

1 [Planning Code - Transit Center District Plan]

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3 **Ordinance: 1) amending the San Francisco Planning Code by amending and adding**  
4 **sections consistent with the Transit Center District Plan, including the establishment of**  
5 **the Transit Center District Plan open space and transportation fees and the expansion**  
6 **and renaming of the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street Conservation District,**  
7 **and 2) making findings, including environmental findings and findings of consistency**  
8 **with the General Plan, as proposed for amendment, and Planning Code Section 101.1.**

9 NOTE: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;  
10 deletions are ~~*strike-through italics Times New Roman*~~.  
11 Board amendment additions are double-underlined;  
12 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

14 Section 1. Findings.

15 (a) California Environmental Quality Act Findings.

16 (1) The Planning Commission, in Motion No. 18628 certified the Final Environmental  
17 Impact Report for the Transit Center District Plan and related actions as in comply with the  
18 California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). A copy  
19 of said Motion is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 120665 and is  
20 incorporated herein by reference.

21 (2) On May 24, 2012, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public  
22 hearing and, by Motion No. 18629, adopted findings pursuant to the California Environmental  
23 Quality Act for the Transit Center District Plan and related actions. A copy of Planning  
24 Commission Resolution No. 18629, including its attachment and mitigation monitoring and  
25 reporting program, is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 120665 and

1 is incorporated herein by reference. The Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Planning  
2 Commission's environmental findings as its own.

3 (b) Historic Preservation Commission Findings, General Plan Consistency, and Other  
4 Findings.

5 (1) On May 24, 2012, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on  
6 the attached Planning Code amendments. At said meeting, the Planning Commission, in  
7 Resolution No. 18631, recommended to this Board the adoption of the Planning Code  
8 amendments related to the Transit Center District Plan. A copy of said Planning Commission  
9 Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 120665 and is  
10 incorporated herein by reference.

11 (2) At its May 24, 2012 meeting, the Planning Commission, in Resolution No. 18631,  
12 also recommended to the Historic Preservation Commission that it support the proposed  
13 amendments to Article 11 of the Planning Code, including the addition of certain properties to  
14 the amended New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street Conservation District that also will be  
15 listed in the City's Zoning Map.

16 (3) On June 6, 2012, the Historic Preservation Commission held a duly noticed public  
17 hearing on the amendments proposed herein to Article 11 of the Planning Code, including the  
18 addition of certain properties to the amended New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street  
19 Conservation District that also will be listed in the City's Zoning Map. At said meeting, the  
20 Historic Preservation Commission adopted Resolution Nos. 679, 680, and 681 that  
21 recommended to the Board of Supervisors that it adopt these amendments. Copies of said  
22 Historic Preservation Commission Resolutions are on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
23 Supervisors in File No. 120665 and are incorporated herein by reference.

24 (4) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board of Supervisors finds that this  
25 Ordinance will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth

1 in Planning Commission Resolution No.18631, and incorporates those reasons herein by  
2 reference.

3 (5) The Board of Supervisors finds that this Ordinance is, on balance, consistent with  
4 the General Plan as proposed for amendment and the Priority Policies of Planning Code  
5 Section 101.1(b) for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. 18631, and  
6 incorporates those reasons herein by reference.

7 (6) Notwithstanding any contrary technical requirements that may exist in the Planning  
8 or Administrative Codes, the Board hereby finds that the Planning Department provided  
9 adequate notice for all documents and decisions, including environmental documents, related  
10 to the Transit Center District Plan. This finding is based on the extensive mailed, posted,  
11 electronic, and published notices that the Planning Department provided. In addition, all  
12 notification requirements for amendments to Article 11 were conducted in conformance with  
13 the version of Article 11 of the Planning Code in effect on May 2, 2012, the day the Historic  
14 Preservation Commission initiated the amendments proposed herein to Article 11. The Board  
15 hereby determines that said amendments are exempt from the current notification  
16 requirements of Article 11 of the Planning Code as amended by an Ordinance pending before  
17 the Board of Supervisors in Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File No. 123031. The draft  
18 recommendations and justification for the expansion of the Conservation District and the  
19 designation of architecturally significant buildings under Article 11 of the Planning Code was  
20 published and made available to the public in November of 2009. Beginning in 2007,  
21 community outreach and owner notification regarding the Transit Center District Plan has  
22 provided a number of opportunities for owner input through at least twelve (12) publicly-  
23 noticed workshops, hearings, and presentations. Copies of all notices and other public  
24 materials related to the Transit Center District Plan and the amendments to Article 11 set forth  
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1 herein are available for review through the Custodian of Records at the Planning Department,  
2 1650 Mission Street, San Francisco.

3 Section 2. The San Francisco Planning Code is hereby amended by amending  
4 Sections 102.5, 102.9, 102.11, 123, 132.1, 136, 138, 151.1, 152.1, 155, 155.4, 156, 163, 201,  
5 210.3, 215, 216, 217, 218, 218.1, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 248, 260, 270, 272,  
6 303, 309, 321, 412.1, 427, 1103.1, and Appendices A, C, D, and F to Article 11 and adding  
7 Sections 424.6, 424.7, 424.8, to read as follows:

8 **SEC. 102.5. DISTRICT.**

9 A portion of the territory of the City, as shown on the Zoning Map, within which  
10 certain regulations and requirements or various combinations thereof apply under the  
11 provisions of this Code. The term "district" shall include any use, special use, height and bulk,  
12 or special sign district. The term "R District" shall mean any RH-1(D), RH-1, RH-1(S), RH-2,  
13 RH-3, RM-1, RM-2, RM-3, RM-4, RTO, RTO-M, RC-1, RC-2, RC-3, RC-4 or RED District. The  
14 term "C District" shall mean any C-1, C-2, C-3, or C-M District. The term "RTO District" shall  
15 be that subset of R Districts which are the RTO and RTO-M District. The term "M District"  
16 shall mean any M-1 or M-2 District. The term "PDR District" shall mean any PDR-1-B, PDR-1-  
17 D, PDR-1-G, or PDR-2 District. The term "RH District" shall mean any RH-1(D), RH-1, RH-  
18 1(S), RH-2, or RH-3 District. The term "RM District" shall mean any RM-1, RM-2, RM-3, or  
19 RM-4 District. The term "RC District" shall mean any RC-1, RC-2, RC-3, or RC-4 District. The  
20 term "C-3 District" shall mean any C-3-O, C-3-O(SD), C-3-R, C-3-G, or C-3-S District. For the  
21 purposes of Section 128 and Article 11 of this Code, the term "C-3 District" shall also include  
22 the Extended Preservation District designated on Section Map 3SU of the Zoning Map. The  
23 term "NC District" shall mean any NC-1, NC-2, NC-3, NC-T, NC-S, and any Neighborhood  
24 Commercial District and Neighborhood Commercial Transit District identified by street or area  
25 name in Section 702.1. The term "NCT" shall mean any district listed in Section 702.1(b),

1 including any NCT-1, NCT-2, NCT-3 and any Neighborhood Commercial Transit District  
2 identified by street or area name. The term "Mixed Use" District shall mean all Chinatown  
3 Mixed Use, South of Market Mixed Use, Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use, and Downtown  
4 Residential Districts. The term "Chinatown Mixed Use District" shall mean any Chinatown CB,  
5 Chinatown VR, or Chinatown R/NC District named in Section 802.1. The term "South of  
6 Market Mixed Use Districts" shall refer to all RED, RSD, SLR, SLI, or SSO Districts named in  
7 Section 802.1. The term "Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts" shall refer to all SPD,  
8 MUG, MUO, MUR, and UMU Districts named in Section 802.1. The term "DTR District" or  
9 "Downtown Residential District" shall refer to any Downtown Residential District identified by  
10 street or area name in Section 825, 827, 828, and 829. The term "PM District" or "Parkmerced  
11 District" shall refer to any PM-R, PM-MU1, PM-MU2, PM-S, PM-CF, or PM-OS District named  
12 in Section 249.64. The terms "TI District" and "YBI District" shall refer to any TI-R, TI-MU, TI-  
13 OS, TI-PCI, YBI-R, YBI-MU, YBI-OS, YBI-PCI, as set forth in Section 249.52.

#### 14 **SEC. 102.9. FLOOR AREA, GROSS.**

15 In districts other than C-3, the sum of the gross areas of the several floors of a  
16 building or buildings, measured from the exterior faces of exterior walls or from the centerlines  
17 of walls separating two buildings. Where columns are outside and separated from an exterior  
18 wall (curtain wall) which encloses the building space or are otherwise so arranged that the  
19 curtain wall is clearly separate from the structural members, the exterior face of the curtain  
20 wall shall be the line of measurement, and the area of the columns themselves at each floor  
21 shall also be counted.

22 In C-3 Districts and the Van Ness Special Use District, the sum of the gross areas of  
23 the several floors of a building or buildings, measured along the glass line at windows at a  
24 height of four feet above the finished floor and along a projected straight line parallel to the  
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1 overall building wall plane connecting the ends of individual windows; provided, however, that  
2 such line shall not be inward of the interior face of the wall.

3 (a) Except as specifically excluded in this definition, "gross floor area" shall include,  
4 although not be limited to, the following:

5 (1) Basement and cellar space, including tenants' storage areas and all other  
6 space except that used only for storage or services necessary to the operation or  
7 maintenance of the building itself;

8 (2) Elevator shafts, stairwells, exit enclosures and smokeproof enclosures, at  
9 each floor;

10 (3) Floor space in penthouses except as specifically excluded in this  
11 definition;

12 (4) Attic space (whether or not a floor has been laid) capable of being made  
13 into habitable space;

14 (5) Floor space in balconies or mezzanines in the interior of the building;

15 (6) Floor space in open or roofed porches, arcades or exterior balconies, if  
16 such porch, arcade or balcony is located above the ground floor or first floor of occupancy  
17 above basement or garage and is used as the primary access to the interior space it serves;

18 (7) Floor space in accessory buildings, except for floor spaces used for  
19 accessory off-street parking or loading spaces as described in Section 204.5 of this Code, and  
20 driveways and maneuvering areas incidental thereto; and

21 (8) Any other floor space not specifically excluded in this definition.

22 (b) "Gross floor area" shall not include the following:

23 (1) Basement and cellar space used only for storage or services necessary  
24 to the operation or maintenance of the building itself;

25 (2) Attic space not capable of being made into habitable space;

1           (3) Elevator or stair penthouses, accessory water tanks or cooling towers,  
2 and other mechanical equipment, appurtenances and areas necessary to the operation or  
3 maintenance of the building itself, if located at the top of the building or separated therefrom  
4 only by other space not included in the gross floor area;

5           (4) Mechanical equipment, appurtenances and areas, necessary to the  
6 operation or maintenance of the building itself (i) if located at an intermediate story of the  
7 building and forming a complete floor level; or (ii) in C-3 Districts, if located on a number of  
8 intermediate stories occupying less than a full floor level, provided that the mechanical  
9 equipment, appurtenances and areas are permanently separated from occupied floor areas  
10 and in aggregate area do not exceed the area of an average floor as determined by the  
11 Zoning Administrator;

12           (5) Outside stairs to the first floor of occupancy at the face of the building  
13 which the stairs serve, or fire escapes;

14           (6) Floor space used for accessory off-street parking and loading spaces as  
15 described in Section 204.5 of this Code and up to a maximum of one hundred fifty percent  
16 (150%) of the off-street accessory parking permitted by right in Section 151.1 of this Code for  
17 C-3 Districts, and driveways and maneuvering areas incidental thereto;

18           (7) Arcades, plazas, walkways, porches, breezeways, porticos and similar  
19 features (whether roofed or not), at or near street level, accessible to the general public and  
20 not substantially enclosed by exterior walls; and accessways to public transit lines, if open for  
21 use by the general public; all exclusive of areas devoted to sales, service, display, and other  
22 activities other than movement of persons;

23           (8) Balconies, porches, roof decks, terraces, courts and similar features,  
24 except those used for primary access as described in Paragraph (a)(6) above, provided that:  
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1 (A) If more than 70 percent of the perimeter of such an area is  
2 enclosed, either by building walls (exclusive of a railing or parapet not more than three feet  
3 eight inches high) or by such walls and interior lot lines, and the clear space is less than 15  
4 feet in either dimension, the area shall not be excluded from gross floor area unless it is fully  
5 open to the sky (except for roof eaves, cornices or belt courses which project not more than  
6 two feet from the face of the building wall).

7 (B) If more than 70 percent of the perimeter of such an area is  
8 enclosed, either by building walls (exclusive of a railing or parapet not more than three feet  
9 eight inches high), or by such walls and interior lot lines, and the clear space is 15 feet or  
10 more in both dimensions, (1) the area shall be excluded from gross floor area if it is fully open  
11 to the sky (except for roof eaves, cornices or belt courses which project no more than two feet  
12 from the face of the building wall), and (2) the area may have roofed areas along its perimeter  
13 which are also excluded from gross floor area if the minimum clear open space between any  
14 such roof and the opposite wall or roof (whichever is closer) is maintained at 15 feet (with the  
15 above exceptions) and the roofed area does not exceed 10 feet in depth; (3) in addition, when  
16 the clear open area exceeds 625 square feet, a canopy, gazebo, or similar roofed structure  
17 without walls may cover up to 10 percent of such open space without being counted as gross  
18 floor area.

