

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Street Vacation - Portion of Panama Street; Sidewalk Acceptance - Niantic Street]

Ordinance ordering the summary street vacation of a portion of Panama Street tangent to Niantic Street and Interstate Highway 280, in the Oceanview neighborhood; conveying the City’s interest in the street vacation area to the owner of 10 Niantic Street (Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 7178, Lot No. 014); accepting an irrevocable offer for a public sidewalk on Niantic Street between Panama Street and Saint Charles Avenue; dedicating the public sidewalk for pedestrian use, designating it for public right-of-way and roadway purposes, and accepting it for City maintenance and liability; establishing a new official sidewalk on Niantic Street by amending Ordinance No. 1061 entitled “Regulating the Width of Sidewalks;” affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

Existing Law

1. Street vacation

Public Works Code Section 787 and California Streets and Highways Code Sections 8300, et seq., establish the process and procedures for the City’s vacation of streets and easements. California Streets and Highways Code Sections 8334 and 8334.5, respectively, allow for a summary vacation if the subject area is excess right-of-way and when there are no in-place functioning utilities.

2. Official sidewalks

Board of Supervisors Ordinance No. 1061 establishes the official sidewalks in San Francisco. Ordinance No. 1061 is uncodified, but is available in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors’ Book of General Ordinances, on file with the Clerk’s Office.

Amendments to Current Law

1. Street vacation

This ordinance would summarily vacate a portion of Panama Street (near Niantic Street and Interstate Highway 280), fronting the development at 10 Niantic Street, in the Oceanview neighborhood. The ordinance would also authorize the Division of Real Estate to convey the City’s interest in the vacated portion of Panama Street the owner of 10 Niantic Street.

2. Establishing new sidewalk

This legislation would accept an offer of a new public sidewalk from the owner of 10 Niantic Street. The new sidewalk is located on the southerly portion of Niantic Street (between Panama Street and Saint Charles Avenue). This legislation would also amend Ordinance No. 1061 to establish a new public sidewalk on that portion of Niantic Street.

The legislation would also adopt findings under the California Environmental Quality Act and findings that the legislative actions are consistent with the City's General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

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