Amendment of the Whole Bearing New Title, In Committee 03/29/2010

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE NO. 091453

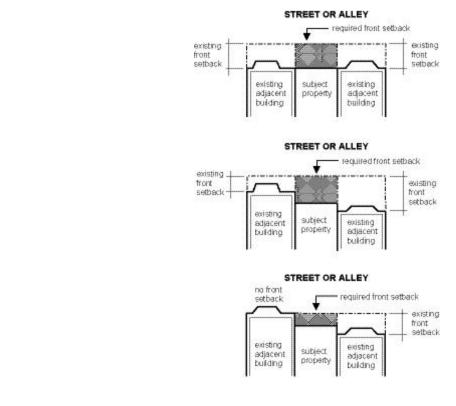
1	[Planning Code – Greer	n Landscaping Ordinance.]
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3	Ordinance amending v	various sections of the Planning Code to address screening,
4	greening, street tree, a	and permeability requirements; creating definitions for "vehicle
5	use area," "ornamenta	al fencing," and "permeable surface;" amending the Public Works
6	Code Section <u>s</u> 805 <u>, 80</u>	6 and 807 to create requirements for the establishment of new
7	street trees, and repla	cement of dead street trees, and removal of street trees and
8	adding Section 802.1 t	o define climate appropriate standards for plantings in the public
9	right-of-way; and adop	oting findings, including environmental findings, Section 302
10	findings, and findings	of consistency with the General Plan and the Priority Policies of
11	Planning Code Section	n 101.1.
12	Note:	Additions are <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman;</u> deletions are <u>strikethrough italics Times New Roman</u> .
13 14		Board amendment additions are <u>double underlined</u> . Board amendment deletions are strikethrough normal .
15	Be it ordained by	the People of the City and County of San Francisco:
16	Section 1. Findir	ngs. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
17	Francisco hereby find a	nd determine that:
18	(a) Pursuant to F	Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that this
19	ordinance will serve the	public necessity, convenience and welfare, for the reasons set forth in
20	Planning Commission R	Resolution No, and incorporates such reasons by this
21	reference thereto. A co	py of said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
22	Supervisors in File No.	·
23	(b) Pursuant to F	Planning Code Section 101.1, the Board of Supervisors finds that the
24	ordinance is consistent	with the Priority Policies of Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code and
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1	with the General Plan and hereby incorporates a report containing those findings as if fully set
2	forth herein. A copy of said report is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File
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4	(c) The Planning Department has completed environmental review of this ordinance
5	pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and Chapter 31 of the San
6	Francisco Administrative Code. Documentation of that review is on file with the Clerk of the
7	Board of Supervisors in File No and is incorporated herein by
8	reference.
9	Section 2. The San Francisco Planning Code is hereby amended by adding Sections
10	102.31, 102.32, and 102.33 and by amending Sections 132, 142, 143, 156, 233, and 304 to
11	read as follows:
12	SEC. 102.3. VEHICULAR USE AREAS.
13	Vehicular use areas are defined as any area of the lot not located within any enclosed or
14	partially enclosed structure and that is devoted to a use by or for motor vehicles including parking
15	(accessory or non-accessory); and automotive uses as defined in Section 223 that are not enclosed by a
16	structure, including but not limited to storage of automobiles, trucks or other vehicles; gasoline
17	stations; car washes; motor vehicle repair shops; loading areas; and service areas. Vehicular use
18	areas shall be subject to landscaping and screening requirements per Section 142(b) under the
19	following circumstances:
20	(a) Construction or installation of any vehicular use area;
21	(b) Existing vehicular use areas that are accessory to an existing principal use if the property
22	will add gross floor area equal to 20 percent or more of the gross floor area of the existing buildings
23	on the lot or 3000 square feet, whichever is less;
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1	(c) The repair, rehabilitation or expansion of any existing vehicular use are, if such change
2	would increase the number of existing parking spaces by 4 or more spaces; or
3	(d) The excavation and reconstruction of an existing vehicular use area if such excavation
4	involves the removal of 50% 200 square feet or more of the asphalt, concrete or other pavement
5	devoted to vehicular use. This provision does not apply to resurfacing of pavement due to emergency
6	work on underground storage tanks, other emergency utility access, or in response to a public health
7	and safety action required by the local, state, or federal government.
8	SEC. 102.32. ORNAMENTAL FENCING.
9	A decorative metal fence shall be made of wrought iron or fencing that gives the appearance of
10	wrought-iron fencing, but expressly excludes plastic-based materials, barbed wire, similar non-
11	decorative fences as well as traditional chain-link or woven wire fences. Chain-link or woven wire
12	fences may be used if the fencing visible from the public right-of-way is bordered by rails on the top
13	and bottom and has well-built columns that are at least 8" wide and are topped with caps. The
14	columns shall be spaced no more than 8' apart.
15	SEC. 102.33. PERMEABLE SURFACES.
16	Permeable surfaces are those that allow stormwater to infiltrate the underlying soils.
17	Permeable surfaces shall include, but not be limited to, vegetative planting beds, porous asphalt,
18	porous concrete, single-sized aggregate, open-jointed blocks, stone, pavers or brick that are loose-set
19	and without mortar. Permeable surfaces are required to be contained so neither sediment nor the
20	permeable surface discharges off the site.
21	SEC. 132. FRONT SETBACK AREAS, RTO, RH AND RM DISTRICTS $\underline{AND\ FOR}$
22	REQUIRED SETBACKS FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS.
23	The following requirements for minimum front setback areas shall apply to every
24	building in all RH, RTO, and RM Districts, in order to relate the setbacks provided to the
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1	existing front setbacks of adjacent buildings. Buildings in RTO Districts which have more than
2	75 feet of street frontage are additionally subject to the Ground Floor Residential Design
3	Guidelines, as adopted and periodically amended by the Planning Commission. <u>Planned Unit</u>
4	Developments or PUDs, as defined in Section 304, shall also provide landscaping in required setbacks
5	in accord with Section 132 (g).
6	(a) Basic Requirement. Where one or both of the buildings adjacent to the subject
7	property have front setbacks along a street or alley, any building or addition constructed,
8	reconstructed or relocated on the subject property shall be set back to the average of the two
9	adjacent front setbacks. If only one of the adjacent buildings has a front setback, or if there is
10	only one adjacent building, then the required setback for the subject property shall be equal to
11	one-half the front setback of such adjacent building. In any case in which the lot constituting
12	the subject property is separated from the lot containing the nearest building by an
13	undeveloped lot or lots for a distance of 50 feet or less parallel to the street or alley, such
14	nearest building shall be deemed to be an "adjacent building," but a building on a lot so
15	separated for a greater distance shall not be deemed to be an "adjacent building."
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(b) Alternative Method of Averaging. If, under the rules stated in Subsection (a) above, an averaging is required between two adjacent front setbacks, or between one adjacent setback and another adjacent building with no setback, the required setback on the subject property may alternatively be averaged in an irregular manner within the depth between the setbacks of the two adjacent buildings, provided that the area of the resulting setback shall be at least equal to the product of the width of the subject property along the street or alley times the setback depth required by Subsections (a) and (c) of this Section; and provided further, that all portions of the resulting setback area on the subject property shall be directly exposed laterally to the setback area of the adjacent building having the greater setback. In any case in which this alternative method of averaging has been used for the subject property, the extent of the front setback on the subject property for purposes of

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Subsection (c) below relating to subsequent development on an adjacent site shall be 2 considered to be as required by Subsection (a) above, in the form of a single line parallel to 3 the street or alley.

