

**REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

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[Planning Code - Signage Requirements for Privately-Owned Public Open Spaces]

**Ordinance amending the San Francisco Planning Code to: 1) consolidate into Section 138 the requirements for privately-owned public open space; 2) create a new Zoning Administrator Bulletin that will contain detailed design and graphics requirements for the required informational plaques; and 3) make environmental findings, Planning Code Section 302 findings, and findings of consistency with General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1.**

Existing Law

Planning Code Section 135(h) sets forth the requirements for publicly-accessible open space for dwelling units and group housing in specified zoning districts; subsection (h)(4) sets forth the requirements for an informational plaque identifying such open space. Section 135.3 sets forth the requirements for usable open space for uses other than dwelling units, group housing and live/work units in specified zoning districts. Section 138 sets forth the open space requirements in C-3 Districts; subsection (i) sets forth the requirements for an informational plaque identifying such open space. Section 603 exempts certain signs from the requirements of Article 6; subsection (k) exempts informational plaques or signs which identify to the public open space resources.

Amendments to Current Law

Planning Code Sections 135, 135.3, and 138 are amended to impose additional signage requirements for informational plaques identifying privately-owned publicly-accessible open spaces and make other clarifying text amendments. A conforming amendment is made to Section 603(k).

Background Information

The Planning Code requires certain buildings to provide publicly-accessible open space as a condition of approval. A critical component of the City's privately-owned publicly-accessible open space requirements is making people aware of the fact that these amenities exist and their location. Improving the signage requirements for these spaces is necessary to implement the intent of these open space requirements.