

1 [Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee – Membership]

2 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by amending Article IV,**
3 **Sections 5.20 to reconstitute the membership of the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board**
4 **and making clerical, corrective changes.**

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

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

10 Section 1. The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by amending
11 Article IV Section 5.20, to read as follows:

12 **Sec. 5.20. Findings; Establishment and Organization.**

13 (a) The Board of Supervisors finds and declares that it is in the public interest to
14 officially recognize walking as an important component of our transportation system, and as a
15 key component to creating livable and suitable communities. Accordingly, the Board of
16 Supervisors seeks to develop and implement focused policies that encourage pedestrian
17 safety, education, and convenience in transportation and city planning.

18 Over the past fifty years, many American cities, including San Francisco, have seen a
19 dramatic shift away from pedestrian and public transportation toward a reliance on the private
20 automobile for primary transportation. In that same time period, the City has seen a reduction
21 of its public walkways, pedestrian right-of-ways, and valuable inner-city green spaces.

22 In San Francisco, as throughout the world, the quality of urban life is being threatened
23 by encroaching environmental factors. San Franciscans also suffer from increasing poor air
24 quality, elevated noise levels, increased traffic congestion, longer trip times, and diminishing
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1 public space. These and other factors have led San Francisco to adopt a Transit-First policy
2 favoring public transportation, bicycles, and pedestrian travel over the use of automobiles.

3 The City's streetscape is similar to many cities and towns in Europe. Narrow streets
4 and interesting destinations combine to make our streets conducive to walking. Encouraging
5 pedestrian presence on our City's streets and sidewalks not only reduces our City's reliance
6 on the automobile, but also helps create communities and neighborhoods that are deemed
7 livable and desirable. Better pedestrian planning and policies will not only serve the
8 approximately 10% of San Franciscans who walk to work on a regular basis, but also all
9 visitors to and residents of San Francisco because each person is a pedestrian at some point
10 in every trip they take.

11 San Francisco has an unusually high rate of pedestrian injuries for a city its size. In the
12 past five years, nearly 5,000 pedestrians have been injured on city streets, and over 130
13 people have been killed. Our seniors, youth, and citizens with disabilities are especially at risk
14 for being injured and/or killed in a motor vehicle collision. Nationally, pedestrians account for
15 only 13% of traffic fatalities and 2.2% of traffic injuries. However, in San Francisco, they
16 account for more than half of the motor-vehicle related deaths and about one-third of the
17 hospitalizations and have outnumbered or equaled car occupants in traffic fatalities in San
18 Francisco in nine of the past ten years.

19 (b) There shall be established a Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee. This Advisory
20 Committee, composed of concerned and informed residents, will provide a source of expertise
21 on issues concerning pedestrian safety, convenience, ambiance, and planning.

22 The Advisory Committee shall consist of ~~eleven~~ twenty-three voting members appointed
23 ~~by the Board of Supervisors as set forth below. The member shall consist of representative from the~~
24 ~~following categories:~~

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1 (1) The Board of Supervisors shall appoint twenty-one members from the following
2 categories:

3 ~~(1)(a) Three~~ (2) Two representatives from pedestrian safety organizations;

4 ~~(2)(b) Two~~ (2) Two representatives from senior or disability organizations;

5 ~~(3)(c) One~~ (1) One representative from bicycle or other non-motorized wheeled
6 personal transport organizations;

7 ~~(4)(d) One~~ (1) One representative from transit or environmental organizations;

8 ~~(5)(e) One~~ (1) One representative from child advocate or school support
9 organizations;

10 ~~(6)(f) One~~ (1) One representative from a public health organization.

11 ~~(7)(g) Two~~ (2) Two at-large representatives.

12 (h) Eleven (11) persons appointed by individual members of the Board of Supervisors.

13 Each member of the Board shall appoint a representative who resides in his or her district.

14 (2) The Superintendent of Schools shall appoint two members, one of whom shall be a
15 student and one of whom shall be a parent.

16 (c) In addition to the twenty three voting members, the following City departments shall
17 select and send a non-voting representative to Advisory Committee meetings: the
18 Department of Parking and Traffic, the Department of Public Health, the Municipal Railway,
19 the Department of Public Works, the Planning Department, the Police Department, the
20 Recreation and Parks Department, District Attorney's Office, the Mayor's Office on Disability,
21 and any other City departments whose work impacts pedestrians. All City departments,
22 commissions, boards and agencies shall cooperate with the Advisory Committee in
23 conducting its business. The Board of Supervisors also requests that the Transportation
24 Authority, San Francisco Unified School District, the Redevelopment Agency, and the Golden
25 Gate National Park Service assist in the work of the Advisory Committee.

1 (d) Advisory Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the *Board of*
2 *Supervisors appointing authority*. In addition, an Advisory Committee member's term shall
3 expire by operation of law upon the issuance by the clerk of the Committee a notification
4 adopted by the Advisory Committee certifying that the member in question has three
5 consecutive unexcused absences from meetings of the Advisory Committee.

6 (e) The term of each Advisory Committee member shall be two years; provided,
7 however, that the member initially appointed shall, by lot, classify their terms so that half of
8 the members will serve a one year term and half will serve a two year term. In the event a
9 vacancy occurs during the term of office of any member, a successor shall be appointed to
10 complete the unexpired term of office vacated.

11 (f) At the initial meeting of the Advisory Committee, and annually thereafter, the
12 members of the Advisory Committee shall select a Chair, and any other officers as deemed
13 necessary by the Advisory Committee.

14 (g) The Advisory Committee shall establish rules for its own organization and
15 procedures and shall meet when necessary as determined by the Advisory Committee. All
16 meetings shall, except as provided by law, be open to the public.

17 (h) The Advisory Committee shall be supported by the Department of Parking and
18 Traffic to the extent that funding and staff resources permit. The Board of Supervisors urges
19 the Department of Parking and Traffic to include in its proposed budget funds sufficient to
20 cover the cost of mailing, reproduction and other activities needed to complete the work of the
21 Advisory Committee. In addition, an interdepartmental report on pedestrian issues and
22 current projects will be presented to the Advisory Committee on a monthly basis by staff from
23 the Department of Parking and Traffic.

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