

1 [Planning Code - Conditional Use Authorizations for Demonstrably Unaffordable Housing]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Planning Code to require Conditional Use authorization for**  
4 **applications to demolish a Single-Family Residential Building on a site zoned as RH-1**  
5 **or RH-1(D), when the building is demonstrably not affordable or financially accessible**  
6 **housing; affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California**  
7 **Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and**  
8 **the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and adopting findings of**  
9 **public convenience, necessity, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.**

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

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

18 Section 1. Findings.

19 (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this  
20 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources  
21 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
22 Supervisors in File No. 200142 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms  
23 this determination.

24 (b) On April 23, 2020, the Planning Commission, in Resolution No. 20689, adopted  
25 findings that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance, with the  
City’s General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The Board

1 adopts these findings as its own. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the  
2 Board of Supervisors in File No. 200142, and is incorporated herein by reference.

3 (c) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board finds that this Planning Code  
4 amendment will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth  
5 in Planning Commission Resolution No. 20689, and the Board incorporates such reasons  
6 herein by reference. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Board of Supervisors in File  
7 No. 200142.

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9 Section 2. Article 3 of the Planning Code is hereby amended by revising Section 317  
10 to read as follows:

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12 **SEC. 317. LOSS OF RESIDENTIAL AND UNAUTHORIZED UNITS THROUGH**  
13 **DEMOLITION, MERGER, AND CONVERSION.**

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15 (c) **Applicability; Exemptions.**

16 (1) Any application for a permit that would result in the Removal of one or more  
17 Residential Units or Unauthorized Units is required to obtain Conditional Use authorization.  
18 For Unauthorized Units, this Conditional Use authorization will not be required for Removal if  
19 the Zoning Administrator has determined in writing that the unit cannot be legalized under any  
20 applicable provision of this Code. The application for a replacement building or alteration  
21 permit shall also be subject to Conditional Use requirements.

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23 ~~————(5)——The Demolition of a Single-Family Residential Building that meets the~~  
24 ~~requirements of Subsection (d)(3) below may be approved by the Department without requiring a~~  
25 ~~Conditional Use authorization.~~

1                   (5) The Demolition of a Single-Family Residential Building that meets the  
2 requirements of Subsection (d)(3) below may be approved by the Department without  
3 requiring a Conditional Use authorization.

4                   (6) Exception for Certain Permits Filed Before February 11, 2020. An  
5 application to demolish a Single-Family Residential Building on a site in a RH-1 or RH-1(D)  
6 District that is demonstrably not affordable or financially accessible housing, meaning housing  
7 that has a value greater than 80% than the combined land and structure values of single-  
8 family homes in San Francisco as determined by a credible appraisal made within six months  
9 of the application to demolish, is exempt from the Conditional Use authorization requirement  
10 of Subsection (c)(1), provided that a complete Development Application was submitted prior to  
11 February 11, 2020.

12                   (d)     **Demolition.**

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14                   (3)—~~An application to demolish a Single-Family Residential Building on a site in a~~  
15 ~~RH-1 or RH-1(D) District that is demonstrably not affordable or financially accessible housing is~~  
16 ~~exempt from the Conditional Use authorization requirement of Subsection (c)(1). Specific numerical~~  
17 ~~criteria for such analyses shall be adopted by the Planning Commission in the Code Implementation~~  
18 ~~Document, in accordance with this Section 317, and shall be adjusted periodically by the Zoning~~  
19 ~~Administrator based on established economic real estate and construction indicators.~~

20                   ~~(A)—The Planning Commission shall determine a level of affordability or~~  
21 ~~financial accessibility, such that Single-Family Residential Buildings on sites in RH-1 and RH-1(D)~~  
22 ~~Districts that are demonstrably not affordable or financially accessible, that is, housing that has a~~  
23 ~~value greater than at least 80% of the combined land and structure values of single-family homes in~~  
24 ~~San Francisco as determined by a credible appraisal, made within six months of the application to~~  
25 ~~demolish, are not subject to a Conditional Use hearing. The demolition and replacement building~~



1 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that appears under  
2 the official title of the ordinance.

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4 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
5 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

6 By: /s/ Kristen A. Jensen  
7 KRISTEN A. JENSEN  
8 Deputy City Attorney

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# City and County of San Francisco

## Tails Ordinance

City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

**File Number:** 200142

**Date Passed:** May 19, 2020

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to require conditional use authorization for applications to demolish a single-family residential building on a site zoned as RH-1 (Residential, House District, One Family) or RH-1(D) (Residential, House District, One Family-Detached), when the building is demonstrably not affordable or financially accessible housing; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and adopting findings of public convenience, necessity, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

May 04, 2020 Land Use and Transportation Committee - DUPLICATED

May 04, 2020 Land Use and Transportation Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

May 04, 2020 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

May 12, 2020 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

May 19, 2020 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 200142

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 5/19/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board



London N. Breed  
Mayor

5/29/20

Date Approved