

1 [Administrative Code - Official Animal - Wild Parrot]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to designate the wild parrot as the**
4 **official animal of the City and County of San Francisco.**

5 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
6 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
7 **Deletions to Codes** are in ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*~~.
8 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
9 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
10 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
11 subsections or parts of tables.

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

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12 Section 1. Findings.

13 (a) The Wild Parrots of San Francisco, which belong to the species Psittacara
14 Erythrogenys, are a unique and beloved feature of San Francisco’s natural environment.

15 (b) Commonly known as the Cherry-headed Conures within the pet industry, and
16 the Red-masked Parakeets by ornithologists, the Wild Parrots of San Francisco are originally
17 from Ecuador and Peru, but have made their home in our City.

18 (c) The Wild Parrots of San Francisco have become a symbol of the city's diversity,
19 sociability, and resilience, having adapted to life in an urban environment.

20 (d) The Wild Parrots of San Francisco are a reminder of the importance of
21 appreciating the natural world, and the need to support efforts to conserve wildlife and natural
22 habitats.

23 (e) While there are wild parrots living in every major city in the world, the Wild
24 Parrots of San Francisco have their own language dialect, with a specific system of calls and
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1 responses that are distinct from conure populations found elsewhere, making them truly
2 unique to San Francisco.

3 (f) The Wild Parrots of San Francisco are raucous and noisy, wild and free, and
4 travel in tightknit flocks that exhibit acts of solidarity, much like their human San Franciscan
5 counterparts, who are known for their vocal public input, fierce independence, and deep love
6 of community.

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8 Section 2. Chapter 1 of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Section
9 1.5-5, to read as follows:

10 **SEC. 1.5-5. OFFICIAL ANIMAL DESIGNATED.**

11 *The wild parrot is hereby designated as the official animal of the City and County of San*
12 *Francisco.*

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14 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
15 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
16 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
17 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.

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19 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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