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[Building Code - Definition of Vacant or Abandoned Buildings]

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Ordinance amending the Building Code to provide that a building in probate shall not be considered vacant or abandoned for purposes of the annual registration requirement for a period not to exceed two years if it complies with all codes and does not contribute to blight; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

> Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain Arial font. Additions to Codes are in single-underline italics Times New Roman font. Deletions to Codes are in strikethrough italies Times New Roman font. Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font. Board amendment deletions are in strikethrough Arial font. Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

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

Section 1. Findings.

- (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 151079 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms this determination.
- (b) The Building Inspection Commission considered this ordinance on December 16, 2015, at a duly noticed public hearing, pursuant to Charter Section D3.750-5.
- Section 2. The Building Code is hereby amended by revising Section 103A.4.1, to read as follows:

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103A.4 Vacant or Abandoned Buildings – Annual Registration; Registration Fee; Maintenance and Security Requirements.

103A.4.1 **Definition.** A building shall be defined as a vacant or abandoned if it (1) is unoccupied and unsecured; or (2) is unoccupied and secured by boarding or other similar means; or (3) is unoccupied and unsafe as defined in Section 102A of this Code; or (4) is unoccupied and has multiple code violations; or (5) has been unoccupied for over 30 days. A building which is partially unoccupied and has been cited for blight under Chapter 80 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, shall also be deemed a vacant or abandoned building that is subject to this Section. Commercial Storefronts, as defined in Section 103A.5.1 of this Code, located within vacant or abandoned buildings shall be subject to the enforcement provisions in Sections 103A.5-103A.5.6 of this Code.

For purposes of this Section 103A.4. a building shall not be considered vacant or abandoned if:

- (1) There is a valid building permit for repair, rehabilitation, or construction of a building on the parcel and the owner completes the repair, rehabilitation, or construction within one year from the date the initial permit was issued; or
- (2) The building complies with all codes, does not contribute to blight as defined in Chapter 80 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, is ready for occupancy, and is actively being offered for sale, lease, or rent.
- (3) The building complies with all codes, does not contribute to blight as defined in Chapter 80 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, and is undergoing included in an estate that is in an active and engoing a probate process proceeding that does not exceed two years. Upon expiration of the two-year period, the building shall become subject to the requirements of Section 103A.4.

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

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By:

DDITH A. BOYAJIAN Deputy City Attorney

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REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(1/25/2016, Amended in Committee)

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Existing Law

Building Code Section 103A.4 requires the owner of a vacant or abandoned building to register the building with the Department of Building Inspection and pay an annual registration fee. A sign meeting certain requirements must be posted on the property, and the property is subject to specified maintenance and security requirements. A building is not considered vacant or abandoned if (1) there is a valid building permit for repair, rehabilitation, or construction of a building on the site and the work is completed within one year from issuance of the permit or (2) the building complies with all codes, does not contribute to blight, is ready for occupancy, and is actively being offered for sale, lease, or rent.

Amendments to Current Law

Section 103A.4 is amended to provide that a building is not considered vacant or abandoned if it complies with all codes, does not contribute to blight, and is undergoing a probate process that does not exceed two years. Upon expiration of the two-year period, the building shall become subject to the requirements of Building Code Section 103A.4.

Background Information

The intent of Section 103A.4 is to prompt owners of buildings that are vacant or abandoned to improve the buildings, restore them to a code-complying state, and return them to community use. Section 103A.4 currently requires that properties in probate be registered with the Department of Building Inspection as vacant or abandoned and pay an annual registration fee. The transition in ownership through the probate process can be a difficult and lengthy process. If the property is not blighted, it should be exempt from the Building Code's registration requirements.

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October 27, 2015

File No. 151079

Sarah Jones Environmental Review Officer Planning Department 1650 Mission Street, Ste. 400 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Jones:

On October 20, 2015, Supervisor Tang introduced the following proposed legislation:

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Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

By: Alisa Somera, Assistant Clerk:

Land Use and Transportation Committee

Attachment

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning Jeanie Poling, Environmental Planning Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it does not result in a physical change in the environment.

Joy Navarrete

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San Francisco, CA 94102-4694

RE: File No. 151079

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

RE: Ordinance (File No. 151079) amending the Building Code to provide that a building in probate shall not be considered vacant or abandoned for purposes of the annual registration requirement for a period not to exceed two years if it complies with all codes and does not contribute to blight; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Building Inspection Commission met and held a public hearing on December 16, 2015 regarding File No. 151079 on the proposed amendment to the San Francisco Building Code referenced above. The Commissioners voted unanimously to support this proposed amendment.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

President McCarthy

Yes Vice-President Mar

Yes

Commissioner Lee

Yes Commissioner McCray

Yes

Commissioner Clinch

Yes Commissioner Walker

Yes

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 558-6164.

Sincerely,

Sonya Harris

Commission Secretary

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CC.

Tom C. Hui, S.E., Director Supervisor Katy Tang Board of Supervisors



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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Tom Hui, Director, Department of Building Inspection

Sonya Harris, Secretary, Building Inspection Commission

FROM:

Àlisa Somera, Assistant Clerk

Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE:

October 27, 2015

SUBJECT:

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following legislation, introduced by Supervisor Tang on October 20, 2015:

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The proposed ordinance is being transmitted pursuant to Charter, Section D3.750-5, for public hearing and recommendation. It is pending before the Land Use and Transportation Committee and will be scheduled for hearing upon receipt of your response.

Please forward me the Commission's recommendation and reports at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: alisa.somera@sfgov.org.

c: William Strawn, Department of Building Inspection Carolyn Jayin, Department of Building Inspection



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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Director

Small Business Commission, City Hall, Room 448

FROM:

Alisa Somera, Assistant Clerk

Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE:

October 27, 2015

SUBJECT:

REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Land Use and Transportation Committee

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following legislation, which is being referred to the Small Business Commission for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

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Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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RESPONSE FROM SMALL BUSINI	ESS COMMISSION - Date:
No Comment	
Recommendation Attached	
	Chairperson, Small Business Commission

Print Form

Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):	Time stamp or meeting date
☐ 1. For reference to Committee.	
An ordinance, resolution, motion, or charter amendment.	
2. Request for next printed agenda without reference to Committee.	
☐ 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.	
4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor	inquires"
☐ 5. City Attorney request.	
☐ 6. Call File No. from Committee.	
7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).	
8. Substitute Legislation File No.	
9. Request for Closed Session (attach written motion).	
☐ 10. Board to Sit as A Committee of the Whole.	•
11. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on	
Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following Small Business Commission	_
☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commissio	n
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