

1 [Urging the California State Legislature to Adopt Legislation Allowing Local Jurisdictions
2 Greater Flexibility to Amend the Fire Code]

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4 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to adopt legislation allowing local**
5 **jurisdictions flexibility to amend local fire code street width standards in order to**
6 **maximize pedestrian and bicyclist safety goals.**

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8 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a dense, built out urban environment; and

9 WHEREAS, Pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and fatalities are an epidemic on the city's
10 streets; and

11 WHEREAS, Poor street design, including wide avenues and thoroughfares that induce
12 high vehicular speed, is partly responsible for San Francisco's high pedestrian and bicyclist
13 injury rates; and

14 WHEREAS, Narrower streets reduce the exposure of pedestrians crossing the street,
15 which is especially important for seniors and the disabled; and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a Transit First City with various polices, initiatives, and
17 implementation projects aimed at enhancing pedestrian and bicycle safety; and

18 WHEREAS, Maximizing life safety for all, including pedestrians, cyclists, and residents
19 in their homes and businesses is a top policy priority for the City; and

20 WHEREAS, The State Fire Code elevates the life safety concerns of those in buildings
21 over those walking or riding on our public streets; and

22 WHEREAS, The State Fire Code, adopted by reference in San Francisco, establishes
23 a minimum 20 feet of unobstructed street width on all streets; and

24 WHEREAS, Many of San Francisco's existing streets do not meet this standard; and
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1 WHEREAS, Certain street safety improvements can be made that reduce street width
2 to less than 20 feet without precluding emergency vehicle access; and

3 WHEREAS, Any attempt to implement pedestrian and bicyclist safety enhancements
4 that reduce street width to less than 20 feet is non-compliant with the State Fire Code; and

5 WHEREAS, The State Fire Code precludes local jurisdictions from balancing conflicting
6 needs in order to maximize life safety for all; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State legislature to
8 adopt legislation to allow local jurisdictions to reduce the minimum street width standard in
9 their local fire code.

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June 03, 2013 Land Use and Economic Development Committee - RECOMMENDED

June 11, 2013 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/11/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned


Mayor

6/21/13

Date Approved

Date: June 21, 2013

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.


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