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(c) Method of Measurement. The extent of the front setback of each adjacent building shall be taken as the horizontal distance from the property line along the street or alley to the building wall closest to such property line, excluding all projections from such wall, all decks and garage structures and extensions, and all other obstructions.

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(d) Applicability to Special Lot Situations.

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(1) Corner Lots and Lots at Alley Intersections. On a corner lot as defined by this Code, or a lot at the intersection of a street and an alley or two alleys, a front setback area shall be required only along the street or alley elected by the owner as the front of the property. Along such street or alley, the required setback for the subject lot shall be equal to 1/2 the front setback of the adjacent building.

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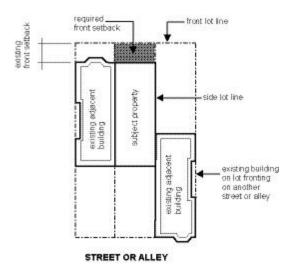
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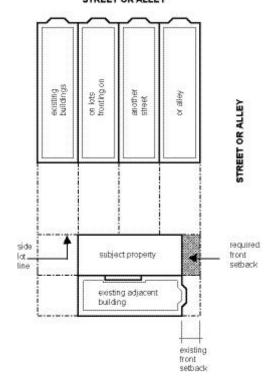
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(2) Lots Abutting Properties That Front on Another Street or Alley. In the case of any lot that abuts along its side lot line upon a lot that fronts on another street or alley, the lot on which it so abuts shall be disregarded, and the required setback for the subject lot shall be equal to the front setback of the adjacent building on its opposite side.

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- (3) Lots Abutting RC, C, M and P Districts. In the case of any lot that abuts property in an RC, C, M or P District, any property in such district shall be disregarded, and the required setback for the subject lot shall be equal to the front setback of the adjacent building in the RH, RTO, or RM District.
- (e) Maximum Requirements. The maximum required front setback in any of the cases described in this Section 132 shall be 15 feet from the property line along the street or alley, or 15 percent of the average depth of the lot from such street or alley, whichever results in the lesser requirement. The required setback for lots located within the Bernal Heights Special Use District is set forth in Section 242 of this Code.
- (f) Permitted Obstructions. Only those obstructions specified in Section 136 of this Code shall be permitted in a required front setback area, and no other obstruction shall be constructed, placed or maintained within any such area. No motor vehicle, trailer, boat or other vehicle shall be parked or stored within any such area, except as specified in Section 136.
- (g) Landscaping and Permeable Surfaces. The landscaping and permeable surface requirements of this Section and Section (h) below shall be met by the permittee in the case of construction of a new building; the addition of a new dwelling unit, a garage, or additional parking; or paving or repaving more than 25 200 square feet of the front set-backsetback. All front setback areas required by this Section 132 shall be appropriately landscaped, meet any applicable water use requirements of Administrative Code Chapter 63, and in every case not less than 20 percent of the required setback area shall be and remain unpaved and devoted to plant material, including the use of native/drought resistant climate appropriate plant material as defined in Public Works Code Section 802.1. For the purposes of this Section, permitted

