FILE NO. 081216

## ORDINANCE NO. 251-08

[Reward for Information about underpayment of property tax.]

Ordinance approving Assessor's recommended reward for information that led to detection of underpayment of property tax from unreported change of ownership.

Note:

Additions are <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman;</u> deletions are <del>strikethrough italics Times New Roman</del>. Board amendment additions are <u>double underlined</u>. Board amendment deletions are <del>strikethrough normal</del>.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco: Section 1. Findings.

(a) Under San Francisco Administrative Code §10.177-2, the Assessor may recommend that the Board authorize a reward for information that leads to the detection of property taxes that were underpaid because an owner failed to report a change of ownership. The Board may authorize a reward of up to 10% of the unpaid taxes from the date of the unreported change of ownership to the date a real estate watchdog notifies the assessor of the change, but not more than \$500,000.

(b) In March 2006, Mark Mosley notified the Assessor that the Mt. Sutro Terrace Apartments, located at 480 Warren Drive, had changed ownership. The purchaser of the property did not report the change of ownership and the Assessor was not otherwise aware of the change.

(c) The information Mr. Mosley gave the Assessor enabled his staff to reassess the Mt. Sutro Apartments for the year they changed ownership (2001) and for the following tax years. The reassessment will lead to the collection of \$1,340,596 unpaid, past due taxes and penalties.

(d) Mr. Mosley has applied for a reward under §10.177-2. The Assessor has certified that Mr. Mosley's application meets all of the conditions for a reward: Mr. Mosley did

Assessor-Recorder Phil Ting, Supervisor McGoldrick BOARD OF SUPERVISORS not participate in the concealment, he provided information the Assessor did not know, and his information led to the collection of additional taxes.

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§10.177-2 authorizes the Assessor to recommend that the Board award (e) Mr. Mosley a reward of up to \$83,251. The Assessor recommends that the Board award Mr. Mosley \$66,600.48, which is eighty percent (80%) of the maximum authorized reward and 8% of the additional taxes Mr. Mosley's information enabled the Assessor to collect.

Section 2. The Board approves the Assessor's recommendation that the City and County of San Francisco pay Mark Mosley a reward of \$66,600.48 for information that led to the collection of property taxes from an unreported change of ownership. The Controller is hereby authorized to appropriate and pay Mr. Mosley a \$66,600.48 reward from Property Tax revenues.

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

By:

**Deputy City Attorney** 

Peter Keith

**RECOMMENDED:** 

San Francisco Assessor-Recorder

Phil Ting Assessor

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

BEN ROSENFELD Controller

Assessor-Recorder Phil Ting **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** 



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October 21, 2008 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

October 28, 2008 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on October 28, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

11/7/2008

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom