

1 [Environment Code - Revising the Urban Forestry Council Composition and Meeting  
2 Requirements]

3 **Ordinance amending the Environment Code to revise the composition and meeting**  
4 **schedule requirements for the Urban Forestry Council.**

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

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

14 Section 1. Background.

15 (a) The Urban Forestry Council was established by Ordinance No. 171-03 to serve as  
16 an advisory body to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on urban forestry issues. The  
17 Council is comprised of members representing the full range of urban forest stakeholders,  
18 including City departments, non-profit organizations, educators, community members, and  
19 industry professionals.

20 (b) Section 1202 currently provides that the Urban Forestry Council shall be composed  
21 of eleven voting members. The Board of Supervisors appoints seven voting members; the  
22 Mayor appoints two voting members; and the Director of the Department of Public Works and  
23 the Director of the Planning Department (or their respective representatives) each are voting  
24 members. Section 1202 also provides that the Council shall have advisory members  
25 comprised of representatives from the Recreation and Park Department, the Public Utilities  
Commission, the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, and the Golden Gate National  
Recreation Area.

1 (c) The San Francisco Redevelopment Agency was dissolved on February 1, 2012.  
2 As a result, the advisory member seat dedicated to the San Francisco Redevelopment  
3 Agency is vacant. To fill the seat left vacant by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency,  
4 Section 1202 should authorize the Port of San Francisco to appoint a representative as a  
5 voting member of the Council.

6 (d) Under Section 1202(a)(3), the Director of the Department of Public Works and the  
7 Director of the Planning Department (or their respective designees) are voting members.  
8 However, the representative members from the Recreation and Park Department and Public  
9 Utilities Commission are not voting members. To increase the effectiveness of the Urban  
10 Forestry Council at carrying out its role in advising the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on  
11 critical issues relating to urban forestry, all Council members should have equal standing and  
12 be voting members.

13 (e) Under Section 1202, the Urban Forestry Council is to meet once a month.  
14 Between 2009 and 2013, the Council averaged nine meetings per year, which has been  
15 sufficient for the Council to effectively and efficiently carry out its general business. In addition  
16 to the regular Council meeting, the Landmark Tree Committee and Planning and Funding  
17 Committee meet frequently throughout the year, as needed.

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19 Section 2. The Environment Code is hereby amended by revising Section 1202, to  
20 read as follows:

21 **SEC. 1202. COUNCIL COMPOSITION AND ADMINISTRATION.**

22 (a) Council members will represent the full range of urban forest stakeholders  
23 including City agencies, non-profit organizations, tree management organizations, and  
24 community members. The Council shall be composed of ~~eleven~~ fifteen voting members.

25 (1) The Board of Supervisors shall appoint seven voting members:

1 (A) One member from an educational organization involved with tree  
2 management (University of California Cooperative Extension, etc.);

3 (B) Two members certified by a professional tree management organization  
4 (International Society of Arboriculture, American Society of Consulting Arborists, or American  
5 Society of Landscape Architects, etc.);

6 (C) Two members of non-profit organizations involved in urban forestry or other  
7 environmentally-related issues; and

8 (D) Two members from the community.

9 (2) The Mayor shall appoint two voting members:

10 (A) One member from the tree care industry; and

11 (B) One member at large.

12 (3) ~~The following departments shall have voting members:~~The Director or General  
13 Manager of each of the following departments, or his or her designee, shall each serve as a voting  
14 member:

15 (A) The Director of the Department of Public Works; ~~or his or her designee; and~~

16 (B) The Director of the Planning Department ~~or his or her designee;~~ and

17 ~~(b) The Council shall have advisory members comprised of representatives from the~~  
18 ~~following departments:~~

19 ~~(1)(C) The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department;~~ ~~and~~

20 ~~(2) The Public Utilities Commission. In addition, the San Francisco Redevelopment~~  
21 ~~Agency and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area are invited to send representatives to sit as~~  
22 ~~advisory members of the Council.~~

23 (4) The Public Utilities Commission shall appoint one voting member.

24 (5) The Golden Gate National Recreation Area is invited to appoint one voting member. If  
25 the Golden Gate National Recreation Area does not make an appointment within 60 days after the seat

1 is vacant, the Presidio Trust may appoint one voting member to serve that term. If the Presidio Trust  
2 does not make an appointment within 30 days after it is authorized to do so, the Mayor shall appoint an  
3 at-large member to fill the seat for the duration of that term.

4 (6) The Port of San Francisco shall appoint one voting member.

5 ~~(e)~~(b) Council members shall serve for two years. A Council Members member can may  
6 serve successive terms if reappointed by the ~~body~~ authority that originally appointing appointed  
7 the Council member. Council members serve at the ~~will~~ pleasure of the ~~body~~ appointing  
8 authority that appoints each Council member, as specified above. The ~~body~~ appointing  
9 authority that appoints Council members also may appoint at-large members to serve any  
10 unfilled Council positions.

11 ~~(d)~~(c) The Council shall meet at least six times per year. once each month.

12 ~~(e)~~(d) The Council shall establish its own operating procedures, which, at a minimum,  
13 shall meet the public notice, meeting, voting, agenda and other procedural requirements set  
14 forth in local law.

15 ~~(f)~~(e) Subcommittees shall be created to adequately address other special areas of  
16 concern on an as needed basis.

17 ~~(g)~~(f) The Department of the Environment, with adequate funding to assist the Council  
18 in carrying out its mission, shall provide professional and administrative staff to the Council.

19 ~~(h)~~(g) All members of the Council shall serve without compensation.

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21 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
22 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
23 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
24 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

1 Section 4. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors  
2 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,  
3 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal  
4 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment  
5 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under  
6 the official title of the ordinance.

7 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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