1	obstructions as defined by Section 136 shall be excluded from the front set-back setback area used to
2	calculate the required landscape and permeable surface area.
3	(h) <u>Permeable Surfaces. The front setback area shall be at least 50% permeable so as to</u>
4	increase stormwater infiltration. The permeable surface may be inclusive of the area counted towards
5	the landscaping requirement; provided, however, that turf pavers or similar planted hardscapes shall
6	be counted only toward the permeable surface requirement and not the landscape requirement.
7	Permeable surfaces are defined in Section 102.33.
8	(1) The Zoning Administrator, after consultation with the Director of Public Works, may waive
9	the permeable surface requirement if the site does not qualify as a suitable location pursuant to
10	Department of Public Works rules and regulations.
11	(2) If the site receives stormwater run-off from outside the lot boundaries, the Zoning
12	Administrator, after consultation with the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission, may
13	modify the permeable surface requirement to include alternative management strategies, such as bio-
14	retention or other strategies, pursuant to Public Utilities Commission rules and regulations.
15	$\underline{(i)}$ Relationship to Legislated Setback Lines. In case of any conflict between the
16	requirements of this Section 132 for front setback areas and a legislated setback line as
17	described in Section 131 of this Code, the more restrictive requirements shall prevail.
18	SEC. 142. SCREENING <u>AND GREENING</u> OF PARKING <u>AND VEHICLE USE</u>
19	AREAS, R AND NC AND EASTERN NEIGHBORHOODS MIXED USE DISTRICTS.
20	Off-street parking and "vehicle use areas" adjacent to the public right-of-way in R and NC
21	and Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts shall be screened as provided in this Section.
22	(a) Screening of parking and vehicle use areas less than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public
23	<u>right-of-way:</u>
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1	(1) Every off-street parking space within a building, where not enclosed by solid
2	building walls, shall be screened from view from all streets and alleys through use of garage
3	doors or by some other means.
4	$\frac{(b)}{(2)}$ Along rear yard areas and other interior open spaces, all off-street parking
5	spaces, driveways and maneuvering areas within buildings shall be screened from view and
6	confined by solid building walls.
7	(c) (3) Off-street parking spaces in parking lots shall meet the requirements of Section
8	156 and other applicable provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code. Such parking areas shall be
9	screened from view as provided in Section 156(d) of this Code.
10	(b) Vehicular use areas that are greater than 25 linear feet along the public right-of-way. All
11	lots containing vehicular use areas where such area has more than 25 linear feet along any public
12	right-of-way shall provide screening in accordance with the requirements of this Section and the
13	Ornamental Fencing Section 102.32. The following instances shall trigger the screening requirements
14	for these vehicle use areas:
15	(1) Any existing vehicular use area that is accessory to an existing principal use if such use
16	expands gross floor area equal to 20 percent or more of the gross floor area of an existing building;
17	(2) Any repair rehabilitation or expansion of any existing vehicular use area, if such repair,
18	rehabilitation or expansion would increase the number of existing parking spaces by either more than
19	20% or by more than four spaces, whichever is greater; or
20	(3) The excavation and reconstruction of an existing vehicular use are if such excavation and
21	reconstruction involves the removal of 50% or more of the asphalt, concrete or other surface devoted to
22	vehicular use. This provision does not apply to the resurfacing due to emergency work to underground
23	utilities if such work is intended to maintain safety or other public purpose beyond the control of the
24	property owner.
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1	(c) Perimeter Screening. All vehicular use areas that are greater than 25 linear feet adjacent
2	to the public right-of-way shall provide a screening feature around the perimeter of the lot adjacent to
3	the public right-of-way. Screening shall add to the visual diversity of the use and need not be an opaque
4	barrier. This feature shall be at least one of the following:
5	(1) Ornamental fencing or a solid wall that is 4 feet in height and a 5 foot deep permeable
6	surface with landscaping along the perimeter of the lot that is adjacent to a public right-of-way and
7	compliant with the applicable water use requirements of Administrative Code Chapter 63; or
8	(2) A combination of permeable landscaping compliant with the applicable water use
9	requirements of Administrative Code Chapter 63 and ornamental fencing where the permeable
10	surface and landscaping is the equivalent area of a 5 foot deep average perimeter landscaping that has
11	been otherwise configured to result in either: (i) a public space or amenity that is accessible from the
12	public right-of-way or (ii) a natural drainage system, such as combined swales, retention basins,
13	detention basins or rain gardens, to reduce stormwater runoff.
14	(d) The Zoning Administrator is authorized to modify the requirements of subsection thereby
15	allowing alternative landscape treatments to partially or wholly satisfy this screening requirement
16	provided that alternative landscape treatments such as landscaped berms, perimeter plantings,
17	pedestrian lighting, benches and seating areas, or additional landscaping and tree plantings are
18	provided elsewhere on the site and will be visible from the public right-of-way or are provided in the
19	public right-of-way as regulated by Section 810B of the Public Works Code. The Zoning Administrator
20	may authorize such modification only upon finding that the proposed alternative landscape treatment
21	would:
22	(1) Provide a visual effect that promotes and enhances the pedestrian experience through the
23	use of quality urban design; and
24	(2) Promote the reduction of stormwater runoff; and
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2	802.1, that are compliant with the applicable water use requirements of Administrative Code
3	Chapter 63.
4	SEC. 143. STREET TREES, R. SPD, RSD, NC, C 3, DTR, MUG, MUO, MUR, UMU, SLR,
5	SLI AND SSO DISTRICTS.
6	(a) In any R, SPD, RSD, NC, C 3, DTR, MUG, MUO, MUR, UMU, SLR, SLI AND SSO
7	DISTRICTS District, street trees shall be installed by the owner or developer in the case of
8	construction of a new building,; relocation of a building,; the addition of gross floor area equal to
9	20 percent or more of the gross floor area of an existing building; the addition of a new dwelling unit, a
10	garage, or additional parking; or paving or repaving more than 25 200 square feet of the front set-
11	backsetback-and within the RED, SPD, RSD, MUG, MUO, MUR, UMU, SLR, SLI and SSO Districts,
12	in the case of change of 20 percent or more of the occupied floor area of an existing building to
13	another use.
14	(b) The street trees installed shall be a minimum of one tree of 24-inch box size for
15	each 20 feet of frontage of the property along each street or alley, with any remaining fraction
16	of 10 feet or more of frontage requiring an additional tree. Such trees shall be located either
17	within a setback area on the lot or within the public right-of-way along such lot.
18	(c) The species of trees selected shall be compliant with the applicable water use
19	requirements of Administrative Code Chapter 63, suitable for the site, and, in the case of trees
20	installed in the public right-of-way, the species and locations shall be subject to approval by
21	the Department of Public Works. Procedures and other requirements for the installation,
22	maintenance and protection of trees in the public right-of-way shall be as set forth in Article 16

(3) Use climate appropriate plant materials, as defined in Public Works Code Section

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1	(d) In any case in which the Department of Public Works cannot grant approval for
2	installation of a tree in the public right-of-way, on the basis of inadequate sidewalk width,
3	interference with utilities or other reasons regarding the public welfare, and where installation
4	of such tree on the lot itself is also impractical, the <u>tree planning</u> requirements of this Section
5	143 may be modified as described in Subsection 143(f) or (g) or waived as described in Subsection
6	$\underline{143(g)}$ by the Zoning Administrator to the extent necessary.
7	(e) When a pre-existing site constraint prevents the installation of a street tree, as an
8	alternative to payment of any portion of the in-lieu fee, the Zoning Administrator may allow the
9	installation of sidewalk landscaping compliant with the applicable water use requirements of
10	Administrative Code Chapter 63 to satisfy the requirements of Section 143, subject to permit
11	approval from the Department of Public Works in accordance with Public Works Code Section 810B.
12	$\frac{(e)(f)}{(f)}$ In C-3, industrial, and South of Market Mixed Use Districts, the Zoning
13	Administrator may allow the installation of planter boxes or tubs or similar landscaping in
14	place of trees when that is determined to be more desirable in order to make the landscaping
15	compatible with the character of the surrounding area, or may waive the requirement in C-3,
16	industrial, and mixed use districts, districts where landscaping is considered to be
17	inappropriate because it conflicts with policies of the Downtown Plan, a component of the
18	General Plan, such as the Downtown Plan policy favoring unobstructed pedestrian passage or
19	the Commerce and Industry Element policies to facilitate industry.
20	$\frac{f}{g}$ In Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, street trees shall be installed
21	along all street frontages in the public right of way as set forth in subsection (b). Street tree
22	basins shall be edged with decorative treatment, such as pavers or cobbles, in accordance
23	with City standards. In the event that the Department of Public Works does not approve for any
24	reason the installation of the number of trees required as set forth in subsection (b), an in-lieu fee for

