

## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Landmark Designation - 350 University Street (aka University Mound Old Ladies' Home)]

**Ordinance designating 350 University Street (aka University Mound Old Ladies' Home), Assessor's Block No. 5992, Lot No. 001, as a Landmark under San Francisco Planning Code, Article 10; and making environmental findings, public necessity, convenience, and welfare findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

### Existing Law

Under Article 10, Section 1004 of the Planning Code, the Board of Supervisors may, by ordinance, designate an individual structure that has special character or special historical, architectural or aesthetic interest or value as a City landmark. Once a structure has been named a landmark, any construction, alteration, removal or demolition for which a City permit is required necessitates a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission ("HPC"). (Planning Code Section 1006; Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, Section 4.135.) Thus, landmark designation affords a high degree of protection to historic and architectural structures of merit in the City. There are currently more than 250 individual landmarks in the City under Article 10, in addition to other structures and districts in the downtown area that are protected under Article 11. (See Appendix A to Article 10.)

### Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance amends the Planning Code to add a new historic landmark to the list of individual landmarks under Article 10: 350 University Street (aka University Mound Old Ladies' Home).

The ordinance finds that 350 University Street (aka University Mound Old Ladies' Home) is eligible for designation as a City landmark under National Register of Historic Places Criterion C (as it embodies distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, and represents the work of two master architects). Specifically, designation of the University Mound Old Ladies' Home is proper given its significant embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of the Colonial Revival style that was popular following the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg in the late 1920s.

As required by Section 1004, the ordinance lists the particular exterior and interior features that shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind as determined necessary.

Background Information

The landmark designation was initiated by the HPC pursuant to its authority under the Charter to recommend approval, disapproval, or modification of landmark designations and historic district designations under the Planning Code to the Board of Supervisors. The HPC held a hearing to initiate the landmark designation of 350 University Street (aka University Mound Old Ladies' Home) on May 20, 2015. On August 5, 2015, after holding a public hearing on the proposed designation and having considered the Landmark Designation Case Report prepared by Planning Department staff Shannon Ferguson, the HPC voted to recommend approval of the proposed landmark designation of 350 University Street (aka University Mound Old Ladies' Home) to the Board of Supervisors.

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