

**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Building Code - Vacant or Abandoned Commercial Storefronts Fee Waiver]

**Ordinance amending the Building Code to allow the Department of Building Inspection to waive the annual registration fee for Vacant or Abandoned Commercial Storefronts; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

Existing Law

Building Code Section 103A.5.2 requires the owner of a Vacant or Abandoned Commercial Storefront to register the Commercial Storefront with the Department of Building Inspection within 30 days after it has become vacant or abandoned, and to renew the registration annually. Building Code Section 103A.5.2 also requires the owner of a Vacant or Abandoned Commercial Storefront to pay an annual registration fee.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would amend Building Code Section 103A.5.2 to allow the Director of the Department of Building Inspection to waive the annual registration fee for a Vacant or Abandoned Commercial Storefront that complies with all provisions of state and City law, does not contribute to blight as defined in Chapter 80 of the Administrative Code, and is ready for occupancy, and for which the owner provides evidence satisfactory to the Director that the Commercial Storefront is actively being offered for sale, lease, or rent.

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