19 (C) If, however, 70 percent or less of the perimeter of such an area is  
20 enclosed by building walls (exclusive of a railing or parapet not more than three feet eight  
21 inches high) or by such walls and interior lot lines, and the open side or sides face on a yard,  
22 street or court whose dimensions satisfy the requirements of this Code and all other  
23 applicable codes for instances in which required windows face upon such yard, street or court,  
24 the area may be roofed to the extent permitted by such codes in instances in which required  
25 windows are involved;



1 (9) On lower, nonresidential floors, elevator shafts and other life-support  
2 systems serving exclusively the residential uses on the upper floors of a building;

3 (10) One-third of that portion of a window bay conforming to the requirements  
4 of Section 136(d)(2) which extends beyond the plane formed by the face of the facade on  
5 either side of the bay but not to exceed seven square feet per bay window as measured at  
6 each floor;

7 (11) Ground floor area in the C-3-0, C-3-O(SD), C-3-S, C-3-S(SU) and C-3-G  
8 Districts devoted to building or pedestrian circulation and building service;

9 (12) In the C-3-0, C-3-O(SD), C-3-S, C-3-S(SU) and C-3-G Districts, space  
10 devoted to personal services, restaurants, and retail sales of goods intended to meet the  
11 convenience shopping and service needs of downtown workers and residents, not to exceed  
12 5,000 occupied square feet per use and, in total, not to exceed 75 percent of the area of the  
13 ground floor of the building plus the ground level, on-site open space. Said uses shall be  
14 located on the ground floor, except that, in order to facilitate the creation of more spacious  
15 ground floor interior spaces, a portion of the said uses, in an amount to be determined  
16 pursuant to the provisions of Section 309, may be located on a mezzanine level;

17 (13) An interior space provided as an open space feature in accordance with  
18 the requirements of Section 138;

19 (14) Floor area in C-3, South of Market Mixed Use Districts, and Eastern  
20 Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts devoted to child care facilities provided that:

21 (A) Allowable indoor space is no less than 3,000 square feet and no  
22 more than 6,000 square feet, and

23 (B) The facilities are made available rent free, and  
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1 (C) Adequate outdoor space is provided adjacent, or easily accessible,  
2 to the facility. Spaces such as atriums, rooftops or public parks may be used if they meet  
3 licensing requirements for child care facilities, and

4 (D) The space is used for child care for the life of the building as long  
5 as there is a demonstrated need. No change in use shall occur without a finding by the City  
6 Planning Commission that there is a lack of need for child care and that the space will be  
7 used for a facility described in Subsection 15 below dealing with cultural, educational,  
8 recreational, religious, or social service facilities;

9 (15) Floor area in C-3, South of Market Mixed Use Districts, and Eastern  
10 Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts permanently devoted to cultural, educational, recreational,  
11 religious or social service facilities available to the general public at no cost or at a fee  
12 covering actual operating expenses, provided that such facilities are:

13 (A) Owned and operated by a nonprofit corporation or institution, or

14 (B) Are made available rent free for occupancy only by nonprofit  
15 corporations or institutions for such functions. Building area subject to this subsection shall be  
16 counted as occupied floor area, except as provided in Subsections 102.10(a) through (f) of  
17 this Code, for the purpose of calculating the off-street parking and freight loading  
18 requirements for the project;

19 (16) In C-3 Districts, floor space used for short-term parking and aisles  
20 incidental thereto when required pursuant to Section 309 in order to replace short-term  
21 parking spaces displaced by the building or buildings;

22 (17) Floor space in mezzanine areas within live/work units where the  
23 mezzanine satisfies all applicable requirements of the San Francisco Building Code;

1 (18) Floor space suitable primarily for and devoted exclusively to exhibitions or  
2 performances by live/work tenants within the structure or lot, provided that such facilities will  
3 be available rent-free to live/work tenants within the property for the life of the structure; and

4 (19) In South of Market Mixed Use Districts, live/work units and any occupied  
5 floor area devoted to mechanical equipment or appurtenances or other floor area accessory to  
6 live/work use provided that:

7 (A) The nonresidential use within each live/work unit shall be limited to  
8 uses which are principal permitted uses in the district or otherwise are conditional uses in the  
9 district and are approved as a conditional use,

10 (B) The density, enforcement, open space, parking and freight loading  
11 and other standards specified in Sections 124(j), 135.2, 151 and 152.1 shall be satisfied,  
12 along with all other applicable provisions of this Code, and

13 (C) For the purpose of calculating the off-street parking and freight  
14 loading requirement for the project, building area subject to this subsection shall be counted  
15 as occupied floor area, except as provided in Subsections 102.10(a) through (f) of this Code.

16 (20) In the C-3-O(SD) District, space devoted to personal services, eating and drinking uses, or  
17 retail sales of goods and that is located on the same level as the rooftop park on the Transbay Transit  
18 Center and directly accessible thereto by a direct publicly-accessible pedestrian connection meeting  
19 the standards of Section 138(j)(1).

20 (21) In the C-3-O(SD) District, publicly-accessible space on any story above a height of 600  
21 feet devoted to public accommodation that offers extensive views, including observation decks, sky  
22 lobbies, restaurants, bars, or other retail uses, as well as any elevators or other vertical circulation  
23 dedicated exclusively to accessing or servicing such space. The space must be open to the general  
24 public during normal business hours throughout the year, and may charge a nominal fee for access.

25 **SEC. 102.11. FLOOR AREA RATIO.**

1           The ratio of the gross floor area of all the buildings on a lot to the area of the lot. In  
2 cases in which portions of the gross floor area of a building project horizontally beyond the lot  
3 lines, all such projecting gross floor area shall also be included in determining the floor area  
4 ratio.

5           ~~If the height per story of a building, when all the stories are added together, exceeds an~~  
6 ~~average of 15 feet, then additional gross floor area shall be counted in determining the floor area ratio~~  
7 ~~of the building, equal to the gross floor area of one additional story for each 15 feet or fraction thereof~~  
8 ~~by which the total building height exceeds the number of stories times 15 feet; except that such~~  
9 ~~additional gross floor area shall not be counted in the case of live/work units or a church, theater or~~  
10 ~~other place of public assembly.~~

#### 11           **SEC. 123. MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO.**

12           (a) The limits upon the floor area ratio of buildings, as defined by this Code, shall  
13 be as stated in this Section and Sections 124 through 128. The maximum floor area ratio for  
14 any building or development shall be equal to the sum of the basic floor area ratio for the  
15 district, as set forth in Section 124, plus any premiums and floor area transfers which are  
16 applicable to such building or development under Sections 125, 127 and 128, and as  
17 restricted by the provisions of Sections 123(c) and (d) and 124(b) and (j).

18           (b) No building or structure or part thereof shall be permitted to exceed, except as  
19 stated in Sections 172 and 188 of this Code, the floor area ratio limits herein set forth for the  
20 district in which it is located.

21           (c) The amount of TDR that may be transferred to a development lot, as allowed  
22 by Section 128, is limited as follows:

23           (1) The gross floor area of a structure on a lot in the C-3-O ~~and C-3-O (SD)~~  
24 ~~Districts~~ may not exceed a floor area ratio of 18 to 1;

1 (2) The gross floor area of a structure on a lot in the C-3-R, C-3-G and C-3-S  
2 Districts may not exceed a floor area ratio that is 1½ times the basic floor area limit for the  
3 district as provided in Section 124. This section shall not apply to the C-3-S (SU) District.

4 (d) The gross floor area of a structure on a lot on which is or has been located a  
5 Significant or Contributory Building may not exceed the basic floor area ratio limits stated in  
6 Section 124 except as provided in Sections 128(c)(2) and 124(f).

7 (e) C-3-O(SD) District. To exceed the basic floor area ratio limit of 6.0:1 up to a ratio of  
8 9.0:1, TDR must be transferred to the development lot as described in Section 128. The use of TDR to  
9 exceed a floor area ratio of 9.0:1 shall not be allowed in the C-3-O(SD) district. In order to exceed a  
10 floor area ratio of 9.0:1, all projects must participate in the Transit Center District Mello-Roos  
11 Community Facilities District as described in Section 424.8. The gross floor area of a structure on a lot  
12 in the C-3-O(SD) District shall not otherwise be limited.

13 **SEC. 132.1. SETBACKS AND STREETWALL ARTICULATION: C-3 DISTRICTS.**

14 (a) **Upper-Level Setbacks.** Setbacks of the upper parts of a building abutting a  
15 public sidewalk in any C-3 District may be required, in accordance with the provisions of  
16 Section 309, as deemed necessary:

17 (1) To preserve the openness of the street to the sky and to avoid the  
18 perception of overwhelming mass that would be created by a number of tall buildings built  
19 close together, with unrelieved vertical rise; or

20 (2) To maintain the continuity of a predominant street wall along the street,  
21 provided however, that the setback required pursuant to this Paragraph may not exceed the  
22 following dimensions:

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	<b>Street Width</b>			
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	64' - 67'	68' - 71'	72' - 75'	76' - 80'
<b>Height of Street Wall</b>	<b>Depth of Setback (In Feet)</b>			
68' or less	18'	20'	22'	24'
69' - 81'	14'	16'	18'	20'
82' - 94'	10'	12'	14'	16'
95' - 107'	8'	10'	12'	14'
108' - 120'	6'	8'	10'	12'

(b) **Market Street Setback.** In order to preserve the predominant street wall, structures on the southeast side of Market Street between the southerly extension of the easterly line of the Powell Street right-of-way and Tenth Street shall be set back 25 feet from the Market Street property line at 90 feet.

(c) C-3-O(SD) District.

(1) Streetwall Base. In order to establish an appropriate street wall in relation to the width of the street and to adjacent structures and to avoid the perception of overwhelming mass that would be created by a number of tall buildings built close together with unrelieved vertical rise, new buildings taller than 150 feet on development lots in the C-3-O(SD) district facing a street wider than 35 feet shall establish a distinctive streetwall, even where no distinct cornice line or streetwall exists, at a height between 50 and 110 feet for not less than 40 percent of the linear frontage of all street frontages of such development lot. Such streetwall shall be established, by an upper story setback or by a

1 combination of upper story setback and horizontal projection (either occupied or decorative, as  
2 allowed in Section 136), creating horizontal relief totaling at least 10 feet as indicated in Figure  
3 132.1B, however the upper story setback shall not be less than 5 feet. In the New Montgomery-Mission-  
4 Second Street Conservation District, such streetwall height shall be set by the prevailing cornice line  
5 of the buildings on the subject block face and the minimum dimension of the upper story setback shall  
6 be increased to not less than 15 feet. Exceptions to this subsection (c)(1) may be allowed in accordance  
7 with the procedures of Section 309 if the Planning Commission affirmatively determines that all of the  
8 following criteria have been met: (i) the design of the proposed project successfully creates a clearly  
9 defined building base that establishes or maintains an appropriate streetwall at the height or height  
10 range described above, (ii) the base is not defined solely by recessing the base, (iii) the overall building  
11 mass tapers or steps away from the street above the streetwall reducing any sense of unrelieved vertical  
12 rise directly from the sidewalk edge, and (iv) the overall architectural expression of the proposed  
13 project is exceptional, unique, and consistent with the intent of the streetwall requirement.

14 (2) **Pedestrian Zone.** In order to establish an appropriate and inviting relationship to the  
15 pedestrian realm at street level and create visual and varied interest for pedestrians, all new structures  
16 in the C-3-O(SD) district shall incorporate architectural features, awnings, marquees, or canopies, that  
17 project from the building face at least one foot at height of between 15 and 25 feet above grade, for at  
18 least 20 percent of the linear frontage of all street facing facades.

19 (3) **Building setbacks.** In order to provide necessary and sufficient area for pedestrian  
20 circulation, building facades on new development facing certain street frontages are required to be  
21 setback from the street-facing property line.

22 (A) Building setbacks are required on the following frontages:

23 (i) Mission Street, south side, between 1st and Fremont Streets (minimum 12.5 feet).

24 (B) A setback of up to 10 feet may be required by the Planning Commission pursuant to  
25 the procedures of Section 309 on the following streets if the Commission finds that such setback is

1 necessary, desirable and will not result in an undesirable sawtooth condition of building frontages  
2 along the sidewalk due to existing intervening building between the subject lot and the nearest street  
3 corner:

4 (i) Mission Street, north side between 1st Street and Anthony Street;

5 (ii) 1st Street, west side between Mission and Stevenson Streets;

6 (iii) Howard Street, north side, between 1st and 2nd Streets.

7 (C) **Design Requirements.** Setbacks provided pursuant to this subsection (3) shall be:

8 (i) Designed and treated as a seamless extension of the adjacent public sidewalk,  
9 providing for pedestrian circulation and/or other activities typically expected on a public sidewalk;

10 (ii) Free and clear of all permanent building elements from sidewalk grade to a  
11 minimum height of 35 feet above sidewalk grade, except as otherwise allowed as obstructions over  
12 streets according to Section 136 or as allowed by the Planning Department as an exception according  
13 to the procedures of Section 309, and

14 (iii) Available to the public.

15 (D) The area of setbacks provided pursuant to this subsection (3) shall be counted  
16 toward the open space requirements of Section 138. If the subject development does not rely on this  
17 area to meet its Section 138 requirements, and the area of the setback is dedicated in fee title to the  
18 City for public use or, under exceptional circumstances, dedicated to the City via easement for public  
19 use, the value of the setback may be credited as an in-kind improvement toward the satisfaction of the  
20 development's fee requirements per Sections 424.6 or 424.7.

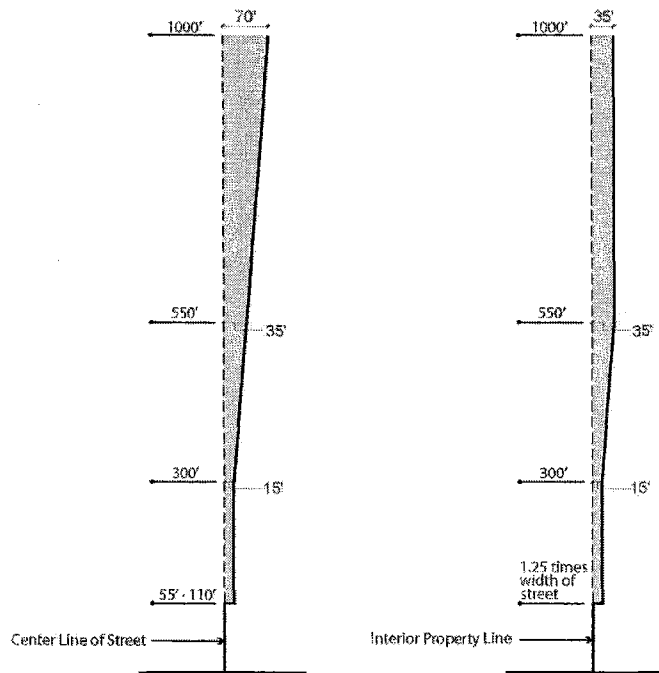
21 (de) **Separation of Towers.**

22 (1) **Requirement.** In order to provide light and air between structures, all  
23 structures in the S and S-2 Bulk Districts shall be set back from an interior property line which  
24 does not abut a public sidewalk and from the property line abutting the right-of-way of a public  
25 street or alley. The setback shall be a minimum of 15 horizontal feet measured from the



1 interior property line or the center of a public right-of-way, as the case may be, beginning at a  
 2 height which is 1.25 times the width of the principal street on which the building faces, and  
 3 increasing to the widths indicated in Chart A as the building increases in height. Where there  
 4 are two or more structures on any lot that are taller than 1.25 times the width of the adjacent principal  
 5 street(s), each structure above such height shall also be set back from the other structures on the same  
 6 lot according to Chart A as if there is an assumed interior property line half-way between the closest  
 7 exterior points of each structure.

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 9 NOTE TO EDITOR: Delete existing Chart A and replace with the following:



1           (2) **Exceptions.** Exceptions to the requirements of Paragraph (de)(1) above  
2 may be allowed in accordance with the provisions of Section 309 as provided below:

3           (A) Encroachments of building volume on the setback may be approved as  
4 follows: (i) for the portion of the building over 300 feet from the ground, encroachments may  
5 be allowed provided that (1) there are compensating recesses beyond the required setback  
6 below and within approximately 100 vertical feet of the encroachment, which recesses are at  
7 least equal in volume to the volume of the encroachment, and (2) it is found that, overall,  
8 access to light and air and the appearance of separation between buildings will not be  
9 impaired; and (ii) between the top of the base and 300 feet above the ground encroachments  
10 may be allowed provided that (1) there are compensating recesses beyond the required  
11 setback at the same level or within approximately 50 vertical feet above or below the  
12 encroachment, which recesses are at least equal in volume to the volume of the  
13 encroachment, (2) that the encroachment extends no more than five feet horizontally into the  
14 area otherwise required for a setback, (3) the encroachment extends for less than 1/3 of the  
15 horizontal length of the structure, and (4) it is found that, overall, access to light and air and  
16 the appearance of separation between buildings will not be impaired.

17           (B) Exceptions may be allowed to the extent that it is determined that  
18 restrictions on adjacent properties make it unlikely that development will occur at a height or  
19 bulk which will, overall, impair access to light and air or the appearance of separation between  
20 buildings, thereby making full setbacks unnecessary. The minimum setback for such facades shall  
21 be partially or fully reduced as appropriate by the Planning Commission as an exception according to  
22 the procedures of Section 309 for any of the following conditions:

23           (i) For lots on Assessor's Blocks 3719, 3720, and 3721 which have property lines that  
24 directly abut the Transbay Transit Center or directly face it across Minna or Natoma Streets.

1 (ii) For development lots abutting preservation lots that have transferred all potential  
2 development rights according to the procedures of Section 128.

