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COMMERCIAL TO RESIDENTIAL ADAPTIVE REUSE PROGRAM

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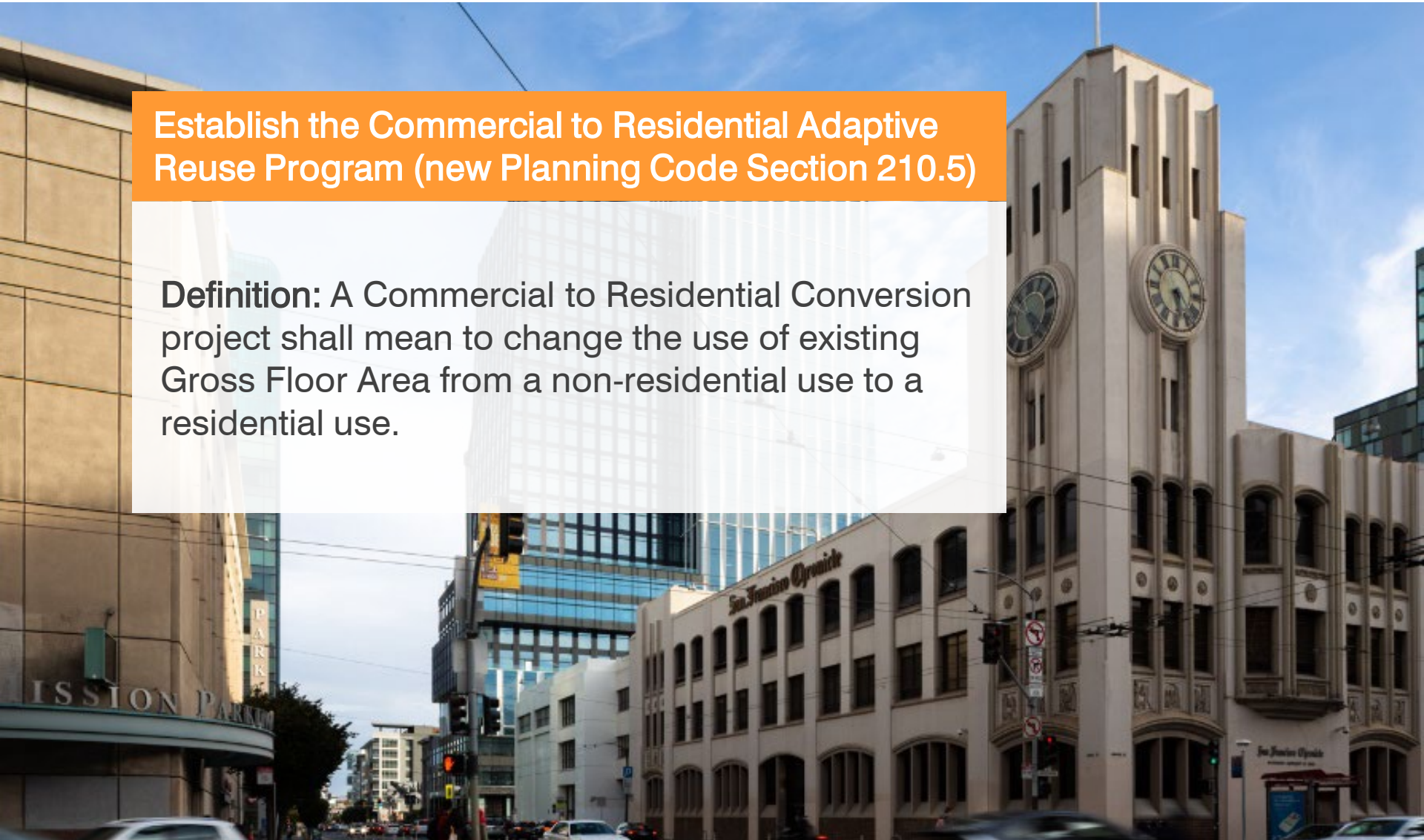
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# Commercial to Residential Adaptive Reuse Program

Establish the Commercial to Residential Adaptive Reuse Program (new Planning Code Section 210.5)

**Definition:** A Commercial to Residential Conversion project shall mean to change the use of existing Gross Floor Area from a non-residential use to a residential use.





# Commercial to Residential Adaptive Reuse Program

## Planning Code Zoning Modifications:

- Rear yard
- Useable Open space
- Better Streets Plan requirements
- Bike parking
- Dwelling Unit mix
- Exposure
- Intermediate Length Occupancy controls
- Planning Commission Hearing
- Height (mechanical equipment, elevator, stair penthouses, rooftop restaurant / bar, etc...)
- Existing non-conforming structures.



# Commercial to Residential Adaptive Reuse Program

## Eligibility

- Located in a C zoning district that is east of or fronting Van Ness/South Van Ness Avenue and north of Harrison Street
- Program available for projects not using state density bonus
- Waivers of requirements and hearings available for converted space plus up to 20% building expansion, including up to 1-story addition
- Submit an application by December 31, 2028

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## Building Code Changes:

- Directs DBI and Fire to produce an adaptive reuse building alternatives manual or administrative bulletin that will lay out alternative methods of compliance with Building and Fire Code standards.
- Adds language to clarify that the California Historical Building Code is available for buildings that are at least 50 years old and deemed historic by the Planning Department.



# Next Steps

- April 4, 2023: Ordinance introduced by Mayor Breed and President Peskin.
- May/June: Planning Commission hearing on the proposed ordinance
- May: Building Inspection Commission hearing on the proposed ordinance
- Summer: DBI + SFFD develop administrative bulletin/alternatives manual.
- Summer: Board hearing on the proposed ordinance.



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**THANK YOU**

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