1	each missed street tree, in an amount set forth in Article 16 of the Public Works Code, shall be paid to
2	the Adopt A Tree Fund. When a pre-existing site constraint prevents the installation of a street tree, as
3	an alternative to payment of any portion of the in-lieu fee, the Zoning Administrator may allow the
4	installation of sidewalk landscaping in accordance with all adopted standards and requirements.
5	(h) For each required tree that the Zoning Administrator waives, the permittee shall pay an
6	"in-lieu" street tree fee. This fee shall be the amount specified in the Public Works Code Article 16
7	and be payable prior to issuance of any certificate of occupancy. The fee amount shall be deposited in
8	the Department of Public Works' Adopt-A-Tree Fund.
9	$\frac{(g)(i)}{}$ DTR $\underline{and\ C-3}$ Districts. In DTR $\underline{and\ C-3}$ Districts, in addition to the requirements
10	of subsections (a)- $\frac{(d)}{(h)}$ above, all street trees shall:
11	(1) be open to the sky and free from all encroachments for that entire width, planted at least
12	one foot back from the curb line;
13	(2) (1) have a minimum 2 inch caliper, measured at breast height;
14	(3) (2) branch a minimum of 8 feet above sidewalk grade;
15	(4) (3) where in the public right-of-way, be planted in a sidewalk opening at least 16
16	square feet, and have a minimum soil depth of 3 feet 6 inches;
17	$\frac{(5)}{4}$ where planted in individual basins rather than a landscaped planting bed, be
18	protected by a tree grate with a removable inner ring to provide for the tree's growth over time;
19	(6) (5) provide a below-grade environment with nutrient-rich soils, free from overly-
20	compacted soils, and generally conducive to tree root development;
21	(7) (6) be irrigated, maintained and replaced if necessary by the property owner, in
22	accordance with Sec. 174 of the Public Works Code, Article 16 and compliant with the applicable
23	water use requirements of Administrative Code Chapter 63; and
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1	$\frac{(8)}{(7)}$ be planted in a continuous soil-filled trench parallel to the curb, such that the
2	basin for each tree is connected.
3	(j) Planned Unit Developments as defined by Section 304 of this Code are required to meet the
4	street tree requirements described in Section 143 (a) $-$ (h) and shall meet the following additional
5	landscaping requirements:
6	(1) A continuous soil trough with structural soils shall be provided that connects the root
7	systems of these street trees to increase tree health is required unless there is a physical constraint.
8	(2) Where ground floor setbacks are required, landscaping is also required in the setbacks per
9	Section 132(g). All building setback areas not occupied by steps, porches or other permitted
10	obstructions shall be permeable as defined in Section 102.33. Setbacks should be designed to provide
11	access to landscaped areas, encouraging active use by residents.
12	(i) A water source should be provided for each residential setback reachable by a 30-
13	foot hose.
14	(ii) To allow for landscaping and street trees at street grade, below-grade parking shall
15	be located at a depth below any surface of the setback to provide a minimum soil depth of 3 feet 6
16	<u>inches.</u>
17	(3) The Zoning Administrator is authorized to modify the additional landscaping requirements
18	for Planned Unit Developments. The Zoning Administrator shall allow modifications only when he or
19	she finds that modifications provide equal or greater ecological benefit than the above requirements.
20	including the use of climate appropriate plant materials as defined in Public Works Code
21	Section 802.1. Acceptable modifications may include alternative landscape treatments such as
22	landscaped berms, detention or retention basins, perimeter plantings, pedestrian lighting, benches and
23	seating areas, or additional landscaping and tree planting are provided elsewhere on the site or on the
24	adjacent public right-of-way itself, subject to permit approval from the Department of Public Works.
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SEC. 156. PARKING LOTS.

- (a) A "parking lot" is hereby defined as an off-street open area or portion thereof solely for the parking of passenger automobiles. Such an area or portion shall be considered a parking lot whether or not on the same lot as another use, whether or not required by this Code for any structure or use, and whether classified as an accessory, principal or conditional use.
- (b) Where parking lots are specified in Articles 2 or 7 of this Code as a use for which conditional use approval is required in a certain district, such conditional use approval shall be required only for such parking lots in such district as are not qualified as accessory uses under Section 204.5 of this Code. The provisions of this Section 156 shall, however, apply to all parking lots whether classified as accessory, principal or conditional uses.
- (c) In considering any application for a conditional use for a parking lot for a specific use or uses, where the amount of parking provided exceeds the amount classified as accessory parking in Section 204.5 of this Code, the *City* Planning Commission shall consider the criteria set forth in Section 157.
- (d) Any <u>vehicle use area that is less than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public right-of-way or</u> parking lot for the parking of two or more automobiles which adjoins a lot in any R District, or which faces a lot in any R District across a street or alley, shall be screened from view therefrom, except at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence, a solid wall, or a compact evergreen hedge, not less than four feet in height.
- (e) Any <u>vehicle use area that has more than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public right-of-way or</u> <u>is a parking lot for the parking of 10 or more automobiles <u>shall be screened in accordance with the standards described in Section 142, Screening and Greening of Parking and Vehicle Use Areas within the NCT, C 3 O, C 3 R, C 3 S, or C 3 G Districts shall be screened from view from every street, except</u></u>

1	at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence, a solid wall, or a compact evergreen
2	hedge, not less than four feet in height.
3	(f) All artificial lighting used to illuminate a parking lot for any number of automobiles in
4	any R, NC, C, or South of Market District shall be so arranged that all direct rays from such
5	lighting fall entirely within such parking lot.
6	(g) No parking lot for any number of auto-mobiles shall have conducted upon it any
7	dead storage or dismantling of vehicles, or any repair or servicing of vehicles other than of an
8	emergency nature.
9	(h) No permanent parking lot shall be permitted in C-3-O, C-3-R, C-3-G and NCT

- (h) No permanent parking lot shall be permitted in C-3-O, C-3-R, C-3-G and NCT Districts; temporary parking lots may be approved as conditional uses pursuant to the provisions of Section 303 for a period not to exceed two years from the date of approval; permanent parking lots in C-3-S Districts shall be permitted only as a conditional use.
- (i) Any parking lot approved pursuant to zoning categories .25, .27 and .29 of Sections 813 through 818 of this Code shall be screened <u>in accordance with the standards described in Section 142, Screening and Greening of Parking and Vehicle Use Areas from views from every street, except at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence or a solid wall not less than four feet in height, except where this requirement would prevent otherwise feasible use of the subject lot as an open space or play area for nearby residents.</u>
- (j) Interior Landscaping. All permanent parking lots are required to provide 1 tree per 5

 parking spaces in a manner that is compliant with the applicable water use requirements of

 Administrative Code Chapter 63 and a minimum of 20% permeable surface, as defined by Section

 102.33 Permeable Surfaces. The trees planted in compliance with this Section shall result in

 canopy coverage of 50% of the parking lots' hardscape within 15 years of the installations of

1	these trees. Permeable surfaces and grading shall be coordinated so that stormwater can infiltrate
2	the surface in areas with less than 5% slope.
3	(k) Street Tree Requirement. All parking lots shall meet the street tree requirements specified
4	in Section 143.
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6	SEC. 223. AUTOMOTIVE.
7	All automotive uses that have vehicular use areas defined in Section 102.31 shall meet the
8	screening requirements for vehicular use areas in Section 142.
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7														SEC. 223.
8	_													AUTOMOTIVE.
9 10 11 12 13 14 15	_													(a) Sale or rental of new or used automobiles, when conducted entirely within an enclosed building.
16 17 18 19 20 21 22	_													(b) Sale or rental of new or used trucks, when conducted entirely within an enclosed building.
23														(c) Lot for