3 (C) Exceptions may be allowed on lots with a frontage of less than 75 feet  
4 provided that (i) it is found that, overall, access to light and air will not be impaired and (ii) the  
5 granting of the exception will not result in a group of buildings the total street frontage of which  
6 is greater than 125 feet without a separation between buildings which meets the requirements  
7 of Chart A.

8 (d) **Permitted Obstructions.** Obstructions above the horizontal plane or planes of  
9 the setback required pursuant to Subsections (a), (b), (c) and (de) which will create limited  
10 blockage of light and air and which will not be inconsistent with the purpose of the setback  
11 may be permitted within the setback area, in accordance with the provisions of Section 309.  
12 Such obstructions may include, but are not limited to, open railings, decorative spires and  
13 finials, flagpoles and flags, sparse landscaping, unroofed recreation facilities with open  
14 fencing, and unenclosed seating areas.

15 **SEC. 136. OBSTRUCTIONS OVER STREETS AND ALLEYS AND IN REQUIRED**  
16 **SETBACKS, YARDS AND USABLE OPEN SPACE.**

17 (d) Notwithstanding the  
18 limitations of Subsection (c) of  
19 this Section, the following  
provisions shall apply in C-3  
districts:

20 (1) **Decorative Architectural Features.**  
21 Decorative architectural features not increasing the  
22 interior floor area or volume of the space enclosed  
23 by the building are permitted over streets and alleys  
and into setbacks within the maximum vertical and  
horizontal dimensions described as follows:

24 (A) At roof level, decorative features such  
25 as cornices, eaves, and brackets may project four

1 feet in districts other than C-3-O(SD) and 10 feet in the  
2 C-3-O(SD) district with a maximum vertical dimension  
3 no greater than six feet.

4 (B) At all levels above the area of  
5 minimum vertical clearance required in Subsection  
6 (a)(1) above, decorative features, such as belt  
7 courses, entablatures, and bosses, may project two  
8 feet, with a maximum vertical dimension of four feet,  
9 except that in the C-3-O(SD) district at all levels above a  
10 minimum vertical clearance of 20 feet from sidewalk  
11 grade, decorative features may project half the width of  
12 the sidewalk up to a maximum projection of 10 feet.

13 (C) At all levels above the area of  
14 minimum vertical clearance required by Subsection  
15 (a)(1) above, vertical decorative features, such as  
16 pilasters, columns, and window frames (including  
17 pediment and sills), with a cross-sectional area of not  
18 more than three square feet at midpoint, may project  
19 one foot horizontally.

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**SEC. 138. OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS IN C-3 DISTRICTS.**

(a) **Requirement.** An applicant for a permit to construct a new building or an addition of gross floor area equal to 20 percent or more of an existing building (hereinafter "building") in C-3 Districts shall provide open space in the amount and in accordance with the standards set forth in this Section. All determinations concerning the adequacy of the amount of open space to be provided and its compliance with the requirements of this Section shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 309.

(b) **Amount Required.** Except in the C-3-O(SD) District, Open space shall be provided in the amounts specified below for all uses except (i) residential uses, which shall be governed by Section 135 of this Code; (ii) institutional uses; and (iii) uses in a predominantly retail building. In the C-3-O(SD) District open space shall be provided in the amounts below for all

1 non-residential uses. For the purposes of this section, a "predominantly retail building" is one in  
2 which 2/3 or more of the occupied floor area is in retail use.

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Minimum Amount of Open Space Required	
Use District	<b>Ratio of Square Feet of Open Space to Gross Square Feet of Uses with Open Space Requirement</b>
C-3-O	1:50
C-3-R	1:100
C-3-G	1:50
C-3-S	1:50
C-3-O (SD)	1:50

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14 (c) **Location.** The open space required by this Section may be on the same site  
15 as the building for which the permit is sought, or within 900 feet of it on either private property  
16 or, with the approval of all relevant public agencies, public property, provided that all open  
17 space must be located entirely within the C-3 District. Open space is within 900 feet of the  
18 building within the meaning of this Section if any portion of the building is located within 900  
19 feet of any portion of the open space. Off-site open space shall be developed and open for  
20 use prior to issuance of a temporary permit of occupancy of the building whose open space  
21 requirement is being met off-site. The procedures of Section 149(d) governing issuance of a  
22 temporary permit of occupancy shall apply to this subsection.

23 (d) **Types and Standards of Open Space.** Except as otherwise provided in  
24 Subsection (e), the project applicant may satisfy the requirements of this Section by providing  
25 one or more of the following types of open space: A plaza, an urban park, an urban garden, a

1 view terrace, a sun terrace, a greenhouse, a small sitting area (a snippet), an atrium, an  
2 indoor park, or a public sitting area in a galleria, in an arcade, or in a pedestrian mall or  
3 walkway, as more particularly defined in the table entitled "Guidelines for Open Space" in the  
4 Open Space Section of the Downtown Plan, or any amendments thereto, provided that the  
5 open space meets the following minimum standards. The open space shall:

- 6 (1) Be of adequate size;
- 7 (2) Be situated in such locations and provide such ingress and egress as will  
8 make the area easily accessible to the general public;
- 9 (3) Be well-designed, and where appropriate, be landscaped;
- 10 (4) Be protected from uncomfortable wind;
- 11 (5) Incorporate various features, including ample seating and, if appropriate,  
12 access to food service, which will enhance public use of the area;
- 13 (6) Have adequate access to sunlight if sunlight access is appropriate to the  
14 type of area;
- 15 (7) Be well-lighted if the area is of the type requiring artificial illumination;
- 16 (8) Be open to the public at times when it is reasonable to expect substantial  
17 public use;
- 18 (9) Be designed to enhance user safety and security;
- 19 (10) If the open space is on private property, provide toilet facilities open to the  
20 public;
- 21 (11) Have at least 75 percent of the total open space approved be open to the  
22 public during all daylight hours.

23 (e) **Approval of Open Space Type and Features.** The type, size, location,  
24 physical access, seating and table requirements, landscaping, availability of commercial  
25 services, sunlight and wind conditions and hours of public access shall be reviewed and

1 approved in accordance with the provisions of Section 309, and shall generally conform to the  
2 "Guidelines for Open Space."

3 The Commission may, by resolution, declare certain types of open space  
4 ineligible throughout C-3 Districts, or in certain defined areas, if it determines that a  
5 disproportionate number of certain types of open space, or that an insufficient number of  
6 parks and plazas, is being provided in order to meet the public need for open space and  
7 recreational uses. Such resolution may exempt from its application projects whose permit  
8 applications are on file with the Department of City Planning. Over time, no more than 20  
9 percent of the space provided under this Section shall be indoor space and at least 80 percent  
10 shall be outdoor space. Once an indoor space has been approved, another such feature may  
11 not be approved until the total square footage of outdoor open space features approved under  
12 this Section exceeds 80 percent of the total square footage of all open spaces approved  
13 under this Section.

14 (f) **Open Space Provider.** The open space required by this Section may be  
15 provided: (i) individually by the project sponsor; (ii) jointly by the project sponsor and other  
16 project sponsors; provided, that each square foot of jointly developed open space may count  
17 toward only one sponsor's requirement; or (iii) with the approval of the City Planning  
18 Commission, by a public or private agency which will develop and maintain the open space  
19 and to which a payment is made by the sponsor for the cost of development of the number of  
20 square feet the project sponsor is required to provide, and with which provision is made,  
21 satisfactory to the Commission, for the continued maintenance of the open space for the  
22 actual lifetime of the building giving rise to the open space requirement, provided that the  
23 Commission finds that there is reasonable assurance that the open space to be developed by  
24 such agency will be developed and open for use by the time the building, the open space  
25 requirement of which is being met by the payment, is ready for occupancy.

1 (g) **Nonresidential/Residential Open Space.** In mixed nonresidential/residential  
2 projects, open space which meets the requirements of Section 135 regarding common usable  
3 open space for residential uses, and the requirements of Section 138 regarding open space  
4 for nonresidential uses, may be counted against the open space requirements of both  
5 Sections 135 and 138.

6 (h) **Maintenance.** Open spaces shall be maintained at no public expense.  
7 Conditions intended to assure continued maintenance of the open space for the actual lifetime  
8 of the building giving rise to the open space requirement may be imposed in accordance with  
9 the provisions of Section 309.

10 (i) **Informational Plaque.** Prior to issuance of a permit of occupancy, a plaque  
11 shall be placed in a publicly conspicuous location outside the building at street level, or at the  
12 site of an outdoor open space, identifying the open space feature and its location, stating the  
13 right of the public to use the space and the hours of use, describing its principal required  
14 features (e.g., number of seats, availability of food service) and stating the name and address  
15 of the owner or owner's agent responsible for maintenance.

16 (j) Notwithstanding the requirements established in subsections (b)-(d) above, the following  
17 additional standards shall apply in the C-3-O(SD) district:

18 (1) Public connections directly to the rooftop park on the Transbay Transit Center from  
19 adjacent buildings shall be counted toward the open space required per subsection (b) above provided  
20 that they meet all the following criteria:

21 (A) Such connections shall provide both horizontal connection (i.e. pedestrian bridge)  
22 from the subject development lot to the Transit Center Park as well as vertical connection to access  
23 such park connection from a publicly-accessible space at street level;



1           (B) Such connections described in (A), both vertical and horizontal, and any related  
2 circulation spaces, shall be publicly-accessible at any time the Transit Center park is open to the  
3 public;

4           (C) Horizontal connections shall have a minimum clear walking path of 12 feet;

5           (D) The project sponsor shall provide a letter, prior to project approval subject to  
6 Section 309, from the Executive Director of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority or any successor  
7 agency or agencies with jurisdiction over the Transit Center park indicating tentative approval of the  
8 horizontal connection as designed;

9           (E) Any vertical connection shall be clearly and prominently signed from a public  
10 sidewalk or public space as described in (A) above, and shall feature an informational plaque meeting  
11 the standards in subsection (i) above and further established in the "Guidelines for Open Space."

12           (F) The square footage equivalency of such park connections for the purpose of meeting  
13 Section 138 open space requirements shall be calculated to include:

14           (i) The area of the bridge structure from face of building to furthest point of connection  
15 on the rooftop park;

16           (ii) The area set aside for public circulation on or adjacent to the development lot,  
17 within or outside of the building envelope, that provides access to the park connection and is not  
18 otherwise necessary for general building circulation;

19           (iii) The area on any floor devoted to vertical circulation dedicated specifically to  
20 provide public access to the park connection, except for any features that are otherwise necessary for  
21 the general circulation or support of the building; and

22           (iv) An additional 5,000 square feet bonus.

23           (G) Approval of such connections by the Planning Department or Commission is  
24 conditioned on obtaining the necessary easements, permits or approvals otherwise required by other  
25 governmental agencies or authorities.

1           (H) Such connections must satisfy all applicable permit and governmental approval  
2 requirements and be completed and available for public use prior to issuance of the first Temporary  
3 Certificate of Occupancy for the project.

4           (I) Building connections that are designed primarily to provide access to the rooftop  
5 park for tenants of the subject building and not to either provide public access through the subject  
6 building to the park or to provide public access to retail in the subject building at the level of the park  
7 shall not be eligible for credit toward open space required under this Section.

8           (2) Any observation deck or sky lobby or similar space of public accommodation on any story  
9 above a height of 600 feet that is open to the general public shall be counted toward the open space  
10 required by subsection (b). Such spaces shall not include any space that requires a fee for access, a  
11 bar, restaurant or other primarily-commercial use, except that a space qualifying under this subsection  
12 may include ancillary retail or eating and drinking activities not to exceed 50% of the publicly-  
13 accessible floor area of such space.

14           (3) Any mid-block public pedestrian pathway that meets the design criteria of Section 270.2(e)  
15 whether required or not, shall be counted toward the open space required by subsection (b), except that  
16 any mid-block pathway constructed on Assessor's Block 3721 connecting Howard and Natoma Streets  
17 need not be open to the sky provided that it has vertical clearance of at least 25 feet, is open to the  
18 public at all times, and is open to the air at both ends such that it does not require opening of doors for  
19 access.

20           (4) In-lieu of providing open space per the requirements of this Section 138, developments in  
21 the C-3-O(SD) District may pay the fee as described in Section 427(b).

22           **SEC. 151.1. SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES IN**  
23 **SPECIFIED DISTRICTS.**

1 Amend the Table 151.1 language under the "Number of Off-Street Car Parking Spaces  
2 or Space Devoted to Off-Street Car Parking Permitted" heading associated with the Use and  
3 Activity category of "All non-residential uses in C-3 and C-M Districts" as follows:

4 Not to exceed 7% of gross floor area of such uses, except not to exceed 3.5% of gross  
5 floor area in the C-3-O(SD) district. See requirements in Section 204.5.

6 **SEC. 152.1. REQUIRED OFF-STREET FREIGHT LOADING AND SERVICE**  
7 **VEHICLE SPACES IN C-3, EASTERN NEIGHBORHOODS MIXED USE DISTRICTS, AND**  
8 **SOUTH OF MARKET MIXED USE DISTRICTS.**

9 In C-3, Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, and South of Market Mixed Use  
10 Districts, off-street freight loading spaces shall be provided in the minimum quantities  
11 specified in the following Table 152.1, except as otherwise provided in Sections 153(a)(6),  
12 161, and as stated below in this Section. Notwithstanding the requirements of this Section,  
13 including Table 152.1, no building in the C-3-O(SD) district shall be required to provide more than six  
14 off-street freight loading or service vehicle spaces in total. The measurement of gross floor area  
15 shall be as defined in this Code, except that non-accessory parking spaces and driveways  
16 and maneuvering areas incidental thereto shall not be counted.

17 For projects in the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts that are subject to  
18 Section 329, the Planning Commission may waive these requirements per the procedures of  
19 Section 329 if it finds that the design of the project, particularly ground floor frontages, would  
20 be improved and that such loading could be sufficiently accommodated on adjacent streets  
21 and alleys. For projects in the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts that are not subject  
22 to Section 329, the Zoning Administrator may administratively waive these requirements  
23 pursuant to Section 307(h) and the criteria identified above which apply to projects subject to  
24 Section 329.

25 Table 152.1

1 OFF-STREET FREIGHT LOADING SPACES REQUIRED (IN C-3, EASTERN  
 2 NEIGHBORHOODS MIXED USE DISTRICTS, AND SOUTH OF MARKET MIXED USE  
 3 DISTRICTS)

Use or Activity	Gross Floor Area of Structure or Use (sq. ft.)	Number of Off-Street Freight Loading Spaces Required
Offices and Banks		0.1 space per 10,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area (to closest whole number per Section 153)
Retail stores, restaurants, bars, nighttime entertainment and drugstores	0 - 10,000	0
	10,001 - 30,000	1
	30,001 - 50,000	2
	over 50,000	1 space per 25,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area (to closest whole number per Section 153)
Wholesaling, manufacturing, and all other uses primarily engaged in handling goods, and live/work units within existing buildings, within Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, and South of Market Mixed Use Districts	0 - 10,000	0
	10,001 - 50,000	1
	over 50,000	0.21 spaces per 10,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area (to closest whole

		number per Section 153)
Hotels, apartments, live/work units not included above, and all other uses not included above	0 - 100,000	0
	100,001 - 200,000	1
	200,001 - 500,000	2
	over 500,000	3 plus 1 space for each additional 400,000 sq. ft.

