FILE NO. 090137

ORDINANCE NO.

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[Landmark Tree Designation of California Buckeye, Aesculus Californica, located behind 757 Pennsylvania Street.]

Ordinance designating the California Buckeye (*Aesculus Californica*) located behind 757 Pennsylvania Street (Assessor's Block 4168, Lot 011) as a landmark tree pursuant to Public Works Code Section 810, making findings supporting the designation, and requesting official acts in furtherance of the landmark tree designation.

Note:

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

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

(a) Public Works Code Section 810 establishes a procedure for the nomination, designation, and removal of landmark trees.

(b) Supervisor Maxwell introduced a resolution of intent to nominate the California Buckeye (*Aesculus Californica*) located behind 757 Pennsylvania Street (Assessor's block 4168, Lot 011) for landmark tree status. The Board of Supervisors adopted this nomination in Resolution no. 431-08. A copy of this Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. <u>081305</u> and is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) The Board of Supervisors adopted landmark tree designation criteria in Resolution No. 440-06. A copy of this Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. <u>060487</u> and is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) On December 12, 2008, after a duly noticed public hearing, the Urban Forestry Council adopted Resolution No. 010-08 recommending that the Board of Supervisors designate this tree for landmark status based on the abovementioned landmark tree

Supervisor Maxwell BOARD OF SUPERVISORS designation criteria. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. ______ and is incorporated herein by reference.

(e) The Urban Forestry Council determined that this tree qualifies as a landmark tree based on the criteria set forth below and as further delineated in the City's landmark tree designation criteria:

(1) Rare: The tree is uncommon and possibly rare in San Francisco;

(2) Size: The tree is a large specimen for this species with a huge canopy spread and great trunk girth;

(3) Age: Although the actual age of the tree is undetermined, the tree appears quite old;

(4) Historical association: The tree is likely genetic and possibly naturallyoccurring remnant of the original San Francisco forest;

(5) Ethnic appreciation: Ohlone Indians used California Buckeyes for fishing and as a source of nutrition;

 (6) Profiled in publication or other media: The tree is profiled and photographed in Peter Linenthal and Abigail Johnston's publication "San Francisco's Potrero Hill;"

(7) Accessible from public right-of-way: The tree is in a high traffic area and accessible from the public's right of way. The California Buckeye is exceedingly visible from the 22nd Street Caltrain Station platform;

(8) Important wildlife habitat: The tree provides habitat and nourishment for a variety of wildlife, including indigenous species;

(9) Prominent landscape feature: The tree is a prominent landscape featureoccurring in an area of low tree density; and

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(10) Prominent landscape feature: Despite obvious abuse and structural problems, the tree is a striking character appearing sound and nonhazardous.

(f) The Board of Supervisors adopts as its own the findings of the Urban Forestry Council in regard to this tree.

Section 2. Landmark Tree Designation.

(a) Based on the above mentioned findings, the Board of Supervisors designates the
California Buckeye (*Aesculus Californica*), located behind 757 Pennsylvania Street
(Assessor's Block 4168, Lot 011) as a landmark tree.

(b) The Board of Supervisors directs the Department of Public Works to record the landmark designation of this tree on the property record of 757 Pennsylvania Street (Assessor's Block 4168, Lot 011) and list the tree in the Department's Official Book of Landmark Trees.

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

Alicia Gabrera Deputy City Attorney

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March 3, 2009 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

March 17, 2009 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi File No. 090137

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on March 17, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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