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3										automobiles.
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5										(d) Lot for
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7	_	*								or used trucks.
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10										(e) Sale or
11										rental of new or
12	_	*								used automobile
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19	<u>P*</u>									gasoline, other
		Α		Α	Α	Α	Α	Α		motor fuels and
20	-									lubricating oil
21										directly into motor
22										vehicles. The
23										following activities
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1									shall be permitted at
2									such a service
3									station if normally
4									conducted entirely
5									within an enclosed
6									building having no
7									openings other than
8									fixed windows or
9									exits required by law
10									within 50 feet of any
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13									(1) The sale
14									and dispensing of
15									greases and brake
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17									motor vehicle
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18 19 20	_								motor vehicle lubrication; and the sale or installation of tires, batteries and
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1	_							eous minor servicing
2								and adjusting, which
3								may include brakes,
4								electrical equipment,
5								fan belt, headlamps,
6								sparkplugs, air filter,
7								distributor points,
8								carburetor, and
9								generator charging
10								rate;
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12								(3) Installati
13								on of lamp globes,
14								sparkplugs, oil filter
15								or filtering element,
16								windshield wiper
17								blades and motors,
18	_							radiator hose
19								(without removal of
20								radiator or water
21								pump), battery
22								cables and fan belt;
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2											servicing and
3											repairing of tires and
4	_										batteries;
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6											(5) The
7											installation and
8											servicing of smog
9	_										control devices; and
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11											(6) Automob
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13											ile washing and
14											polishing of an
15											incidental nature,
											when performed
16											primarily by hand
17											and not including the
18	_										use of any
19											mechanical
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21											conveyor blower or
22											steam-cleaning
23											device.
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3									described above,
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5									minor automobile
6									repairs permitted
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8									conducted entirely
9	_	*							within an enclosed
10									building having no
11									openings other than
12									fixed windows or
13									exits required by law
14									within 50 feet on any
15									R District:
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18									including the repair
19									or replacement of
20									distributors,
21	_								sparkplugs and
22									carburetors;
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5								absorber
6	_							replacement;
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8								(4) Muffler
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10								exchange, with no
11	_							open flame or torch;
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13								(5) Wheel
14								balancing and
	_							alignment;
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16								(6) Wheel
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18								bearing and seals
19	_							replacement;
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21								(7) Replace
22								ment of universal
23	-							joints;
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1								(8) Radiator
2								mounting and
3								dismounting, with
4	-							repairs done
5								elsewhere;
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7								(9) Clutch
8								adjustments;
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10								(10) Repair
11								or replacement of
12	_							water pumps;
13								water parrips,
14								(44) Danair
15								(11) Repair
16								or replacement of
17								generators,
18	_							alternators and
19								voltage regulators;
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21								(12) Repair
22								or replacement of
23	-							starters;
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3	_								fuel pumps;	
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5									(14)	Such
6									other repairs	
7									be designated	
8									the Chief of the	
9									Francisco Fir	
10									Department a	
11									minor repairs	
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19									(h) R	epair
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3											service station as
4											described above,
5											and in addition the
6											following minor
7											automobile repairs;
8											all such repairs and
9											other activities shall
10											be conducted
11											entirely within an
12											enclosed building
13											having no openings
14											other than fixed
15											windows or exits
16											required by law
17											within 50 feet of any
18											R District.
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20											(1) Body
21											and fender repair
22											limited to
23	_										replacement of parts
24											and spot paint
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1								spraying; and
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3								(2) Removal
4								and replacement of
5								engines,
6								transmissions and
7								differentials, with
8	=							repairs to these
9								components done
10								elsewhere.
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12								(i) Repair
13								garage for the
14								following major
15								automobile repairs,
16							und	if conducted entirely
17								within an enclosed
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19	_						5,0	building having no
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21							gsf	fixed windows or
22								exits required by law
23								within 50 feet of any
24								R District:

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2								(1) Internal
3								engine repair or
4	-							rebuilding;
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7								(2) Repair or
8								rebuilding of
9								transmissions,
10	_							differentials or
11								radiators;
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13								oning of badly worn
14								or damaged motor
15	_							vehicles or trailers;
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17								(1) 0 111 1
18								(4) Collision
19								service, including
20								body, frame or
21	1							fender straightening
22								or repair; and
23		 	 	 	 	 		_
24								(5) Full body

1	_							paint spraying.
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3								(j) Automobil
4								e wash, when
5								providing on the
6								premises a reservoir
7								of vehicle storage
8								and standing area,
9								outside the washing
10	_	*						
11								facilities, equal to at
12								least 1/4 the hourly
13								capacity in vehicles
								of such facilities;
14								provided,
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16								(1) that
17								incidental noise is
18								reasonably confined
19								to the premises by
20								
21	_							adequate
22								soundproofing or
23								other device, and
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1												(2) that
2												complete enclosure
3												within a building
4												may be required as
5												a condition of
6												approval,
7												notwithstanding any
8												other provision of
9	_											this Code; but the
10												foregoing provisions
11												shall not preclude
12												the imposition of any
13												additional conditions
14												pursuant to Section
15												303 of this Code.
16												
17												(k) Tire
18												recapping, if
19												conducted on
20												premises not less
21	_											than 200 feet from
22												any R District.
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1										(I) Parking
2										lot, as regulated in
3										Sections 155, 156
4	<u>C*</u>									and 157 and other
5	=	*								provisions of Article
6										1.5 of this Code.
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8										(m) Storage
9										garage open to the
10										public for passenger
11										automobiles, as
12										regulated in
13										Sections 155, 156
14										and 157 and other
15										provisions of Article
16										1.5 of this Code,
17	-C-									where such storage
18										garage is not a
19										public building
20										requiring approval
21										by the Board of
22										Supervisors under
23										other provisions of
24										law and is
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2										enclosed.
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6										public for passenger
7										automobiles, as
8										regulated in
9										Sections 155, 156
10										and 157 and other
11										provisions of Article
12										1.5 of this Code,
13										where such storage
14	<u>C*</u>	*								garage is not a
15	-									public building
16										requiring approval
17										by the Board of
18										Supervisors under
19										other provisions of
20										law and is not
21										completely
22										enclosed.
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1										(o) Storage
2										garage open to the
3										public for passenger
4										automobiles, as
5										regulated in
6										Sections 155, 156
7										and 157 and other
8										provisions of Article
9	<u>P*</u>									1.5 of this Code,
10		*								where such storage
11	=									garage is a public
12										building requiring
13										approval by the
14										Board of
15										Supervisors under
16										other provisions of
17										law.
18										
19										(p) Major
20										(nonaccessory)
21										parking garage not
22	-C-									open to the public,
23										as defined in
24										Section 158 and as
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1										regulated therein
2										and in Sections 155
3										and 157 and other
4										provisions of Article
5										1.5 of this Code.
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7										(q) Parcel
8										delivery service,
9										limited to facilities
10										for the unloading,
11										sorting and
12										reloading of local
13										retail merchandise
14										for home deliveries,
15										where the operation
16	_			Α	Α	Α	Α			is conducted entirely
17										within a completely
18										enclosed building;
19										including garage
20										facilities for local
21										delivery trucks, but
22										excluding repair
23										shop facilities.
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1							(r) Parcel
2							delivery service, not
3							subject to the above
4	-						limitations.
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6							(s) Ambulan
7							ce service.
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9							(t) Storage
10							garage for
11							commercial
12							
13	_						passenger vehicles
14							and light delivery
15							trucks.
16							
17							(u) Storage
18							yard for commercial
19							vehicles or trucks, if
20							conducted within an
21	-						area completely
22							enclosed by a wall
23							or concealing fence
24							not less than six feet

1							high.
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3							(v) Truck
4							terminal facility, if
5							located not less than
6							200 feet from any R
7							District.
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SEC. 304. PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS.

