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File No. 190237

Lisa Gibson
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Dear Ms. Gibson:

On March 12, 2019, Building Inspection Commission introduced the following proposed legislation:

File No. 190237

Ordinance amending the Plumbing Code to add a requirement for the minimum size and placement of the building traps by a sewer or drain; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward this Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission upon final passage.

This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Erica Major".

By: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk
Land Use and Transportation Committee

Attachment

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning
Laura Lynch, Environmental Planning

1 [Plumbing Code - Minimum Size of Building Traps]

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4 **and placement of the building traps by a sewer or drain; affirming the Planning**
5 **Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and**
6 **directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward this Ordinance to the**
7 **California Building Standards Commission upon final passage.**

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

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

16 Section 1. General Findings.

17 (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
18 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources
19 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
20 Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms
21 this determination.

22 (b) On February 20, 2019, the Building Inspection Commission considered this
23 ordinance at a duly noticed public hearing pursuant to Charter Section D3.750-5.

24 Section 2. Findings under Section 17958.7 of the California Health and Safety Code.
25 All rain water in San Francisco drains to the building drains and sewer. Unusual geology,
occasional extremely high local rainfall amounts, and the configuration of the City as a
peninsula restrict the installation of separate storm water and sewer systems. House traps not

1 only prevent the sewer gases from entering the house or commercial areas but also protect
2 the building from failures in the sewer systems in case of a stoppage, breakage, or the
3 overloading during a storm.

4 Section 3. Chapter 10 of the Plumbing Code is hereby amended by adding Section
5 1001.3, to read as follows:

6 **CHAPTER 10 – TRAPS AND INTERCEPTORS**

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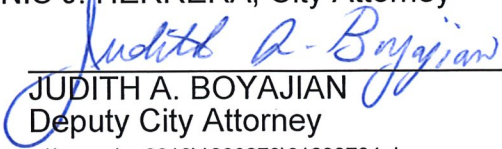
8 1001.3 Placement and Minimum Size of Building Sewer or Drain. The building sewer or
9 building drain shall have a building trap placed as near as possible to the curb line or immediately
10 inside any subsidewalk basement wall under the sidewalk. Trap size shall be a minimum of 4 inches
11 (101.6mm).

12 Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
13 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
14 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
15 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

16 Section 5. Directions to Clerk. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby
17 directed to forward a copy of this ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission
18 upon final passage.

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20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
21 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

22 By:


23 JUDITH A. BOYAJIAN
24 Deputy City Attorney

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