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URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

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Authority:

Environment Code, Chapter 12 (Ordinance Nos. 171-03; 210-08; and 239-14), and Public Works Code, Section 803 (Ordinance No. 165-95; and 17-06)

Board Qualifications:

The Urban Forestry Council protects the community interest and ensures that San Francisco realizes the full range of tree benefits into the future. Council members will represent the full range of urban forest stakeholders, including City agencies, non-profit organizations, tree management organizations, and community members.

The Urban Forestry Council shall be comprised of fifteen (15) voting members, seven (7) of whom are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, as follows:

- > One (1) member from an educational organization involved with tree management (University of California Cooperative Extension, etc.);
- > Two (2) members certified by a professional tree management organization (International Society of Arboriculture, American Society of Consulting Arborists, or American Society of Landscape Architects);
- > Two (2) members of non-profit organizations involved in urban forestry or other environmentally-related issues; and
- > Two (2) members from the community.

The Mayor shall appoint two (2) voting members, as follows:

- > One (1) member from the tree care industry; and
- > One (1) member at large.

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The following Director or General Manager of each of the following departments, or his/her designee, shall each serve as a voting member:

- > Director of the Department of Public Works (1);
- > Director of the Planning Department (1); and
- > General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department (1).

The following bodies shall also appoint a voting member:

- > Public Utilities Commission (1);
- > Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) (if GGNRA does not make an appointment within 60 days after the seat is vacant, the Presidio Trust may appoint a voting member to serve that term; if the Presidio Trust does not make an appointment within 30 days after it is authorized to do so, the Mayor shall appoint an at-large member to fill the seat) (1); and
- > Port of San Francisco (1).

Members shall serve for two-year terms and can serve successive terms if reappointed by the authority that originally appointed the member. The appointing authority that appoints Council members also may appoint at-large members to serve any unfilled Council positions.

The Council shall meet at least six times per year and establish its own operating procedures, which at a minimum, shall meet the public notice, meeting, voting, agenda and other procedural requirements set forth in local law. Subcommittees shall be created to adequately address other special areas of concern on an as needed basis.

The Department of the Environment, with adequate funding to assist the Council in carrying out its mission, shall provide professional and administrative staff to the Council.

Reports: The Council shall report to the Board of Supervisors and Mayor by September 1st each year regarding the state of the urban forest. The report shall contain a review of the quality of urban forest stewardship and an assessment of how well public agencies and other urban forest managers are implementing the Urban Forest Plan.

Sunset Date: The Council shall continue to operate unless the Board of Supervisors terminates the code section or creates a successor to the Urban Forestry Council.