**SEC. 155. GENERAL STANDARDS AS TO LOCATION AND ARRANGEMENT OF OFF-STREET PARKING, FREIGHT LOADING AND SERVICE VEHICLE FACILITIES.**

Required off-street parking and freight loading facilities shall meet the following standards as to location and arrangement. In addition, facilities which are not required but are actually provided shall meet the following standards unless such standards are stated to be applicable solely to required facilities. In application of the standards of this Code for off-street parking and loading, reference may be made to provisions of other portions of the Municipal Code concerning off-street parking and loading facilities, and to standards of the Bureau of Engineering of the Department of Public Works. Final authority for the application of such standards under this Code, and for adoption of regulations and interpretations in furtherance of the stated provisions of this Code shall, however, rest with the Planning Department.

(a) Every required off-street parking or loading space shall be located on the same lot as the use served by it, except as provided in Sections 159, 160 and 161 of this Code.

(b) Every required off-street parking or loading space shall be located in its entirety within the lot lines of private property.

1 (c) Every off-street parking or loading space shall have adequate means of ingress  
2 from and egress to a street or alley. Access to off-street loading spaces shall be from alleys in  
3 preference to streets, except where otherwise specified in this code.

4 Adequate reservoir space shall be provided on private property for  
5 entrance of vehicles to off-street parking and loading spaces, except with respect to spaces  
6 independently accessible directly from the street.

7 (1) For residential uses, independently accessible off-street parking spaces  
8 shall include spaces accessed by automated garages, or car elevators, lifts or other space-  
9 efficient parking as defined in Section 154(a)(4) and Section 154(a)(5) provided that no more  
10 than one car needs to be moved under its own power to access any one space.

11 (d) All off-street freight loading and service vehicle spaces in the C-3, DTR, MUO,  
12 MUG, MUR, and South of Market Mixed Use Districts shall be completely enclosed and  
13 access from a public street or alley shall be provided by means of a private service driveway,  
14 which is totally contained within the structure. Such a private service driveway shall include  
15 adequate space to maneuver trucks and service vehicles into and out of all provided spaces,  
16 and shall be designed so as to facilitate access to the subject property while minimizing  
17 interference with street and sidewalk circulation. Any such private service driveway shall be of  
18 adequate width to accommodate drive-in movement from the adjacent curb or inside traffic  
19 lane but shall in no case exceed 30 feet. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an adjacent street  
20 or alley is determined by the Zoning Administrator to be primarily used for building service, up  
21 to four off-street freight or loading spaces may be allowed to be individually accessible directly  
22 from such a street or alley, pursuant to the provisions of Section 309 in a C-3 District, the  
23 provisions of Section 307(g) in a South of Market Mixed Use District, the provisions of Section  
24 309.1 in a DTR District, the provisions of Section 329 for projects subject to Section 329 in a  
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1 MUO, MUG, or MUR District, or by administrative decision of the Zoning Administrator for  
2 projects that are not subject to Section 329 in a MUO, MUG, or MUR District.

3 (e) In a C-3 or South of Market District, where site constraints would make a  
4 consolidated freight loading and service vehicle facility impractical, service vehicle spaces  
5 required by Sections 153(a)(6) and 154(b)(3) of this Code may be located in a parking garage  
6 for the structure or other location separate from freight loading spaces.

7 (f) In a C-3, Eastern Neighborhood Mixed Use District or South of Market Mixed  
8 Use District, whenever off-street freight loading spaces are provided, freight elevators  
9 immediately accessible from the loading dock shall be provided to all floors which contain  
10 uses that are included in the calculation of required number of freight loading spaces. If freight  
11 loading facilities are subterranean, the location and operation of freight elevators shall be  
12 designed, where feasible, to discourage use of freight elevators for deliveries from the ground  
13 floor. Directories of building tenants shall be provided at all freight elevators. A raised loading  
14 dock or receiving area shall be provided with sufficient dimensions to provide for short-term  
15 storage of goods. All required freight loading and service vehicle spaces shall be made  
16 available only to those vehicles at all times, and provision shall be made to minimize  
17 interference between freight loading and service operations, and garbage dumpster  
18 operations and storage.

19 (g) In order to discourage long-term commuter parking, any off-street parking  
20 spaces provided for a structure or use other than residential or hotel in a C-3, C-M, DTR, SLR,  
21 SSO, SPD, MUG, MUR, or MUO District, whether classified as an accessory or conditional  
22 use, which are otherwise available for use for long-term parking by downtown workers shall  
23 maintain a rate or fee structure for their use such that the rate charge for four hours of parking  
24 duration is no more than four times the rate charge for the first hour, and the rate charge for  
25 eight or more hours of parking duration is no less than 10 times the rate charge for the first

1 hour. Additionally, no discounted parking rate shall be permitted for weekly, monthly or similar  
2 time-specific periods.

3 (h) The internal layout of off-street parking and loading spaces, driveways, aisles  
4 and maneuvering areas shall be according to acceptable standards, and all spaces shall be  
5 clearly marked.

6 (i) For each 25 off-street parking spaces provided, one such space shall be  
7 designed and designated for persons with disabilities.

8 (j) Except as provided by Section 155.1 and Section 155.2 below, for each 20 off-  
9 street parking spaces provided, one space shall be provided for parking of a bicycle. The most  
10 restrictive provisions of 155(j) or 155.4 shall prevail.

11 (k) Off-street parking and loading facilities shall be arranged, designed and  
12 operated so as to prevent encroachments upon sidewalk areas, bicycle lanes, transit-only  
13 lanes and adjacent properties, in the maneuvering, standing, queuing and storage of vehicles,  
14 by means of the layout and operation of facilities and by use of bumper or wheel guards or  
15 such other devices as are necessary.

16 (l) Driveways crossing sidewalks shall be no wider than necessary for ingress and  
17 egress, and shall be arranged, to the extent practical, so as to minimize the width and  
18 frequency of curb cuts, to maximize the number and size of on-street parking spaces available  
19 to the public, and to minimize conflicts with pedestrian and transit movements.

20 (m) Every off-street parking or loading facility shall be suitably graded, surfaced,  
21 drained and maintained.

22 (n) Off-street parking and loading spaces shall not occupy any required open space,  
23 except as specified in Section 136 of this Code.

24 (o) No area credited as all or part of a required off-street parking space shall also be  
25 credited as all or part of a required off-street loading space, or used as all or part of an



1 unrequired off-street loading space. No area credited as all or part of a required off-street  
2 loading space shall also be credited as all or part of a required off-street parking space, or  
3 used as all or part of an unrequired off-street parking space.

4 (p) Any off-street freight loading area located within 50 feet of any R District shall be  
5 completely enclosed within a building if such freight loading area is used in regular night  
6 operation.

7 (q) Rooftop parking shall be screened as provided in Section 141(d) of this Code.

8 (r) **Protected Pedestrian-, Cycling-, and Transit-Oriented Street Frontages.** In  
9 order to preserve the pedestrian character of certain downtown and neighborhood commercial  
10 districts and to minimize delays to transit service, garage entries, driveways or other vehicular  
11 access to off-street parking or loading (except for the creation of new publicly-accessible  
12 streets and alleys) shall be regulated on development lots as follows on the following street  
13 frontages:

14 (1) Folsom Street, from Essex Street to the Embarcadero, not permitted except  
15 as set forth in Section 827.

16 (2) Not permitted:

17 (A) The entire portion of Market Street from The Embarcadero to Castro  
18 Street,

19 (B) Hayes Street from Franklin Street to Laguna Street, Church Street in the  
20 NCT-3 and Upper Market NCT Districts,

21 (C) Van Ness Avenue from Hayes Street to Mission Street,

22 (D) Mission Street from The Embarcadero to Annie Street and from 10th Street  
23 to Division Street,

24 (E) Octavia Street from Hayes Street to Fell Street,

25 (F) Embarcadero in the DTR Districts,

- 1 (G) 22nd Street between 3rd Street and Minnesota Streets within the NCT-2  
2 District,
- 3 (H) Valencia Street between 15th and 23rd Streets in the Valencia Street  
4 NCT District,
- 5 (I) Mission Street for the entirety of the Mission Street NCT District,  
6 (J) 24th Street for the entirety of the 24th Street-Mission NCT,  
7 (K) 16th Street between Guerrero and Capp Streets within the Valencia  
8 Street NCT and Mission Street NCT Districts,
- 9 (L) 16th Street between Kansas and Mississippi Streets in the UMU and  
10 PDR-1-D Districts,
- 11 (M) 6th Street for its entirety within the SoMa NCT District,  
12 (N) 3rd Street, in the UMU districts for 100 feet north and south of Mariposa  
13 and 100 feet north and south of 20th Streets, and 4th Street between Bryant and Townsend in  
14 the SLI and MUO District,
- 15 (O) Ocean Avenue within the Ocean Avenue NCT District,  
16 (P) Geneva Avenue from I-280 to San Jose Avenue within the NCT-2  
17 District,
- 18 (Q) Columbus Avenue between Washington and North Point Streets.,  
19 (R) Broadway from the Embarcadero on the east to Polk Street on the west,  
20 and
- 21 (S) All alleyways in the Chinatown Mixed Use Districts.  
22 (T) Natoma Street from 300 feet westerly of 1st Street to 2nd Street.  
23 (U) Ecker Alley in its entirety.  
24 (V) Shaw Alley in its entirety.  
25 (W) 2nd Street from Market to Folsom Streets.

1 (3) Not permitted except with a Conditional Use authorization, except that in the C-  
2 3-O(SD) District, the Planning Commission may grant such permission as an exception pursuant to  
3 Section 309 in lieu of a Conditional Use authorization where the amount of parking proposed does not  
4 exceed the amounts permitted as accessory according to Section 151.1.

5 (A) The entire portion of California Street, The Embarcadero, Folsom Street,  
6 Geary Street, Mission Street, Powell Street and Stockton Street in the C-3 Districts,

7 (B) Grant Avenue from Market Street to Bush Street,

8 (C) Montgomery Street from Market Street to Columbus Avenue,

9 (D) Haight Street from Market Street to Webster Street,

10 (E) Church Street and 16th Street in the RTO District,

11 (F) Duboce Street from Noe Street to Market Street,

12 (G) Duboce Street from Noe Street to Market Street, and

13 (H) Octavia Street from Fell Street to Market Street-

14 (I) 1st, Fremont and Beale Streets from Market to Folsom Street.

15 (4) In C-3, NCT and RTO Districts, no curb cuts accessing off-street parking or  
16 loading shall be created or utilized on street frontages identified along any Transit Preferential,  
17 Citywide Pedestrian Network or Neighborhood Commercial Streets as designated in the  
18 Transportation Element of the General Plan or official City bicycle routes or bicycle lanes,  
19 where an alternative frontage is available. For bicycle lanes, the prohibition on curb cuts  
20 applies to the side or sides of the street where bicycle lanes are located; for one-way bicycle  
21 routes or lanes, the prohibition on curb cuts shall apply to the right side of the street only,  
22 unless the officially adopted alignment is along the left side of the street. Where an alternative  
23 frontage is not available, parking or loading access along any Transit Preferential, Citywide  
24 Pedestrian Network or Neighborhood Commercial Streets as designated in the Transportation  
25 Element of the General Plan or official City bicycle lane or bicycle route, may be allowed on

1 streets not listed in subsection (2) above as an exception in the manner provided in Section  
2 309 for C-3 Districts and in Section 303 for NCT and RTO Districts in cases where it can be  
3 clearly demonstrated that the final design of the parking access minimizes negative impacts to  
4 transit movement and to the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists to the fullest extent feasible.

5 (5) A "development lot" shall mean any lot containing a proposal for new  
6 construction, building alterations which would increase the gross square footage of a structure  
7 by 20 percent or more, or change of use of more than 50 percent of the gross floor area of a  
8 structure containing parking. Pre-existing access to off-street parking and loading on  
9 development lots that violates the restrictions of this Section 155(r) may not be maintained.

10 (s) Off-Street Parking and Loading in C-3 Districts. In C-3 Districts, restrictions on  
11 the design and location of off-street parking and loading and access to off-street parking and  
12 loading are necessary to reduce their negative impacts on neighborhood quality and the  
13 pedestrian environment.

14 (1) Ground floor or below-grade parking and street frontages with active uses.

15 (A) All off-street parking in C-3 Districts (both as accessory and principal  
16 uses) shall be built no higher than the ground-level (up to a maximum ceiling height of 20 feet  
17 from grade) unless an exception to this requirement is granted in accordance with Section 309  
18 and subsection 155(s)(2) or a conditional use is authorized in accordance with Section 303  
19 and subsections 155(s)(2) or 155(s)(3) below.

20 (B) Parking located at or above ground level shall conform to the street  
21 frontage requirements of Section 145.1(c), and shall be lined with active uses, as defined by  
22 Section 145.4 (e), to a depth of at least 25 feet along all ground-level street frontages, except  
23 for space allowed for parking and loading access, building egress, and access to mechanical  
24 systems.

1 (i) Where a non-accessory off-street parking garage permitted under Section  
2 223(m) - (p) is located in the Mid-Market area described below in subsection 155(s)(3)(B) and  
3 fronts more than one street of less than 45 feet in width, a conditional use may be granted in  
4 accordance with Section 303 that allows an exception to this requirement for one of the street  
5 frontages. The above provision authorizing such conditional use shall sunset eight years from  
6 the effective date of the ordinance enacting this subsection 155(s)(1)(A)(i).

7 (C) Parking allowed above the ground-level in accordance with an exception  
8 under Section 309 or a conditional use in accordance with Section 303 as authorized by  
9 subsections 155(s)(2) or 155(s)(3) shall be entirely screened from public rights-of-way in a  
10 manner that accentuates ground floor retail and other uses, minimizes louvers and other  
11 mechanical features and is in keeping with the overall massing and architectural vocabulary of  
12 the building's lower floors. So as not to preclude conversion of parking space to other uses in  
13 the future, parking allowed above the ground-level shall not be sloped and shall have a  
14 minimum clear ceiling height of nine feet.

15 (2) Residential accessory parking. For residential accessory off-street parking in C-  
16 3 Districts, two additional floors of above-grade parking beyond the at-grade parking allowed  
17 by Section 155(s)(1), to a maximum ceiling height of 35 feet from grade, may be permitted  
18 subject to the provisions of subsections 155(s)(2)(A) or 155(s)(2)(B) below:

19 (A) In a manner provided in Section 309 of this Code provided it can be  
20 clearly demonstrated that transportation easements or contaminated soil conditions make it  
21 practically infeasible to build parking below-ground. The determination of practical infeasibility  
22 shall be made based on an independent, third-party geotechnical assessment conducted by a  
23 licensed professional and funded by the project sponsor. The Planning Director shall make a  
24 determination as to the objectivity of the study prior to the Planning Commission's  
25 consideration of the exception application under Section 309.

1 (B) As a conditional use in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section  
2 303 of this Code, provided it can be clearly demonstrated that constructing the parking above-  
3 grade instead of underground would allow the proposed housing to meet affordability levels  
4 for which actual production has not met ABAG production targets as identified in the Housing  
5 Element of the General Plan.

6 (3) Non-accessory off-street parking garages. For non-accessory off-street parking  
7 garages in C-3 Districts permitted under Section 223(m) - (p), two additional floors of above-  
8 grade parking beyond the at-grade parking allowed by Section 155(s)(1), to a maximum  
9 ceiling height of 35 feet from grade, may be permitted subject to the provisions of subsections  
10 155(s)(3)(A) or 155(s)(3)(B) below:

11 (A) As a conditional use in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section  
12 303, provided it can be clearly demonstrated that transportation easements or contaminated  
13 soil conditions make it practically infeasible to build parking below-ground. The determination  
14 of practical infeasibility shall be made based on an independent, third-party geotechnical  
15 assessment conducted by a licensed professional and funded by the project sponsor. The  
16 Planning Director shall make a determination as to the objectivity of the study prior to the  
17 Planning Commission's consideration of the conditional use permit application.

