

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
(Amended in Committee: 12/6/2010)

[Planning Code—Notice Requirement for "Other Entertainment Uses" in the Van Ness Avenue Special Use District]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Planning Code by amending Section 243 to require notice for "Other Entertainment Uses" in the Van Ness Avenue Special Use District; adopting findings, including findings under Section 302 of the Planning Code, environmental findings and findings of consistency with the General Plan and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

Existing Law

The Van Ness Avenue Special Use District (SUD) runs along Van Ness Avenue and is generally bounded by Broadway Street in the north and Golden Gate Street to the south. Its boundaries can be found on Zoning Map SU02 of the City and County of San Francisco. Currently, there are no special requirements for "Other Entertainment Uses," as defined by Planning Code Section 790.38, within this SUD. Section 790.38 generally defines "Other Entertainment Uses" as retail uses, other than adult entertainment, that provide live entertainment, including dramatic and musical performances, and/or operate as a dance hall.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed legislation would require all new "Other Entertainment Uses", as defined in Planning Code Section 790.38, to provide notification under Planning Code Section 312 before such use could be approved.

Background

As originally introduced, this proposed legislation required all new Other Entertainment Uses to obtain a Conditional Use Authorization under Section 303 of the Planning Code. An amendment was made at the Board of Supervisors Land Use Committee hearing on December 6, 2010 to instead require notification under Section 312 of the Planning Code.