

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Requirements for Mills Act Applications]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to allow applications for Mills Act contracts for historic properties to be filed concurrently with applications for designation of the same properties; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

The Mills Act is a state law that authorizes local governments to enter into contracts with owners of qualified historical properties who will rehabilitate, restore, preserve, and maintain those properties. As consideration for the rehabilitation, restoration, preservation and maintenance of the qualified historical properties, the City provides certain property tax reductions to the owners.

Chapter 71 of the Administrative Code implements the Mills Act in San Francisco. It sets forth, among other things, the processes for application and approval of a Mills Act contract in the City, eligibility criteria, and fees. As part of the eligibility criteria, Chapter 71 requires a property to be listed in the National or California registers of historic properties, or landmarked under City law, in order to apply for a Mills Act contract.

Amendments to Current Law

This Ordinance would amend Chapter 71 of the Administrative Code to allow a property owner to apply to landmark his or her property concurrently with applying for a Mills Act contract.

Background Information

This Ordinance would make the process to obtain a Mills Act contract easier, by allowing the Mills Act contract application to be processed concurrently with a landmarking application.

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