18 (B) As a conditional use in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section  
19 303, provided the site contains an existing non-accessory off-street surface parking lot with  
20 valid permits for such parking as of the effective date of the ordinance enacting this  
21 subsection and the site is located in the following Mid-Market area: Assessor's Block 0341,  
22 Lots 4 through 9 and 13; Block 0342, Lots 1, 2, 4, 7, 11, 12 and 13; Block 0350, Lots 1  
23 through 4; Block 0355, Lots 3 through 12 and 15; Block 3507, Lot 39; Block 3508, Lots 1, 13,  
24 18, 19, 22, 24 through 27, 39 and 40; Block 3509, Lots 18, 19, 36, 37 and 40 through 43;  
25 Block 3510, Lot 1; Block 3701, Lots 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 20 through 24, 53, 59, 60, 63 and 64;

1 Block 3702, Lots 1, 2, 37, 38, 39, 44, 44A, 45, 46, 47, 48, 48A, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56; Block 3703,  
2 Lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 11, 12, 25, 26, 33, 40, 41, 50, 53, 56 through 68, 70, 74, 75, 76, 78 through  
3 81, 84, 85 and 86; Block 3704, Lots 1, 3, 6, 9 through 13, 15, 17 through 22, 24, 35, 38, 39,  
4 42, 43, 45, 62 and 67 through 79, Block 3725, Lot 78, 82, 86 through 91 and 93; Block 3727,  
5 Lot 1, 91, 94, 96, 97, 109, 117, 118, 120, 134, 168 and 173; Block 3728, Lot 1, 72, 75, 76, 81,  
6 82, 83, 89, 103 and 105; and Block 0351, Lots 1, 22, 32, 33, 37, 39, 41, 43, 46, 47, 49, 50 and  
7 51 This subsection 155(s)(3)(B) shall sunset on July 22, 2014.

8 (4) Parking lots permitted in C-3 Districts as temporary uses according to Section  
9 156(h) and expansions of existing above-grade publicly accessible parking facilities are not  
10 subject to the requirements of subsections 155(s)(1) - (3).

11 (5) Parking and Loading Access.

12 (A) Width of openings. Any single development is limited to a total of two  
13 facade openings of no more than 11 feet wide each or one opening of no more than 22 feet  
14 wide for access to off-street parking and one facade opening of no more than 15 feet wide for  
15 access to off-street loading. Shared openings for parking and loading are encouraged. The  
16 maximum permitted width of a shared parking and loading garage opening is 27 feet.

17 (B) Porte cocheres to accommodate passenger loading and unloading are  
18 not permitted except as part of a hotel, inn or hostel use. For the purpose of this Section, a  
19 "porte cochere" is defined as an off-street driveway, either covered or uncovered, for the  
20 purpose of passenger loading or unloading, situated between the ground floor facade of the  
21 building and the sidewalk.

22 **SEC. 155.4. BICYCLE PARKING REQUIRED IN NEW AND RENOVATED**  
23 **COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.**

24 (a) **Definitions.**

1 (1) All definitions set forth in Section 155.1(a) and Section 155.3(a) are  
2 incorporated into this Section.

3 (2) **New Commercial Building.** A commercial or industrial building for which a  
4 building permit is issued on or at least six months after the effective date of this Section.

5 (3) **Major Renovation.** Any construction or renovation project (i) for which a  
6 building permit is issued commencing on or at least six months after the effective date of this  
7 Section (ii) which involves an enlargement of an existing commercial building and (iii) which  
8 has an estimated construction cost of at least \$1,000,000.00.

9 (b) **Requirements for New Commercial Buildings and Commercial Buildings**  
10 **with Major Renovations.** New commercial buildings and commercial buildings with major  
11 renovations, as a condition of approval, shall provide bicycle parking in that building in  
12 accordance with this Section. Where a building undergoes major renovations, its total square  
13 footage after the renovation shall be used in calculating how many, if any, bicycle parking  
14 spaces are required.

15 (c) **Types of Bicycle Parking.** New commercial buildings and commercial  
16 buildings with major renovations shall offer either Class 1 bicycle parking, as defined in  
17 Section 155.1(a)(6), or Class 2 bicycle parking, as defined in Section 155.1(a)(7), or a  
18 combination of Class 1 and Class 2 bicycle parking.

19 (d) **Bicycle Parking Spaces - Professional Services.** Except in the C-3-O(SD)  
20 district, For new commercial buildings and commercial buildings with major renovations,  
21 including individual buildings of large, multiple-building developments, whose primary use  
22 consists of medical or other professional services, general business offices, financial services,  
23 general business services, business and trade schools, colleges and universities, research  
24 and development or manufacturing, the following schedule of required bicycle parking applies:  
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1 (1) Where the gross square footage of the floor area exceeds 10,000 square  
2 feet but is no greater than 20,000 feet, 3 bicycle spaces are required.

3 (2) Where the gross square footage of the floor area exceeds 20,000 square  
4 feet but is no greater than 50,000 feet, 6 bicycle spaces are required.

5 (3) Where the gross square footage of the floor area exceeds 50,000 square  
6 feet, 12 bicycle spaces are required.

7 (4) In the C-3-O(SD) district, the following bicycle parking requirements apply: One Class 1  
8 space for every 3,000 square feet for buildings containing less than 75,000 gross square feet of the uses  
9 described in subsection (d) above. For buildings containing greater than 75,000 gross square feet of  
10 such uses, 20 Class 1 spaces plus one Class 1 space for every 5,000 square feet in excess of 75,000.  
11 Additionally, one Class 2 space is required for every 50,000 gross square feet of such uses. Class 2  
12 spaces are intended for short-term use by visitors and shall be located in a highly-visible publicly-  
13 accessible location at street grade, or no more than one level above or below street grade if accessible  
14 by ramp and clear directional signage is available at street level.

15 (e) **Bicycle Parking Spaces - Retail.** For new commercial buildings and  
16 commercial buildings with major renovations whose primary use consists of retail, eating and  
17 drinking or personal service, the following schedule of required bicycle parking applies:

18 (1) Where the gross square footage of the floor area exceeds 25,000 square  
19 feet but is no greater than 50,000 feet, 3 bicycle spaces are required.

20 (2) Where the gross square footage of the floor area exceeds 50,000 square  
21 feet but is no greater than 100,000 feet, 6 bicycle spaces are required.

22 (3) Where the gross square footage of the floor area exceeds 100,000 square  
23 feet, 12 bicycle spaces are required.

1 (f) **Notice of Bicycle Parking.** New commercial buildings and commercial  
2 buildings with major renovations subject to this Section must provide adequate signs or  
3 notices to advertise the availability of bicycle parking.

4 (g) **Layout of Spaces.** Owners of new commercial buildings and commercial  
5 buildings with major renovations subject to this Section are encouraged to follow the  
6 requirements set forth in Section 155.1(d) (Layout of Spaces) in installing Class 1 and Class 2  
7 bicycle parking. The number of required automobile parking spaces may be lowered in  
8 buildings where Class 1 bicycle parking is provided. The number of otherwise required  
9 automobile parking spaces may be reduced, commensurate with the space necessary to  
10 provide Class 1 or Class 2 bicycle parking spaces, in an amount that meets or exceeds the  
11 requirements of this section. This provision only applies to the explicit area used for Class 1 or  
12 Class 2 bicycle parking.

13 (h) **Owners of Existing Buildings Encouraged to Provide Bicycle Parking**  
14 **Spaces.** The City encourages building owners whose buildings are not subject to this Section  
15 to provide bicycle parking spaces in such buildings.

16 (i) **Exemption.** Where a new commercial building or building with major  
17 renovations includes residential uses, the building's total non-residential square footage shall  
18 be used in calculating how many, if any, bicycle parking spaces are required. Building owners  
19 shall be required to allow tenants to bring their bicycles into buildings unless Class 1 bicycle  
20 parking is provided.

21 (j) This Section shall not be interpreted to interfere with the Department of  
22 Planning's authority to require more than the minimum bicycle parking spaces required by this  
23 Section as a condition of approval of a project, where appropriate.

24 (k) For the purposes of this Section, commercial shall mean commercial and  
25 industrial.

1           **SEC. 156. PARKING LOTS.**

2           (a) A "parking lot" is hereby defined as an off-street open area or portion thereof  
3 solely for the parking of passenger automobiles. Such an area or portion shall be considered  
4 a parking lot whether or not on the same lot as another use, whether or not required by this  
5 Code for any structure or use, and whether classified as an accessory, principal or conditional  
6 use.

7           (b) Where parking lots are specified in Articles 2 or 7 of this Code as a use for  
8 which conditional use approval is required in a certain district, such conditional use approval  
9 shall be required only for such parking lots in such district as are not qualified as accessory  
10 uses under Section 204.5 of this Code. The provisions of this Section 156 shall, however,  
11 apply to all parking lots whether classified as accessory, principal or conditional uses.

12           (c) In considering any application for a conditional use for a parking lot for a  
13 specific use or uses, where the amount of parking provided exceeds the amount classified as  
14 accessory parking in Section 204.5 of this Code, the Planning Commission shall consider the  
15 criteria set forth in Section 157.

16           (d) Any vehicle use area that is less than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public right-  
17 of-way or parking lot for the parking of two or more automobiles which adjoins a lot in any R  
18 District, or which faces a lot in any R District across a street or alley, shall be screened from  
19 view therefrom, except at driveways necessary for ingress and egress, by a solid fence, a  
20 solid wall, or a compact evergreen hedge, not less than four feet in height.

21           (e) Any vehicle use area that has more than 25 linear feet adjacent to a public  
22 right-of-way or is a parking lot for the parking of 10 or more automobiles shall be screened in  
23 accordance with the standards described in Section 142, Screening and Greening of Parking  
24 and Vehicle Use Areas.

1 (f) All artificial lighting used to illuminate a parking lot for any number of  
2 automobiles in any District shall be so arranged that all direct rays from such lighting fall  
3 entirely within such parking lot.

4 (g) No parking lot for any number of auto-mobiles shall have conducted upon it  
5 any dead storage or dismantling of vehicles, or any repair or servicing of vehicles other than  
6 of an emergency nature.

7 (h) No permanent parking lot shall be permitted in C-3-O, C-3-O(SD), C-3-R, C-3-  
8 G and NCT Districts; temporary parking lots may be approved as conditional uses, except in C-  
9 3-O(SD) district, pursuant to the provisions of Section 303 for a period not to exceed two years  
10 from the date of approval; permanent parking lots in C-3-S Districts shall be permitted only as  
11 a conditional use. No new parking lots may be approved in the C-3-O(SD) district, however  
12 conditional use approval for a two-year extension of existing parking lots in the C-3-O(SD) district may  
13 be approved pursuant to this Subsection provided that they meet the requirements of subsection (l).

14 (i) Any parking lot approved pursuant to zoning categories .25, .27 and .29 of  
15 Sections 813 through 818 of this Code shall be screened in accordance with the standards  
16 described in Section 142, Screening and Greening of Parking and Vehicle Use Areas except  
17 where this requirement would prevent otherwise feasible use of the subject lot as an open  
18 space or play area for nearby residents.

19 (j) **Interior Landscaping.** All permanent parking lots are required to provide 1 tree  
20 per 5 parking spaces in a manner that is compliant with the applicable water use requirements  
21 of Administrative Code Chapter 63 and a minimum of 20% permeable surface, as defined by  
22 Section 102.33 Permeable Surfaces. The trees planted in compliance with this Section shall  
23 result in canopy coverage of 50% of the parking lots' hardscape within 15 years of the  
24 installations of these trees. Permeable surfaces and grading shall be coordinated so that  
25 stormwater can infiltrate the surface in areas with less than 5% slope.

1 (k) **Street Tree Requirement.** All parking lots shall meet the street tree  
2 requirements specified in Section 143.

3 (l) The conditions of approval for the extension an existing parking lot in the C-3-O(SD)  
4 district shall include the following:

5 (A) a minimum of one parking space for car sharing vehicles meeting all of the  
6 requirements in Section 166 for every 20 spaces in said lot;

7 (B) a minimum of two Class 2 bicycle parking spaces for every 50 linear feet of frontage  
8 in a highly visible area on the property adjacent to a public sidewalk or shall attain approval from the  
9 appropriate City agencies to install such bicycle parking on a public sidewalk on the same block;

10 (C) interior landscaping compliant with the requirements in subsection (j) above,  
11 provided that if a site permit has been approved by the Planning Department for construction of  
12 building on the subject lot that would replace the parking lot in less than 2 years, the trees may be  
13 planted in movable planters and the lot need not provide permeable surfaces described in subsection  
14 (j).

15 **SEC. 163. TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS AND**  
16 **TRANSPORTATION BROKERAGE SERVICES IN C-3, EASTERN NEIGHBORHOODS**  
17 **MIXED USE, AND SOUTH OF MARKET MIXED USE DISTRICTS.**

18 (a) **Purpose.** This Section is intended to assure that adequate measures are  
19 undertaken and maintained to minimize the transportation impacts of added office  
20 employment in the downtown and South of Market area, in a manner consistent with the  
21 objectives and policies of the General Plan, by facilitating the effective use of transit,  
22 encouraging ridesharing, and employing other practical means to reduce commute travel by  
23 single-occupant vehicles.

24 (b) Applicability. The requirements of this Section apply to any project meeting one of the  
25 following conditions:

1 (1) In the C-3, Eastern Neighborhoods, Mixed Use and South of Market Mixed Use Districts,  
2 projects where the gross square feet of new construction, conversion, or added floor area for office use  
3 equals at least 100,000 square feet;

4 (2) In the C-3-O(SD) District, where new construction, conversion, or added floor area for  
5 residential use equals at least 100,000 square feet equals at least 100 dwelling units;

6 (3) In the C-3-O(SD) District, projects where the gross square feet of new construction or  
7 added floor area for any non-residential use equals at least 100,000 square feet; or

8 (4) In the case of the SSO or MUO District, where the gross square feet of new, converted or  
9 added floor area for office use equals at least 25,000 square feet.

10 (bc) Requirement. For any new building or additions to or conversion of an existing  
11 building in C-3, Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use, and South of Market Mixed Use Districts where  
12 the gross square feet of new, converted or added floor area for office use equals at least 100,000  
13 square feet, or, in the case of the SSO or MUO District, 25,000 square feet, For all applicable projects,

14 the project sponsor shall be required to provide on-site transportation brokerage services for  
15 the actual lifetime of the project, as provided in this Subsection. Prior to the issuance of a  
16 temporary permit of occupancy (for this purpose Section 149(d) shall apply), the project  
17 sponsor shall execute an agreement with the Planning Department for the provision of on-site  
18 transportation brokerage services and preparation of a transportation management program  
19 to be approved by the Director of Planning and implemented by the provider of transportation  
20 brokerage services. The transportation management program and transportation brokerage  
21 services shall be designed:

22 (1) To promote and coordinate effective and efficient use of transit by tenants  
23 and their employees, including the provision of transit information and sale of transit passes  
24 on-site;

1 (2) To promote and coordinate ridesharing activities for all tenants and their  
2 employees within the structure or use;

3 (3) To reduce parking demand and assure the proper and most efficient use of  
4 on-site or off-site parking, where applicable, such that all provided parking conforms with the  
5 requirements of Article 1.5 of this Code and project approval requirements;

6 (4) To promote and encourage the provision and proliferation of car-sharing  
7 services convenient to tenants and employees of the subject buildings in addition to those  
8 required by Section 166, and to promote and encourage those tenants and their employees to  
9 prioritize the use of car-share services for activities that necessitate automobile travel,  
10 including the promotion and sale of individual and business memberships in certified car-  
11 sharing organizations, as defined by Section 166(b)(2).