In districts other than C-3, the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, the DTR Districts, or the South of Market Mixed Use Districts, the Planning Commission may authorize as conditional uses, in accordance with the provisions of Section 303, Planned Unit Developments subject to the further requirements and procedures of this Section. After review of any proposed development, the *City* Planning Commission may authorize such development as submitted or may modify, alter, adjust or amend the plan before authorization, and in authorizing it may prescribe other conditions as provided in Section 303(d). The development as authorized shall be subject to all conditions so imposed and shall be excepted from other provisions of this Code only to the extent specified in the authorization.

(a) Objectives. The procedures for Planned Unit Developments are intended for projects on sites of considerable size, developed as integrated units and designed to produce an environment of stable and desirable character which will benefit the occupants, the neighborhood and the City as a whole. In cases of outstanding overall design, complementary Mayor Newsom, Supervisor Chu, Supervisor Dufty

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- (b) Nature of Site. The tract or parcel of land involved must be either in one ownership, or the subject of an application filed jointly by the owners of all the property included or by the Redevelopment Agency of the City. It must constitute all or part of a Redevelopment Project Area, or if not must include an area of not less than 1/2 acre, exclusive of streets, alleys and other public property that will remain undeveloped.
- (c) Application and Plans. The application must describe the proposed development in detail, and must be accompanied by an overall development plan showing, among other things, the use or uses, dimensions and locations of structures, parking spaces, and areas, if any, to be reserved for streets, open spaces and other public purposes. The application must include such pertinent information as may be necessary to a determination that the objectives of this Section are met, and that the proposed development warrants the modification of provisions otherwise applicable under this Code.
- (d) Criteria and Limitations. The proposed development must meet the criteria applicable to conditional uses as stated in Section 303(c) and elsewhere in this Code. In addition, it shall:
 - (1) Affirmatively promote applicable objectives and policies of the General Plan;
 - (2) Provide off-street parking adequate for the occupancy proposed;
- (3) Provide open space usable by the occupants and, where appropriate, by the general public, at least equal to the open spaces required by this Code;
- (4) Be limited in dwelling unit density to less than the density that would be allowed by Article 2 of this Code for a district permitting a greater density, so that the Planned Unit Development will not be substantially equivalent to a reclassification of property;

1	(5) In R Districts, include commercial uses only to the extent that such uses are
2	necessary to serve residents of the immediate vicinity, subject to the limitations for NC-1
3	Districts under this Code, and in RTO Districts include commercial uses only according to the
4	provisions of Section 230 of this Code;
5	(6) Under no circumstances be excepted from any height limit established by Article
6	2.5 of this Code, unless such exception is explicitly authorized by the terms of this Code. In
7	the absence of such an explicit authorization, exceptions from the provisions of this Code with
8	respect to height shall be confined to minor deviations from the provisions for measurement of
9	height in Sections 260 and 261 of this Code, and no such deviation shall depart from the
10	purposes or intent of those sections;
11	(7) In NC Districts, be limited in gross floor area to that allowed under the floor area
12	ratio limit permitted for the district in Section 124 and Article 7 of this Code;
13	(8) In NC Districts, not violate the use limitations by story set forth in Article 7 of this
14	Code; and
15	(9) In RTO and NCT Districts, include the extension of adjacent alleys or streets onto
16	or through the site, and/or the creation of new publicly-accessible streets or alleys through the
17	site as appropriate, in order to break down the scale of the site, continue the surrounding
18	existing pattern of block size, streets and alleys, and foster beneficial pedestrian and vehicular
19	circulation.
20	(10) Provide street trees as per the requirements of Section 143(j) of the Code.
21	(11) Provide landscaping and permeable surfaces in any required setbacks in accordance with
22	Section 132 (g) and (h).
23	Section 3. The Public Works Code is hereby amended by adding Section 802.1 and

amending Sections 805, 806, and 807 to read as follows:

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1	SEC. 802.1. ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.
2	Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise,
3	(a) "Climate appropriate" means plants, shrubs, ground covers, or tree species that
4	meet at least one of the following conditions:
5	(1) The species has a water use ranking of "low" or "very low" in Region 1 (North-
6	Central Coast) as established in the California Department of Water Resources 2000
7	publication "Water Use Classification of Landscape Species" or subsequent editions as it may
8	be updated:
9	(2) The species has a water use ranking of "no water", "little water", or "little to
10	moderate water" in the climate zone for the planting location as established in the Sunset
11	Western Garden Book, Eighth Edition, published by Oxmoor House on February 1, 2007 or
12	subsequent editions as it may be updated;
13	(3) The plantings are part of an engineered stormwater management feature approved
14	by the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to the San Francisco
15	Stormwater Design Guidelines established by the Public Utilities Commission;
16	(4) The Department of Public Works, the Recreation and Park Department, or the
17	General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission has determined that the species, when
18	watered for sufficient plant health and appearance, is low water use based on the agency's
19	experience with the species, and the agency has added the species to the Low Water Use
20	and Climate Appropriate Plant List maintained by the General Manager of the Public Utilities
21	<u>Commission:</u>
22	(5) The species appears on the San Francisco Street Tree Species List established by
23	the Department of Public Works Bureau of Urban Forestry;
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1	(6) The planting is part of a species test approved by the Department of Public Works
2	or the Recreation and Park Department; or
3	(7) The species has been permitted at the site by the Department Public Works or the
4	General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission based on wet soil conditions stemming
5	from proximity to naturally occurring water features such as a high water table, springs,
6	ponds, lakes, creeks, and wetlands.

SEC. 805. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREET TREES.

(a) Responsibilities of Property Owners. Except as specified in Subsections 805(b) and (c) below, it shall be the duty of owners of lots or portions of lots immediately abutting on, fronting on or adjacent to any street tree to maintain such street tree. This duty shall include both routine and major maintenance of the street tree. It shall be the responsibility of all public agencies, including City, State and federal agencies, to maintain street trees abutting on such public agency's property in accordance with this Section. In addition, and in accordance with Section 706 of this Code, abutting property owners shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the sidewalk and sidewalk areas adjacent to any street tree.

Any person who suffers injury or property damage as a legal result of the failure of the owner to so maintain a street tree, sidewalk and sidewalk areas shall have a cause of action for such injury or property damage against such property owner. In addition to its rights under Section 706 of this Code, the City and County of San Francisco shall have a cause of action for indemnity against such property owner for any damages the City may be required to pay as satisfaction of any judgment or settlement of any claim that results from injury to persons or property as a legal result of the failure of the owner to maintain a street tree in accordance with this Section.

