

1 [Policy to Preserve Street Tree Planting Sites.]

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3 **Ordinance adopting a policy to preserve street tree planting sites.**

4 Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;
5 deletions are ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~.
6 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
7 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

9 Section 1. Findings.

10 A. Street trees enhance the character of streets and the elimination of street tree
11 planting sites due to the manner in which utilities are placed underground can diminish the
12 character of San Francisco's neighborhoods.

13 B. It is possible for utilities to be placed underground in a manner that will not result
14 in the loss of street tree planting sites through the placement of utility lines and boxes away
15 from potential tree planting sites.

16 C. Section 143 of the Planning Code requires that certain persons plant street trees
17 and imposes requirements for such planting.

18 Section 2. The Board of Supervisors and Mayor of the City and County of San
19 Francisco hereby adopt a policy of preserving street tree planting sites when placing utilities
20 underground to enable compliance with Planning Code section 143 and to provide flexibility
21 for other street tree planting, to the extent permitted by law. The Department of Public Works
22 shall be responsible for enforcing this policy to the maximum extent practicable and feasible.

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