12 (5) To promote and encourage project occupants to adopt a coordinated flex-  
13 time or staggered work hours program designed to more evenly distribute the arrival and  
14 departure times of employees within normal peak commute periods;

15 (6) To participate with other project sponsors in a network of transportation  
16 brokerage services for the respective downtown, South of Market area, or other area of  
17 employment concentration in the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts;

18 (7) To carry out other activities determined by the Planning Department to be  
19 appropriate to meeting the purpose of this requirement.

20 **SEC. 201. CLASSES OF USE DISTRICTS.**

21 Amend the Commercial Districts table under Section 201 as follows:

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Commercial Districts	
C-1	Neighborhood Shopping Districts
C-2	Community Business Districts

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C-M	Heavy Commercial Districts
C-3-O	Downtown Office District
<i>C-3-O(SD)</i>	<i>Downtown Office Special Development District</i>
C-3-R	Downtown Retail District
C-3-G	Downtown General Commercial District
C-3-S	Downtown Support District

**SEC. 210.3. C-3 DISTRICTS: DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL.**

Downtown San Francisco, a center for City, regional, national and international commerce, is composed of four separate districts, as follows:

**C-3-O District:** Downtown Office. This district, playing a leading national role in finance, corporate headquarters and service industries, and serving as an employment center for the region, consists primarily of high-quality office development. The intensity of building development is the greatest in the City, resulting in a notable skyline symbolizing the area's strength and vitality. The district is served by City and regional transit reaching its central portions and by automobile parking at peripheral locations. Intensity and compactness permit face-to-face business contacts to be made conveniently by travel on foot. Office development is supported by some related retail and service uses within the area, with inappropriate uses excluded in order to conserve the supply of land in the core and its expansion areas for further development of major office buildings.

*C-3-O(SD) District: Downtown Office Special Development. This area south of Market Street and east of 3rd Street comprises the southern side of the core central business district, and is similar to and generally indistinguishable from the C-3-O District in terms of uses and character. The area is centered on the Transbay Transit Center. This district permits densities that exceed those in the C-3-O*



1 district and contains the tallest height limits in the City, reflecting its unparalleled public  
2 transportation access and geographically central position in the downtown.

3 **C-3-R District:** Downtown Retail. This district is a regional center for comparison  
4 shopper retailing and direct consumer services. It covers a compact area with a distinctive  
5 urban character, consists of uses with cumulative customer attraction and compatibility, and is  
6 easily traversed by foot. Like the adjacent Downtown Office District, this district is well-served  
7 by City and regional transit, with automobile parking best located at its periphery. Within the  
8 district, continuity of retail and consumer service uses is emphasized, with encouragement of  
9 pedestrian interest and amenities and minimization of conflicts between shoppers and motor  
10 vehicles. A further merging of this district with adjacent, related districts is anticipated, partially  
11 through development of buildings which combine retailing with other functions.

12 **C-3-G District:** Downtown General Commercial. This district covers the western  
13 portions of downtown and is composed of a variety of uses: Retail, offices, hotels,  
14 entertainment, clubs and institutions, and high-density residential. Many of these uses have a  
15 Citywide or regional function, although the intensity of development is lower here than in the  
16 downtown core area. As in the case of other downtown districts, no off-street parking is  
17 required for individual commercial buildings. In the vicinity of Market Street, the configuration  
18 of this district reflects easy accessibility by rapid transit.

19 **C-3-S District:** Downtown Support. This district encompasses Yerba Buena Gardens,  
20 which includes San Francisco's Convention Center, hotels, museums and cultural facilities,  
21 housing, retail, and offices arranged around public gardens and plazas. The district continues  
22 to accommodate important supporting functions such as wholesaling, printing, building  
23 services, and secondary office space. It also contains unique housing resources. The district  
24 is within walking distance of rapid transit on Market Street, and is served by transit lines on  
25 Third, Fourth, Mission and Folsom streets.

**SEC. 215. DWELLINGS.**

C-1	C-2	C-3-O	<u>C-3-O(SD)</u>	C-3-R	C-3-G	C-3-S	C-M	M-1	M-2	PDR-1-G	PDR-1-D	PDR-1	PDR-2	
														SEC. 215. DWELLINGS.
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	C	C	C					(a) Dwelling at a density ratio not exceeding the number of dwelling units permitted in the nearest R District, with the distance to such R District measured from the midpoint of the front lot line or from a point directly across the street therefrom, whichever permits the greater density; provided, that the maximum density ratio in a C-1, C-2, M-1 or M-2 District shall in no case be less than for an RM-1 District, the maximum density ratio in a C-3 or C-M District shall in no









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													hostel shall not include a motel as described in Subsection 216(c) below:
C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C				(i) 200 rooms or less;
C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C				(ii) More than 200 rooms.
C	N A			N A	N A	N A	N A	N A	N A				(c) Motel, including an auto court, motor lodge, tourist court or other facility similarly identified, containing rooms or suites of rooms, none with individual cooking facilities, which are offered for compensation and are primarily for the accommodation of transient guests traveling by automobile, and where each sleeping unit is independently accessible from the outside; provided, that the entrance to such motel is within 200 feet of and immediately

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														accessible from a major thoroughfare as designated in the General Plan.
	C				C	C	C	C	C					(d) Motel, as described in Subsection 216(c) above but without restriction as to location of its entrance.

**SEC. 217. INSTITUTIONS.**

C-1	C-2	C-3-O	<u>C-3-O(S)</u> <u>D</u>	C-3-R	C-3-G	C-3-S	C-M	M-1	M-2	PDR-1-G	PDR-1-D	PDR-1-B	PDR-2	
														<b>SEC. 217. INSTITUTION S.</b>
C	C	C	<u>C</u>	C	C	C	C	C						(a) Hospital, medical center or other medical institution which includes facilities for inpatient or outpatient medical care and may also include medical offices, clinics, laboratories, and employee or student dormitories



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															and other housing, operated by and affiliated with the institution, which institution has met the applicable provisions of Section 304.5 of this Code concerning institutional master plans.
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	C	P	P							(b) Residential care facility providing lodging, board and care for a period of 24 hours or more to persons in need of specialized aid by personnel licensed by the State of California. Such facilities shall include but not necessarily be limited to a board and care home, family care home, long-term nursery, orphanage, rest home or home for the treatment of addictive, contagious or other diseases or

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														psychological disorders.
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(c) Clinic primarily providing outpatient care in medical, psychiatric or other healing arts and not a part of a medical institution as specified in Subsection 217(a) above.
										P under 5,000 gsf, C above	P under 5,000 gsf, C above	P under 7,500 sf	P under 5,000 sf	
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d) Social service or philanthropic facility providing assistance of a charitable or public service nature.
										P under 5,000 gsf, C above	P under 5,000 gsf, C above	P under 5,000 sf	P under 5,000 sf	
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	C	P	P						(e) Child-care facility providing less than 24-hour care for children by licensed personnel and meeting the open-space and other requirements of the State of California and other authorities.
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P						(f) Elementary school, either public or private. Such institution may include employee or
											P under 20,000 gsf if no housing	P under 20,000 sf if no housing		



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														include employee or student dormitories and other housing operated by and affiliated with the institution. Such institution shall not have industrial arts as its primary course of study.
						P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(i) Secondary or postsecondary educational institution, other than as specified in Subsection 217(g) and (h) above.
	P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(j) Church or other religious institution. Such institution may include, on the same lot, the housing of persons who engage in supportive activity for the institution.
	P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P						(k) Medical cannabis dispensary as defined by Section 3301(f) of the San Francisco Health Code.
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															and any Planning Commission authorization for the parcel shall be null and void.
															(g) Any permit issued for a medical cannabis dispensary shall contain the following statement in bold-face type: "Issuance of this permit by the City and County of San Francisco is not intended to and does not authorize the violation of State or Federal law."

**SEC. 218. RETAIL SALES AND PERSONAL SERVICES.**

C-1	C-2	C-3-O	<u>C-3-Q(S) D)</u>	C-3-R	C-3-G	C-3-S	C-M	M-1	M-2	PDR-1-G	PDR-1-D	PD R-1-B	PD R-2		
															<b>SEC. 218. RETAIL SALES AND PERSONAL SERVICES.</b>
															The uses specified in this Section

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														shall not include any use first specifically listed in a subsequent Section of this Code.
P	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	(a) Retail business or personal service establishment, of a type which supplies new commodities or offers personal services primarily to residents in the immediate vicinity.
	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P under 2,500 gsf per lot; C above for Grocery stores, as defined in Section 790.102(a) and Health club, fitness, gymnasium, or exercise facility	P under 5,000 gsf per lot; C above for Grocery stores, as defined in Section 790.102(a) and Health club, fitness, gymnasium, or exercise facility	P under 2,500 gsf	P under 2,500 gsf per lot* #	(b) Retail business or personal service establishment not limited to sales or services primarily for residents in the immediate vicinity,



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												and Professions Code Section 4600 et seq., provided that the massage establishment has first obtained a permit from the Department of Public Health pursuant to Section 1908 of the San Francisco Health Code, and provided that:
												(a) the massage use is accessory to a principal use, if the massage use is accessed by the principal use and:
												(1) the principal use is a dwelling unit and the massage use conforms to the requirements of Section 204.1, for accessory uses for dwelling units in R or NC districts; or
												(2) the principal use is a tourist hotel as defined in Section 790.46 of this Code, that contains 100 or more rooms, a large institution as defined in Section 790.50 of this Code, or a hospital or medical center, as defined in Section 790.44 of this Code, or
												(b) the only massage service provided is chair massage, such service is visible to the public, and customers are fully-clothed at all times.
												(c) If the massage

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											<p>use does not meet the requirements of (a) or (b), above, then the massage use shall obtain a conditional use permit from the Planning Commission, pursuant to Section 303 of this Code. When considering an application for a conditional use permit pursuant to this subsection, the Planning Commission shall consider, in addition to the criteria listed in Section 303(c), the following criteria</p>
											<p>(1) Whether the applicant has obtained, and maintains in good standing, a permit for a Massage Establishment from the Department of Public Health pursuant to Section 1908 of the San Francisco Health Code;</p>
											<p>(2) Whether the use's facade is transparent and open to the public. Permanent transparency and openness are preferable. Elements that lend openness and transparency to a facade include: i) active street frontage of at least 25' in length where 75% of that length is</p>

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												devoted to entrances to commercially used space or windows at the pedestrian eye-level; ii) windows that use clear, untinted glass, except for decorative or architectural accent; iii) any decorative railings or decorative grille work, other than wire mesh, which is placed in front of or behind such windows, should be at least 75 percent open to perpendicular view and no more than six feet in height above grade;
												(3) Whether the use includes pedestrian-oriented lighting. Well lit establishments where lighting is installed and maintained along all public rights-of-way adjacent to the building with the massage use during the post-sunset hours of the massage use are encouraged;
												(4) Whether the use is reasonably oriented to facilitate public access. Barriers that make entrance to the use more difficult than to an average service-provider in the area are to be strongly

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															discouraged. These include (but are not limited to) foyers equipped with double doors that can be opened only from the inside and security cameras.
															(d) Nothing herein shall preclude the Board of Supervisors from adopting more restrictive provisions for Massage Establishments, or prohibiting Massage Establishments in specific areas of the City.

**SEC. 219. OFFICES.**

C-1	C-2	C-3-O	<u>C-3-O(SD)</u>	C-3-R	C-3-G	C-3-S	C-M	M-1	M-2	PDR-1-G	PDR-1-D	PDR-1-B	PDR-2	
														<b>SEC. 219. OFFICES.</b>
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	NP	NP	P*#	P*#	(a) Professional and business offices, as defined in 890.70, not more than 5,000 gross square feet in size and offering on-site services to the general public.
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	C	P	P	P	P	P	NP	NP			(b) Professional and business offices, as defined in 890.70, larger than



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														5,000 gross square feet in size and offering on-site services to the general public.
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	C	P	P	P	P	P	NP	NP	P under 5,000 gsf *#	P under 5,000 gsf*#	(c) Other professional and business offices, as defined in 890.70, above the ground floor. In the C-3-R District, in addition to the criteria set forth in Section 303, approval shall be given upon a determination that the use will not detract from the district's primary function as an area for comparison shopper retailing and direct consumer services.
P	P	C	<u>C</u>		C	C	P	P	P	NP	NP	P under 5,000 gsf*#	P under 5,000 gsf *#	(d) Other professional and business offices, as defined in 890.70, at or below the ground floor.
										P	P			(e) Offices in designated landmark





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														no more than four self-service units the aggregate capacity of which shall not exceed 20 cubic feet.
	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	N A	N A	P	P	P under 2,500 gsf	P	(d) Dry-cleaning establishment, including pressing and other miscellaneous processing of clothes, where no portion of a building occupied by such use shall have any ventilating flue, exhaust pipe or other opening except fixed windows and exits required by law within 50 feet of any lot in any R District, and where:
														(1) The establishment has only a central cleaning unit with a rated load factor of no more than 60 pounds and operated by employees of the establishment; or
														(2) The dry cleaning is done by the

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													customer using self-service cleaning units or equivalent equipment where the total number of units does not exceed 16 and their total aggregate capacity does not exceed 80 cubic feet; or
													(3) The establishment is a combination of the two foregoing types, with a central cleaning unit with a rated load factor of no more than 60 pounds, and no more than eight self-service units the aggregate capacity of which shall not exceed 40 cubic feet.
							P	P	P	P	P under 2,500 gsf	P	(e) Steam laundry, when conducted within a completely enclosed building; provided, that no part of a building so occupied shall have any opening, other than fixed windows or

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														exits required by law, within 50 feet of any R District.
								P	P	P	P	P	P under 2,500 gsf	P (f) Cleaning or dyeing plant, when conducted within a completely enclosed building; provided, that no part of a building so occupied shall have any opening, other than fixed windows or exits required by law, within 50 feet of any R District.
								P	P	P	P	P	P under 2,500 gsf	P (g) Bag, carpet or rug cleaning, when conducted within a completely enclosed building; provided, that no part of a building so occupied shall have any opening, other than fixed windows or exits required by law, within 50 feet of any R District.