1	The Department shall have available to interested persons, upon request, public
2	pruning standards to ensure that street trees receive proper care.
3	(b) Responsibilities of the Department. The Department may, at the Director's
4	discretion, determine to undertake the regular routine and/or major maintenance of certain
5	street trees or corridors of street trees to promote consistency in the maintenance of trees or
6	in the public interest. Where the Department determines to undertake such regular
7	maintenance of street trees, the Director shall specify in writing by Departmental Order those
8	trees or corridors of trees for which it has undertaken maintenance responsibility and shall
9	specify in writing whether the Department will be responsible for routine or major
10	maintenance, or both. Such determinations by the Department shall be readily accessible to
11	property owners and members of the public. Where the Department has undertaken certain
12	maintenance responsibility for street trees in writing, the abutting property owner shall be
13	relieved of responsibility for such street tree maintenance.
14	Where the Department assumes maintenance responsibilities after the effective date of
15	this Article, it shall send written notice of that fact to the abutting property owner.
16	(c) Street Tree Establishment and Replacement of Dead Street Trees.
17	(1) Establishment of Street Trees. The establishment period for newly planted street
18	trees shall be three years from the date of planting. If the street tree is not adequately established at
19	the end of this period, the Director shall treat this as an injury to the tree, as defined in Section 802(g),
20	and may seek penalties for violation, as set forth in Section 811. The Director may establish rules,
21	regulations, or any other form of written guidelines concerning standards for proper care and
22	maintenance during the establishment period.
23	(2) Replacement of Dead Street Trees. The permittee or agency responsible for a street
24	tree shall replace a dead street tree within six months of the demise or removal of the tree. Removal of
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1	a dead street tree and planting of a replacement street tree shall be subject to all requirements set forth
2	in this Article for removal and planting. The Director is authorized to waive this replacement
3	requirement and may place conditions on any such waiver, which may include, but is not limited to,
4	replacement planting at an alternate location or payment of the in-lieu fee. Any such waiver shall be in
5	writing.
6	$\underline{(d)}$ Department Inventory and Publication of Street Tree Responsibilities. The
7	Department shall use its best efforts to maintain an inventory of all trees under its jurisdiction.
8	As of the effective date of this Article, the Department shall continue to maintain street
9	trees listed in its database as Department-maintained trees. Such information shall be made
10	available to the public upon request.
11	Within 120 days of the effective date of this Article, the Department shall publish in a
12	newspaper of general circulation in the City a list of all trees or corridors of trees maintained
13	by the Department.
14	(d) (e) Department Relinquishment of Street Tree Maintenance. The Director may, in
15	his or her discretion, determine to relinquish tree maintenance responsibilities for certain trees
16	or corridors of trees. Prior to such relinquishment, the Director shall post the affected trees
17	and send notice to abutting property owners of the Department's intent to relinquish
18	maintenance responsibilities on a date certain. Within 10 days of the posting and mailing of
19	such notice, any affected property owner may object in writing to such relinquishment. At the
20	written request of any person, the Director will hold a hearing prior to relinquishing
21	maintenance responsibility for a particular tree or corridor of trees. The Director's decision on
22	such relinquishment shall be final and nonappealable.
23	Prior to relinquishing maintenance responsibilities, the Department shall perform all
24	necessary major tree maintenance. As of the date designated by the Director, all tree

maintenance and tree-related maintenance shall be the responsibility of the abutting property 1 2 owner. SEC 806. PLANTING AND REMOVAL OF STREET TREES. 3 (a) Planting and Removal by the Department. 4 5 (1) **Planting.** The Department may determine to plant a new <u>climate appropriate</u> tree(s) in a sidewalk or public right-of-way. When the Department determines to plant a new 6 7 street tree(s), the Department will undertake maintenance responsibility for such new street 8 tree and shall send a courtesy notice to the abutting property owner prior to planting such new 9 tree. Any objections to the proposed work must be submitted to the Director in writing and 10 postmarked within 30 days after notice by the Director. The Director shall consider such 11 objections and may hold a hearing, in the Director's discretion. The Director's decision on the 12 matter shall be final and nonappealable. 13 (2) Removal of Street Trees. No street tree shall be cut down or removed by the 14 Department unless: (A) The Department gives 30 days' prior written notice to the owner of the 15 16 property abutting the affected tree; and 17 (B) Thirty days prior to the removal date, the Department notifies all interested 18 San Francisco organizations and, to the extent practical, all owners and occupants of 19 properties that are on or across from the block face where the affected tree is located. In

(3) Appeal of Tree Removal.

(A) If within 30 days after the giving of notice for street tree removal, as specified in Subsection (a)(2), or if within 15 days after the giving of notice for removal of a

addition, 30 days prior to the removal date, the Department shall post a notice on the affected

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1	hazard street tree, as specified in Subsection (a)(4), any person files with the Department
2	written objections to the removal, the Director shall hold a hearing to consider public testimony
3	concerning the proposed tree removal. Written notice of the date, time and place of the
4	hearing shall be posted on the affected tree, provided in a newspaper of general circulation,
5	and sent to the objecting party, the owner of the property abutting the affected tree, and all
6	interested San Francisco organizations, not less than seven days prior thereto.
7	(B) The Director shall issue his or her written decision and order on the
8	objections after the public hearing specified above.
9	(C) The Director's decision shall be final and appealable to the Board of
10	Appeals.
11	(4) Removal of Hazard Street Trees.
12	(A) No hazard street tree shall be cut down or removed by the Department
13	unless:
14	(i) The Department gives 15 days' prior written notice to the owner of the
15	property abutting the affected tree; and
16	(ii) Fifteen days prior to the removal date, the Department notifies all interested
17	San Francisco organizations and, to the extent practical, owners and occupants of properties
18	that are on or across the block face where the affected tree is located. In addition, 15 days
19	prior to the removal date, the Department shall post a notice on the affected tree.
20	(B) Hazard street tree shall have the same meaning as "hazard tree" in Section

802(o) except that a hazard street tree is located within the public right-of-way and is the

(5) Emergency Removal. In the case of manifest danger and immediate necessity, as

maintenance responsibility of the Department.

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- such emergency removal, the Department shall provide notice of the necessity for such action 2 to the owner of the property abutting the affected tree, all interested San Francisco 3 organizations and, to the extent practical, all owners and occupants of properties that are on 4 or across from the block face where the affected tree was removed.
 - (b) Planting and Removal by Persons Other Than the Department.
 - (1) Planting and Removal Permits. It shall be unlawful for any person to plant or to remove any street tree without a valid permit for such work issued by the Department. All permits for the planting or removal of street trees issued by the Director for residential properties shall be recorded on the Report of Residential Building Records in accordance with Section 351 of the Housing Code. All work associated with a street tree permit must be completed within six months of issuance, unless an extension has been granted by the Department.
 - (2) **Planting.** An abutting property owner who desires a permit to plant a street tree shall apply to the Department on the designated form. If approved by the Director, a permit to plant the specified <u>climate appropriate</u> species of tree(s) shall be issued to the applicant. There shall be no administrative fee imposed for a permit to plant a street tree unrelated to property development. The Director's decision on a street tree planting permit shall be final and appealable to the Board of Appeals.

