

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Amending the Third Street Alcohol Restricted Use District]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code, to amend the Third Street Alcohol Restricted Use District, to allow Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type 2, “Winegrower” licenses; and making environmental findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

Existing Law

The Planning Code establishes several Alcohol Restricted Districts. These are areas of the City where new establishments that sell alcohol (whether for consumption on- or off- the premises) are limited or prohibited. These restrictions are usually created in order to preserve the character of the different neighborhoods, and to address the numerous peace, health, safety and general welfare problems associated with the existence of a large concentration of establishments that sell alcohol. (See, e.g., Section 249.60 [Mission Alcoholic Beverage Special Use District]; Section 249.62 [Third Street Alcohol Restricted Use District]; Section 783 [Divisadero Street Alcohol Restricted Use District]; and Section 784 [Lower Haight Street Alcohol Restricted Use District].)

The Third Street Alcohol Restricted Use District was created in 2011 and is located in the area generally bounded by Islais Creek to the North, Quint Street, Phelps Street, Tampa Street, Bridgeview Drive, Newhall Street, Venus Street and Egbert Avenue to the West, US Highway 101 to the South, and Mendell Street, La Salle Avenue, Keith Street, Palou Street, Jennings Street, and Ingalls Street to the East. In the Third Street Alcohol Restricted Use District new liquor stores and bars, as defined in the Planning Code, are prohibited, with some exceptions.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would amend the Third Street Alcohol Restricted Use District to allow the sale of wine and brandy pursuant to an Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) License Type 2.

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