**SEC. 221. ASSEMBLY AND ENTERTAINMENT.**

C	C	C	C-3- OS	C	C	C	C- M	M	M	PDR- 1-G	PDR- 1-D	PDR- 1-B	PDR- 2	
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														<b>SEC. 221. ASSEMBLY AND ENTERTAINM ENT.</b>
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(a) Clubhouse.
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(b) Lodge building.
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(c) Meeting hall.
	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P if no more than 3 scree ns	P if no more than 3 scree ns	P if no more than 3 scree ns	P if no more than 3 scree ns	(d) Theater, except as specified under Subsection (k), below.
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(e) Recreation building.
	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P under 5,000 sf	P	(f) Amusement enterprise, including billiard hall, dance hall, nightclub, other nighttime entertainment activities as defined in Section 102.17, bowling alley, skating rink, shooting gallery, when conducted within a completely enclosed building; provided, (1) that incidental noise is reasonably confined to the premises by adequate soundproofing or other device, and (2) that no portion of a

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													building occupied by such use shall have any opening, other than fixed windows and exits required by law, within 50 feet of any R District.
P*	P*				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(g) Private noncommercial recreational open use.
	P*						NA	NA	NA	P	P		(h) Amusement park, and related commercial amusement enterprises not conducted in completely enclosed buildings; provided, that the use lawfully existed at the effective date of this Code, or is so located that (1) the premises are not less than 200 feet from any R District, and (2) the aggregate area in the same or adjoining blocks occupied by existing amusement enterprises is in excess of five acres.
						C	P	P	P	C	C		(i) Commercial open-air sports stadium or arena, if



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														conducted on premises not less than 200 feet from any R District.
						C	P	P	P	P	P		P	(j) Circus, carnival, or other amusement enterprise not conducted within a building, if conducted on premises not less than 200 feet from any R District.
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	(k) Adult entertainment enterprise, so specified in (i), (ii) and (iii) below, provided that the use is so located that the premises upon which it is conducted are not less than 1,000 feet from the premises of any other adult entertainment enterprise:
														(i) Adult bookstore, as defined by Section 791 of Part II, Chapter VIII of the San Francisco Municipal Code (Police Code);
														(ii) Adult theater, as defined by Section 791 of Part II, Chapter VIII of the San



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	P				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(e) Carpenter shop.
	P				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(f) Office of a building, plumbing, electrical, painting, roofing, furnace or pest-control contractor, including storage of incidental equipment and supplies entirely within the same building, where provision is also made entirely within the structure for parking, loading and unloading of all vehicles used. (See also Section 225.)
	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(g) Catering establishment.
	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(h) Printing shop.
	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(i) Newspaper publication.
	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(j) Blueprinting shop.
	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(k) Hardware stores and contractor

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**SEC. 223. AUTOMOTIVE.**

All automotive uses that have vehicular use areas defined in Section 102.31 shall meet the screening requirements for vehicular use areas in Section 142.

C-2	C-3-O	C-3-O(SD)	C-3-R	C-3-G	C-3-S	C-M	M-1	M-2	PDR-1-G	PDR-1-D	PDR-1-B	PDR-2	
													SEC. 223. AUTOMOTIVE.
P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(a) Sale or rental of new or used automobiles, when conducted entirely within an enclosed building.
P				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(b) Sale or rental of new or used trucks, when conducted entirely within an enclosed building.
C*				C	C	P	P	P	P		P	P	(c) Lot for sale or rental of new or used automobiles.
C*				C	C	P	P	P	P		P	P	(d) Lot for sale or rental of new or used trucks.
C*				C	C	P	P	P	P		P	P	(e) Sale or rental of new or used automobile trailers.
NA				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	P	P	P	P	(f) Automobile service station for the sale and dispensing of gasoline, other motor fuels and



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													sparkplugs, oil filter or filtering element, windshield wiper blades and motors, radiator hose (without removal of radiator or water pump), battery cables and fan belt;
													(4) The servicing and repairing of tires and batteries;
													(5) The installation and servicing of smog control devices; and
													(6) Automobile washing and polishing of an incidental nature, when performed primarily by hand and not including the use of any mechanical conveyor blower or steam-cleaning device.
P*				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(g) Automobile service station as described above, with the following minor automobile repairs permitted therewith if conducted entirely within an enclosed



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													<p>voltage regulators;</p> <p>(12) Repair or replacement of starters;</p> <p>(13) Repair or replacement of fuel pumps;</p> <p>(14) Such other repairs as may be designated by the Chief of the San Francisco Fire Department as minor repairs under Paragraph 8.09(a)(5)(o) of Part II, Chapter IV (Fire Code) of the San Francisco Municipal Code.</p>	
P				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	<p>P under 7,500 gsf</p>	P	<p>(h) Repair garage for minor automobile repairs, limited to those repairs and other activities permitted at an automobile service station as described above, and in addition the following minor automobile repairs; all such repairs and other activities shall be conducted entirely within an enclosed building having no openings</p>



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												other than fixed windows or exits required by law within 50 feet of any R District.
												(1) Body and fender repair limited to replacement of parts and spot paint spraying; and
												(2) Removal and replacement of engines, transmissions and differentials, with repairs to these components done elsewhere.
					P		P	P	P	P	P under 5,000 gsf	P (i) Repair garage for the following major automobile repairs, if conducted entirely within an enclosed building having no openings other than fixed windows or exits required by law within 50 feet of any R District:
												(1) Internal engine repair or rebuilding;
												(2) Repair or rebuilding of transmissions, differentials or radiators;
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													Reconditioning of badly worn or damaged motor vehicles or trailers;
													(4) Collision service, including body, frame or fender straightening or repair; and
													(5) Full body paint spraying.
C*				C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	(j) Automobile wash, when providing on the premises a reservoir of vehicle storage and standing area, outside the washing facilities, equal to at least 1/4 the hourly capacity in vehicles of such facilities; provided,
													(1) that incidental noise is reasonably confined to the premises by adequate soundproofing or other device, and
													(2) that complete enclosure within a building may be required as a condition of approval, notwithstanding any other provision of this Code; but the

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													foregoing provisions shall not preclude the imposition of any additional conditions pursuant to Section 303 of this Code.
					P	P	P	P	P			P	(k) Tire recapping, if conducted on premises not less than 200 feet from any R District.
P*					C	P	P	P	C		C	C	(l) Parking lot, as regulated in Sections 155, 156 and 157 and other provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code.
P	C	<u>C</u>	C	C	C	P	P	P	C	C	C	C	(m) Storage garage open to the public for passenger automobiles, as regulated in Sections 155, 156 and 157 and other provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code, where such storage garage is not a public building requiring approval by the Board of Supervisors under other provisions of law and is completely enclosed.

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C*	C	<u>C</u>	C	C	C	P	P	P	C	C	C	C	(n) Storage garage open to the public for passenger automobiles, as regulated in Sections 155, 156 and 157 and other provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code, where such storage garage is not a public building requiring approval by the Board of Supervisors under other provisions of law and is not completely enclosed.
P*	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(o) Storage garage open to the public for passenger automobiles, as regulated in Sections 155, 156 and 157 and other provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code, where such storage garage is a public building requiring approval by the Board of Supervisors under other provisions of law.
P	C	<u>C</u>	C	C	C	P	P	P	C	C	C	C	(p) Major (nonaccessory)

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													parking garage not open to the public, as defined in Section 158 and as regulated therein and in Sections 155 and 157 and other provisions of Article 1.5 of this Code.
C	C	<u>C</u>	C	C	NA	NA	NA	NA	P	P		P	(q) Parcel delivery service, limited to facilities for the unloading, sorting and reloading of local retail merchandise for home deliveries, where the operation is conducted entirely within a completely enclosed building; including garage facilities for local delivery trucks, but excluding repair shop facilities.
					P	P	P	P	P	P		P	(r) Parcel delivery service, not subject to the above limitations.
C				C	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	(s) Ambulance service.
				C	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	(t) Storage garage for commercial

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														passenger vehicles and light delivery trucks.
					C	P	P	P	P	P			P	(u) Storage yard for commercial vehicles or trucks, if conducted within an area completely enclosed by a wall or concealing fence not less than six feet high.
								C	C	P	P		P	(v) Truck terminal facility, if located not less than 200 feet from any R District.

**SEC. 224. ANIMAL SERVICES.**

C-1	C-2	C-3-O	<u>C-3-O(SD)</u>	C-3-R	C-3-G	C-3-S	C-M	M-1	M-2	PDR-1-G	PDR-1-D	PDR-1-B	PDR-2	
														<b>SEC. 224. ANIMAL SERVICES.</b>
	C				C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	(a) Animal hospital or clinic, if conducted entirely within an enclosed building; not including a commercial kennel as specified below.
								P	P	P	P	P	P	(b) Animal hospital or clinic, if conducted on premises not

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														less than 200 feet from any R District.
							P	P	P	P	P		P	(c) Commercial kennel, if conducted on premises not less than 200 feet from any R District. A "commercial kennel" shall mean any commercial or business premises or other premises where dogs are boarded for compensation, or are cared for or trained for hire, or are kept for sale or bred for sale, where the care, breeding or sale of the dogs is the principal means of livelihood of the occupants of the premises.
							P	P	P	P	P		P	(d) Riding academy or livery stable, if conducted on premises not less than 200 feet from any R District.
	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(e) Cat boarding.

**SEC. 225. WHOLESALING, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION AND OPEN-AIR**

**HANDLING OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT.**

C-1	C-2	C-3-O	C-3-O(SD) 1	C-3-R	C-3-G	C-3-S	C-M	M-1	M-2	PDR-1-G	PDR-1-D	PDR-1-B	PDR-2	
														<b>SEC. 225. WHOLESALING, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION AND OPEN-AIR HANDLING OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT.</b>
	C			C	C	P	P	P	P					(a) Storage building for household goods.
		P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P under 5,000 gsf	P	(b) Wholesale establishment when conducted entirely within an enclosed building, not including a storage warehouse.
						P	P	P	P	P	P	P under 5,000 gsf	P	(c) Wholesale storage warehouse, except for storage of inflammables.
								P					C	(d) Bulk storage of inflammable or highly combustible materials, if conducted not less than 500 feet from any R or NC District.
								C					C	(e) Bulk storage of explosives, if





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								P	P	P	P	P under 5,000 gsf	P	(k) Contractor's storage yard or yard for rental of contractors' equipment if conducted within an area enclosed by a wall or concealing fence not less than six feet high.
								P	P	P	P	P under 5,000 gsf	P	(l) Yard for storage or sale of building materials or lumber, livestock feed, or coal, if conducted within an area enclosed by a wall or concealing fence not less than six feet high.
								P	P	P	P		P	(m) Stone or monument yard, if conducted within an area enclosed by a wall or a concealing

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								P	P					fence not less than six feet high.
								P	P			P		(n) Storage within a completely enclosed building of junk, waste, secondhand, discarded or salvaged materials, excluding automobile wrecking operations as defined in this Section 225; and if conducted not less than 200 feet from any R or NC District.
								P				P		(o) Junkyard, if located not less than 200 feet from any R or NC District. Junkyard shall mean an outdoor space where junk, waste, discarded or salvaged materials are stored or handled, including housewrecking yards, used lumber yards and places or yards for storage of salvaged housewrecking and structural steel materials and equipment;





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													junking or "wrecking" of motor vehicles of any type, or the storage of such vehicles not in operable condition.
								C				C	(q) Hazardous waste facility, when conducted not less than 200 feet from any R or NC District, which shall mean all contiguous land and structures, other appurtenances and improvements on the land used for treatment, transfer, storage, resource recovery, disposal or recycling of hazardous waste that is produced at an off-site facility, but shall not include a facility that: (1) manages only used oil, used oil filters, latex paint, antifreeze, small household batteries or lead acid batteries; or (2) establishes that it is not required to obtain a hazardous waste facility

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															<p>permit from the State of California. The terms "hazardous waste," "treatment," "transfer," "storage," "disposal," "off-site facility," and "used oil" as used herein shall have the meaning given those terms in the California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.5, Articles 2 and 13, which are hereby incorporated by reference.</p>
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**SEC. 226. MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING.**

C-1	C-2	C-3-O	C-3-O(SD) 1	C-3-R	C-3-G	C-3-S	C-M	M-1	M-2	PDR-1-G	PDR-1-D	PDR-1-B	PDR-2	
														<b>SEC. 226. MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING.</b>
		P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	N A	N A	P	P	P under 5,000 gsf	P	(a) Light manufacturing uses, involving only the assembly, packaging, repairing or processing of previously prepared materials, which are conducted





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														conducted entirely within an enclosed building; provided, that no part of a building so occupied shall have any opening, other than fixed windows and exits required by law, within 20 feet of any R District.
						P	P	N A	N A	P	P	P under 5,000 gsf	P	(c) Light food-processing for delicatessen, catering or restaurant supply, if conducted entirely within an enclosed building; provided, that no part of a building so occupied shall have any opening, other than fixed windows or exits required by law, within 20 feet of any R District.
								P	P	P	P	P under 5,000 gsf	P	(d) Light manufacturing, not including any use first specifically listed below.
		P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P under 2,500 gsf	P	(e) Industrial or chemical research or testing laboratory, not involving any danger of explosions.
		P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P					(f) Life Science laboratory (as defined in Sections 890.52 and 890.53)
							P	P	P				C	(g) Battery manufacture, if conducted on



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														previously prepared pigments and vehicles;
														(8) Woodworking mill, manufacture of wood-fibre, sawdust or excelsior products not involving chemical processing.
								P	C	C			C	(i) Manufacture of cereals, distilled liquors, felt or shoddy, hair or hair products, pickles, sauerkraut, vinegar, yeast, soda or soda compounds, structural clay products, meat products, not including any use first specifically listed below.
								P	C	C			C	(j) Flour mill.
								P	C	C			C	(k) Sugar refinery.
								P	C	C			C	(l) Wool pulling or scouring.
								C	C	C			C	(m) Blast furnace, rolling mill, smelter.
								C					C	(n) Manufacture of corrosive acid or alkali, cement, gypsum, lime, plaster of paris, explosive, fertilizer, glue or gelatine from fish or animal refuse.
								C	C				C	(o) Production or refining of petroleum products.
							P	P	C				C	(p) Steam power plant.







1 Transit Center, BART, Muni Metro, and the Ferry Building. Significant areas surrounding and within  
2 walking distance of the downtown, including Rincon Hill and Zone 1 of the Transbay Redevelopment  
3 Area along Folsom Street, have been zoned and planned almost exclusively for residential  
4 neighborhoods to the exclusion of major commercial uses. Many academic studies have shown that  
5 locating jobs immediately proximate to regional transit is a greater influence on use of public transit  
6 than is proximity of housing to regional transit, and decentralization of jobs is one of the leading  
7 factors increasing auto commuting in the Bay Area. Further, very few districts outside of the C-3  
8 district allow high-density job uses, so it is important to ensure that the few sites large enough for high-  
9 density workplace uses in the Transit Center area are preserved primarily for that purpose.

10 (b) Definitions.

11 (1) "Commercial Use" shall mean any use other than dwellings and other housing uses  
12 permitted in the underlying zoning district, and shall include any permitted or conditional use  
13 described in Sections 217 through 226 and shall also include hotel uses permitted as conditional uses  
14 per Sections 216(b) and 303(g).

15 (c) Controls.

16 (1) All new development on lots larger than 15,000 square feet in the Special Use District  
17 shall include not less than 2 gross square feet of principally or conditionally permitted commercial uses  
18 for every 1 gross square foot of dwellings or other housing uses.

19 (d) Exceptions. Exceptions to the controls in subsection (c) may be granted by the Planning  
20 Commission according to the procedures in Section 309 only if the Commission makes one of the  
21 following affirmative findings:

22 (1) That the development consists of multiple buildings on a single lot or adjacent lots that are  
23 entitled as a single development project pursuant to Section 309, and that commercial uses account for  
24 greater than 50% of the project's aggregate total gross floor area for all buildings and where the  
25 project sponsor demonstrates that it is infeasible or impractical to construct commercial uses on the

1 footprint of the portion of the site dedicated to dwellings and/or other housing uses due to the size and  
2 configuration of that portion of the lot; or

3 (2) That the footprint of the portion of the site dedicated to dwellings and/or other housing uses  
4 is less than 15,000 square feet and the lot contains existing buildings which are to be retained.