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(A) An abutting property owner who desires a permit to remove a street tree shall apply to the Department on the designated form. The Department may grant or deny the permit in accordance with the following procedures and requirements. If the Department grants a tree removal permit, it shall require that another a street tree or trees of equivalent replacement value to the one removed be planted in the place of the removed tree or impose

- an in-lieu fee unless it makes written findings detailing the basis for waiving <u>or modifying</u>this requirement.
 - (i) The fee for a permit to remove 1-3 street trees shall be \$607.00 when the permit is requested to allow for development or construction; the fee for a permit to remove 1-3 street trees shall be \$300.00 when the permit is requested to remove a hazard or a diseased tree or to prevent damage to the sidewalk; the fee for a permit to remove 4-9 street trees shall be \$808.00; and the fee to remove 10 or more street trees shall be \$1,214.00.
 - application is or will exceed the fee amount established pursuant to subsection (i), the Director, in his or her discretion, may require an applicant or permittee to pay a sum in excess of the subject fee amounts. This additional sum shall be sufficient to recover actual costs that the Department incurs and shall be charged on a time and materials basis. The Director also may charge for any time and materials costs that other agencies, boards, commissions, or departments of the City, including the City Attorney's Office, incur in connection with the processing or administration of a particular application. Whenever additional fees are or will be charged, the Director, upon request of the applicant or permittee, shall provide in writing the basis for the additional fees or an estimate of the additional fees to be charged.
 - (iii) **Fee Review and Adjustment.** Beginning with fiscal year 2010-2011, the fees that are established herein shall be reviewed and adjusted each year in accordance with the procedures set forth in Public Works Code Section 2.1.2.
 - (B) Thirty days prior to the removal date, the Department shall give notice to all interested San Francisco organizations and, to the extent practicable, the owners and occupants of properties that are on or across from the block face or adjacent to where the affected tree is located. In addition, 30 days prior to the removal date, the Department shall

1	post a notice on the affected tree. If within 30 days after the giving of such notice any person
2	files with the Department written objections to the removal, the Director shall hold a hearing
3	prior to removing the tree. Written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing shall be
4	posted on the affected tree and sent to the objecting party and all interested San Francisco
5	organizations not less than seven days prior thereto.
6	(C) The Director shall issue his or her written decision and order on the
7	objections after the public hearing specified above.
8	(D) The Director's decision shall be final and appealable to the Board of
9	Appeals.
10	(c) Planting and Removal by City Agencies, Commissions, or Other
11	Departments. If a City agency, commission, or department other than the Department of
12	Public Works desires to plant or remove a street tree, such agency, commission, or
13	department shall be subject to the provisions of Subsection (b); provided, however, that for
14	purposes of street tree removal, the notice and procedures for Director's hearings set forth in
15	Subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3) shall apply.
16	SEC. 807. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM;
17	POWERS AND DUTIES.
18	(a) Arterial Planting Program. The Department shall continue its program of climate
19	appropriate street tree planting along major traffic routes and commercial streets throughout
20	the City.
21	(b) Neighborhood Planting Program. The Department shall continue to encourage
22	and support neighborhood <u>climate appropriate</u> planting programs. Support may include, but
23	need not be limited to, provision of climate appropriate trees and materials, sidewalk cutting

and removal, planting labor, technical advice, and organizational assistance. Climate

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- 1 appropriate requirements in the neighborhood planting program do not apply to areas solely
- 2 <u>dedicated to edible plants such as fruit and nut trees and vegetable gardens, except that</u>
- 3 planted areas shall comply with any applicable water use requirements of Administrative Code
- 4 Chapter 63. The Department is hereby authorized to donate such funds, materials and labor
- to neighborhood planting programs as are deemed by the Director to be in the public interest
- and in the interest of the promotion of the urban forest.

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- (c) **Public Education.** The Department shall undertake an on-going program of public outreach and education in order to promote public understanding of the City's urban forest and public adherence to the standards and procedures established under this Article.
 - (d) Authority over Site Development Plans.
- (1) The Department shall have the authority to review and comment on site development plan applications received by the City's Central Permit Bureau that pertain to the planting, alteration, or removal of street trees. The Department shall also have the authority to review and comment on site development plan applications that pertain to the alteration or removal of landmark trees designated pursuant to Section 810(a) of this Article and significant trees pursuant to Section 810A of this Article. Protection of such trees during construction shall be required in accordance with Section 808(c) of this Article. Removal of such trees shall be subject to the applicable rules and procedures for removal set forth in Section 806, 810, or 810A of this Article.
- (2) If the Zoning Administrator modifies or waives the requirements of Planning Code Section 143 pursuant to Planning Code Section 143(d), the Department shall impose an inlieu fee of the property owner so excused. Further, if a property owner is required to plant a street tree pursuant to Planning Code Section 143, the Department shall require that the property owner maintain such tree or replace any such tree that subsequently dies or is

1	removed by any person, or pay an in-lieu fee. The Department shall follow the requirements
2	set forth herein for tree replacement or payment of an in-lieu fee unless it makes written
3	findings detailing the basis for waiving said requirements.
4	(e) Adopt-A-Tree Fund. Pursuant to Section 10.117-77 of the Administrative Code,
5	the Department shall maintain an Adopt-A-Tree Fund to enhance the urban forestry program.
6	(f) In-Lieu Planting Program. The Department shall develop and implement an In-
7	Lieu Planting Program to offset the loss of street trees, significant trees, and landmark trees
8	due to removal, destruction, or death. The In-Lieu Planting Program shall also compensate for
9	the loss of trees required to be planted by Section 143 of the Planning Code, yet excused by
10	the Zoning Administrator pursuant to Planning Code Section 143(d). The Department shall
11	impose an in-lieu fee in accordance with a fee schedule adopted by the Director where a
12	street tree is destroyed, removed or is excused from planting where otherwise required by
13	Planning Code Section 143. The Department also shall assess an in-lieu fee or such other
14	penalty as set forth in Section 811 as mitigation for violation of the requirements of this Article.
15	The Department shall follow the requirements set forth herein for payment of an in-lieu fee
16	unless it makes written findings detailing the basis for waiving said requirements. As set forth
17	in Section 811, in lieu fees shall be deposited in the Adopt-A-Tree Fund.
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1	(g) Tree Adoption Program. The Department shall develop and implement a tree
2	adoption program to allow persons to donate money for the purpose of climate appropriate
3	tree planting and maintenance. Money donated to the City and County for the purpose of tree
4	planting and maintenance shall be deposited into the Adopt-A-Tree Fund.
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