LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code – Upper Fillmore Neighborhood Commercial District]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Planning Code by amending Section 718.1 and Sections 718.42, 718.44, and 718.69A of the Zoning Control Table to allow new full-service restaurants, small self-service restaurants, and self-service specialty food establishments with conditional use authorization and to amend Section 718.41 and add a Specific Provision for full-service restaurants to allow a bar in conjunction with a full-service restaurant with conditional use authorization; adopting findings, including environmental findings, Planning Code Section 302 findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

Existing Law

Planning Code Section 718.1 establishes the Upper Fillmore Neighborhood Commercial District. The Section 718 Zoning Control Table sets forth the building standards and uses that are allowed in the Upper Fillmore NCD. The existing Code prohibits new full-service restaurants, small self-service restaurants, bars, and self-service specialty food uses among others uses.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed legislation would allow a new full-service restaurant, a small self-service restaurant, and a self-service specialty food use on the first floor with a conditional use authorization. A new bar would be allowed in conjunction with a full-service restaurant use with a conditional use authorization.

Background Information

The restrictions on restaurants and specialty food establishments were put in place more than 20 years ago, before the City enacted the controls on formula retail establishments that are now in the Planning Code. Since formula retail controls are now in place to protect the neighborhood, the proposed legislation would open up the Upper Fillmore NCD street to new food options with a conditional use.