

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Park Code - Non-Resident Fees at Certain Specialty Attractions]

Ordinance amending the Park Code to permit the Recreation and Park Department General Manager to set non-resident adult admission fees for the Japanese Tea Garden, the Coit Tower Elevator, the Conservatory Of Flowers, and the San Francisco Botanical Garden by flexible pricing based on certain factors; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

The Park Code allows the Recreation and Park Department (RPD) to charge admission fees for visitors to the Japanese Tea Garden, Coit Tower Elevator, the Conservatory Of Flowers, and the San Francisco Botanical Garden. The rates vary depending on the age of the visitor, and whether the visitor is a San Francisco resident.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would let the RPD general manager increase the non-resident adult rates at the above facilities by up to 50%, and/or decrease those rates by up to 25%, from time to time based on one or more of the following factors: fluctuations in customer demand at particular times or on particular days or dates, rates at comparable facilities, weather conditions, and facility conditions. The ordinance would not change rates for San Francisco residents (regardless of age), non-resident minors (under the age of 18), or non-resident seniors (65 and older).

Background Information

The rates codified in the Park Code are subject to annual cost-of-living adjustments by the Controller. This ordinance shows the codified rates and is not intended to invalidate any cost-of-living adjustments that the Controller has previously approved. The Recreation and Park Department maintains a list of the current rates. The current rate for non-resident adults at each of the four facilities is \$9.