading permits:	See new construction fee table
10	7. House moving permit fee:	\$123.00
11	8. Recommencement of work not completed:	
12	Standard inspection fee per Table I-G	
13	See also Table 1-B – Commencement of Work Not Started	
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15	9. Reroofing permits:	\$68.50
16	10. Strong motion instrumentation fee:	
17	Group R Occupancies of 3 stories or less, except hotels and motels	0.00013 times the valuation
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19	Hotels and motels, all buildings greater than 3 stories, all occupancies other than Group R	0.00024 times the valuation
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21	Minimum fee	\$1.60
22	11. Subsidewalk construction and use permit fee:	
23	Construction	See new construction fee table
24	Use permit, each separate street frontage	\$27.25
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1	Street space deposit	\$41.50 per frontage foot
2	12. Construction of impervious surface in front	\$100.00
3	yard setback area	
4	<u>13. Construction of a new driveway</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
5	<u>14. Reconstruction of an existing impervious driveway</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>

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7 Section 5. The San Francisco Building Code is hereby amended by adding Chapter  
8 13E, to read as follows:

9 CHAPTER 13E

10 PERMEABLE PAVING FOR DRIVEWAYS

11 SECTION 1301E – PERMEABLE PAVING REQUIRED. The construction, installation, and  
12 maintenance of pervious systems shall comply with all manufacturer’s specifications and with the  
13 following standards:

14 Where infiltration rates are less than .5 inches per hour, installation must include an  
15 underdrain to a controlled outlet.

16 Where the project site overlays fill, contaminated soils, contaminated groundwater, or  
17 groundwater less than 10 feet below the surface, installation must include a liner and an underdrain to  
18 a controlled outlet.

19 Exceptions: Permeable paving is not required for repaving projects with the following  
20 site conditions:

21 if the driveway slope is more than 5%;

22 if the paved driveway is within 100 feet of drinking water wells;

23 adjacent areas drain to the site;

1 fueling areas, maintenance yards, hazardous storage areas, or other pollutant sources are  
2 within 100 feet of the paved driveway or drain to the paved driveway; or  
3 where installation of permeable paving may result in subsurface drainage being directed onto  
4 any adjoining property.

5 SECTION 1302E - DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this chapter, certain terms are defined as  
6 follows:

7 PERMEABLE PAVEMENT means any porous, load-bearing surface that allows for rainwater  
8 infiltration into the ground.

9 RECONSTRUCTION means the removal of more than 50% of the surface area of an existing  
10 driveway and its replacement with a new surface.

11 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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13 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
14 JUDITH A. BOYAJIAN  
15 Deputy City Attorney