5 **SEC. 260. HEIGHT LIMITS: MEASUREMENT.**

6 (a) **Method of Measurement.** The limits upon the height of buildings and  
7 structures shall be as specified on the Zoning Map. In the measurement of height for  
8 purposes of such limits, the following rules shall be applicable:

9 (1) The point above which such measurements shall be taken shall be as  
10 specified in the definition of "height" in this Code.

11 (2) The upper point to which such measurement shall be taken shall be the  
12 highest point on the finished roof in the case of a flat roof, and the average height of the rise in  
13 the case of a pitched or stepped roof, or similarly sculptured roof form, or any higher point of a  
14 feature not exempted under Subsection (b) below. For any building taller than 550 feet in height  
15 in the S-2 Bulk District, the height of the building shall be measured at the upper point of all features of  
16 the building and exempted features in such cases shall be limited to only those permitted in subsection  
17 (b)(1)(M) and which are permitted by the Planning Commission according to the procedures of Section  
18 309.

19 (3) In cases where the height limit is 65 feet or less and a street from which  
20 height measurements are made slopes laterally along the lot, or the ground slopes laterally on  
21 a lot that also slopes upward from the street, there shall be a maximum width for the portion of  
22 the building or structure that may be measured from a single point at curb or ground level,  
23 according to the definition of "height," as specified in the following table. These requirements  
24 shall not apply to any property to which the bulk limitations in Section 270 of this Code are  
25 applicable.



1           TABLE 260  
 2           HEIGHT MEASUREMENT  
 3           ON LATERAL SLOPES WHERE  
 4           **HEIGHT LIMIT IS 65 FEET OR LESS**

Average Slope of Curb or Ground From Which Height is Measured	Maximum Width for Portion of Building that May Be Measured from a Single Point
5 percent or less	No requirement
More than 5 percent but no more than 15 percent	65 feet
More than 15 percent but no more than 20 percent	55 feet
More than 20 percent but no more than 25 percent	45 feet
More than 25 percent	35 feet

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 11           NOTE TO EDITOR: Retain graphic.

12           (b)   **Exemptions.** In addition to other height exceptions permitted by this Code, the  
 13 features listed in this Subsection shall be exempt from the height limits established by this  
 14 Code, in an amount up to but not exceeding that which is specified.

15           (1)   The following features shall be exempt; provided the limitations indicated  
 16 for each are observed; provided further that the sum of the horizontal areas of all features  
 17 listed in this Paragraph (b)(1) shall not exceed 20 percent of the horizontal area of the roof  
 18 above which they are situated, or, in C-3 Districts, and in the Rincon Hill Downtown  
 19 Residential District, where the top of the building has been separated into a number of  
 20 stepped elements to reduce the bulk of the upper tower, of the total of all roof areas of the  
 21 upper towers; and provided further that in any R, RC-1, RC-2, RC-3 or RC-4 District the sum  
 22 of the horizontal areas of all such features located within the first 10 feet of depth of the  
 23 building, as measured from the front wall of the building, shall not exceed 20 percent of the  
 24 horizontal area of the roof in such first 10 feet of depth.

1           As an alternative, the sum of the horizontal areas of all features listed in this  
2 Paragraph (b)(1) may be equal but not exceed 20 percent of the horizontal area permitted for  
3 buildings and structures under any bulk limitations in Section 270 of this Code applicable to  
4 the subject property.

5           Any such sum of 20 percent heretofore described may be increased to 30  
6 percent by unroofed screening designed either to obscure the features listed under (A) and  
7 (B) below or to provide a more balanced and graceful silhouette for the top of the building or  
8 structure.

9           (A) Mechanical equipment and appurtenances necessary to the operation  
10 or maintenance of the building or structure itself, including chimneys, ventilators, plumbing  
11 vent stacks, cooling towers, water tanks, panels or devices for the collection of solar or wind  
12 energy and window-washing equipment, together with visual screening for any such features.  
13 This exemption shall be limited to the top 10 feet of such features where the height limit is 65  
14 feet or less, and the top 16 feet of such features where the height limit is more than 65 feet.

15           (B) Elevator, stair and mechanical penthouses, fire towers, skylights and  
16 dormer windows. This exemption shall be limited to the top 10 feet of such features where the  
17 height limit is 65 feet or less, and the top 16 feet of such features where the height limit is  
18 more than 65 feet. However, for elevator penthouses, the exemption shall be limited to the top  
19 16 feet and limited to the footprint of the elevator shaft, regardless of the height limit of the  
20 building. The design of all elevator penthouses in Residential Districts shall be consistent with  
21 the "Residential Design Guidelines" as adopted and periodically amended for specific areas or  
22 conditions by the City Planning Commission.

23           The Zoning Administrator may, after conducting a public hearing, grant a  
24 further height exemption for an elevator penthouse for a building with a height limit of more  
25 than 65 feet but only to the extent that the Zoning Administrator determines that such an

1 exemption is required to meet state or federal laws or regulations. All requests for height  
2 exemptions for elevator penthouses located in Residential or Neighborhood Commercial  
3 Districts shall be subject to the neighborhood notification requirements of Sections 311 and  
4 312 of this Code.

5 (C) Stage and scenery lofts.

6 (D) Ornamental and symbolic features of public and religious buildings and  
7 structures, including towers, spires, cupolas, belfries and domes, where such features are not  
8 used for human occupancy.

9 (E) In any C-3 District, enclosed space related to the recreational use of the  
10 roof, not to exceed 16 feet in height.

11 (F) In any C-3 District except as otherwise allowed in the S-2 Bulk district  
12 according to subsection (M) below, Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts. or South of  
13 Market Mixed Use District, additional building volume used to enclose or screen from view the  
14 features listed under Subsections (b)(1)(A) and (B) above. The rooftop form created by the  
15 added volume shall not be subject to the percentage coverage limitations otherwise applicable  
16 to this subsection but shall meet the requirements of Section 141 and shall not exceed 20 feet  
17 in height, measured as provided in Subsection (a) above, and may not exceed a total volume,  
18 including the volume of the features being enclosed, equal to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the horizontal area of all  
19 upper tower roof areas of the building measured before the addition of any exempt features  
20 times 20.

21 (G) In any C-3 District except as otherwise allowed in the S-2 Bulk district  
22 according to subsection (M) below, vertical extensions to buildings, such as spires, which  
23 enhance the visual appearance of the structure and are not used for human occupancy may  
24 be allowed, pursuant to the provisions of Section 309, up to 75 feet above the height  
25 otherwise allowed. The extension shall not be subject to the percentage coverage limitations

1 otherwise applicable to this subsection, provided that the extension is less than 100 square  
2 feet in cross-section and 18 feet in diagonal dimension.

3 (H) In the Rincon Hill Downtown Residential District, enclosed space related to the  
4 recreational use of the roof, not to exceed 16 feet in height.

5 (I) In the Rincon Hill Downtown Residential District, additional building  
6 volume used to enclose or screen from view the features listed under Subsections (b)(1)(A)  
7 and (b)(1)(B) above. The rooftop form created by the added volume shall not be subject to the  
8 percentage coverage limitations otherwise applicable to this subsection but shall meet the  
9 requirements of Section 141, shall not exceed 10 percent of the total height of any building  
10 taller than 105 feet, shall have a horizontal area not more than 85 percent of the total area of  
11 the highest occupied floor, and shall contain no space for human occupancy. The features  
12 described in (b)(1)(B) shall not be limited to 16 feet for buildings taller than 160 feet, but shall  
13 be limited by the permissible height of any additional rooftop volume allowed by this  
14 Subsection.

15 (J) In the Van Ness Special Use District, additional building volume used to  
16 enclose or screen from view the features listed under Subsections (b)(1)(A) and (b)(1)(B)  
17 above and to provide additional visual interest to the roof of the structure. The rooftop form  
18 created by the added volume shall not be subject to the percentage coverage limitations  
19 otherwise applicable to this Subsection, but shall meet the requirements of Section 141 and  
20 shall not exceed 10 feet in height where the height limit is 65 feet or less or 16 feet where the  
21 height limit is more than 65 feet, measured as provided in Subsection (a) above, and may not  
22 exceed a total volume, including the volume of the features being enclosed, equal to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the  
23 horizontal area of all upper tower roof areas of the building measured before the addition of  
24 any exempt features times 10 where the height limit is 65 feet or less or times 16 where the  
25 height limit is more than 65 feet.

1 (K) In the Northeast China Basin Special Use District, light standards for the  
2 purpose of lighting the ballpark.

3 (L) [Reserved.]

4 (M) In any S-2 Bulk District for any building which exceeds 550 feet in height,  
5 unoccupied building features including mechanical and elevator penthouses, enclosed and unenclosed  
6 rooftop screening, and unenclosed architectural features not containing occupied space that extend  
7 above the height limit, only as permitted by the Planning Commission according to the procedures of  
8 Section 309 and meeting all of the following criteria:

9 (i) such elements are demonstrated to not add more than insignificant amounts of  
10 additional shadow compared to the same building without such additional elements on any public open  
11 spaces as deemed acceptable by the Planning Commission; and

12 (ii) such elements are limited to a maximum additional height equivalent to 7.5 percent  
13 of the height of the building to the roof of the highest occupied floor, except that in the case of a  
14 building in the 1,000-foot height district such elements are not limited in height, and any building  
15 regardless of building height or height district may feature a single spire or flagpole with a diagonal in  
16 cross-section of less than 18 feet and up to 50 feet in height in addition to elements allowed according  
17 to this subsection (M); and

18 (iii) such elements are designed as integral components of the building design, enhance  
19 both the overall silhouette of the building and the City skyline as viewed from distant public vantage  
20 points by producing an elegant and unique building top, and achieve overall design excellence.

21 **SEC. 270. BULK LIMITS: MEASUREMENT.**

22 (a) The limits upon the bulk of buildings and structures shall be as stated in this  
23 Section and in Sections 271 and 272. The terms "height," "plan dimensions," "length" and  
24 "diagonal dimensions" shall be as defined in this Code. In each height and bulk district, the  
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1 maximum plan dimensions shall be as specified in the following table, at all horizontal cross-  
2 sections above the height indicated.

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5 Insert into Table 270 BULK LIMITS after the District Symbol on Zoning Map Column  
6 designation "S" a new designation as follows: S-2. The column adjacent to the new "S-2" designation  
7 should include the following language: "This table not applicable. But see Section 270(d)."

8 (b) These limits shall not apply to the buildings, structures and equipment listed in  
9 Section 260(b)(2) (K), (L), (M) and (N) of this Code, subject to the limitations expressed  
10 therein.

11 (c) Maximum plan lengths and diagonal dimensions do not apply to cornices or  
12 other decorative projections.

13 (d) The bulk limits contained in this subsection shall apply in S and S-2 Bulk  
14 Districts as designated on Sectional Map Nos. 1H, 2H and 7H of the Zoning Map.

15 (1) **Base.** The base is the lowest portion of the building extending vertically to a  
16 streetwall height up to 1.25 times the width of the widest abutting street or 50 feet, whichever  
17 is more. There are no length or diagonal dimension limitations applicable to the base. The  
18 building base shall be delineated from the lower and upper tower and related to abutting  
19 buildings by a setback, cornice line or equivalent projection or other appropriate means. In the  
20 C-3-O(SD) district additional requirements for building base and streetwall articulation and setbacks  
21 are described in Section 132.1.

22 (2) **Lower Tower.**

23 (A) **Dimensions.** Bulk controls for the lower tower apply to that portion of  
24 the building height above the base as shown on Chart B. For buildings of less than 160 feet in  
25 height, the lower tower controls are the only bulk controls above the base of the building. The

1 bulk controls for the lower tower are a maximum length of 160 feet, a maximum floor size of  
2 20,000 square feet, and a maximum diagonal dimension of 190 feet.

3 NOTE TO EDITOR: Retain existing Chart B BULK LIMITS

4 (B) **Additional Bulk for Elevators.** Solely in order to accommodate  
5 additional elevators required by tall buildings the lower portion (up to the height shown on  
6 Chart B) of the lower tower of a building 500 feet tall or taller may be enlarged up to a  
7 maximum length of 190 feet, a maximum diagonal dimension of 230 feet and a maximum floor  
8 size of up to 25,000 square feet without a corresponding reduction in upper floor size.

9 (3) **Upper Tower.**

10 (A) **Dimensions.** Upper tower bulk controls apply to buildings taller than  
11 160 feet. They apply to the upper tower portion of a building up to the height shown on Chart  
12 B, which height excludes the vertical attachment and other features exempted by Section 260  
13 and excludes the extended upper tower height exceptions provided for in Section 263.7 of this  
14 Code. The bulk controls for the upper tower are: a maximum length of 130 feet; a maximum  
15 average floor size of 12,000 square feet; a maximum floor size for any floor of 17,000 square  
16 feet; and a maximum average diagonal measure of 160 feet. In determining the average floor  
17 size of the upper tower, areas with a cross-sectional area of less than 4,000 square feet may  
18 not be counted and sculptured architectural forms that contain large volumes of space but no  
19 usable floors shall be included in average floor size calculation by computing the cross section  
20 at 12.5-foot intervals.

21 (B) **Volume Reduction.** When the average floor size of the lower tower  
22 exceeds 5,000 square feet, the volume of the upper tower shall be reduced to a percentage of  
23 the volume that would occur if the average floor size of the lower tower were extended to the  
24 proposed building height. The percentage varies with the bulk of the lower tower and with  
25 whether or not a height extension is employed pursuant to Section 263.7 and is shown on

1 Chart C. In achieving the required volume reduction, a setback or change in profile at a  
2 specific elevation is not required.

3 (C) **Extensions.** Extension of the upper tower above the otherwise  
4 allowable height limits may be permitted as provided in Section 263.9.

5 (D) **Termination of the Tower.** The top of the tower shall be massed in a  
6 manner that will create a visually distinctive roof or other termination of the building facade.  
7 Modifications to a proposed project may be required, in the manner provided in Section 309,  
8 to achieve this purpose.

9 (4) Buildings Taller than 650 Feet in the S-2 Bulk District. For buildings taller than 650 feet  
10 in height in the S-2 Bulk District, the following controls shall apply in lieu of the controls of subsections  
11 (1)-(3):

12 (A) Lower Tower. There are no bulk controls for the lower tower except as required by  
13 Section 132.1. The lower tower for such buildings shall be defined as the bottom two-thirds of the  
14 building from sidewalk grade to roof of the uppermost occupied floor.

15 (B) Upper Tower. The average floor size of the upper tower shall not exceed 75 percent  
16 of the average floor size of the lower tower, and the average diagonal dimension shall not exceed 87  
17 percent of the average diagonal dimension of the lower tower.

18 (i) In determining the average floor size and average diagonal of the upper tower,  
19 unoccupied architectural elements permitted according to Section 260(b)(1)(M), except for levels  
20 consisting of singular spires with a diagonal in cross-section of less than 18 feet, may be included in  
21 the calculations if the Planning Commission determines, according to the procedures of Section 309,  
22 that such unoccupied architectural elements produce a distinct visual tapering of the building as  
23 intended by the controls of subsection (B) and create an elegant profile for the upper tower from key  
24 public vantage points throughout the City and beyond. In calculating the floor size and diagonal of



1 such architectural elements, a cross section floor proscribed by the most distant outside points of all  
2 elements shall be assumed at 12.5-foot intervals.

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5 (e) **Rincon Hill and South Beach.** In Bulk District R (Rincon Hill and South  
6 Beach DTR Districts), bulk limitations are as follows:

7 (1) There are no bulk limits below the podium height as described in Section  
8 263.19, except for the lot coverage limitations and setback requirements described in  
9 Sections 825 and 827.

10 (2) **Tower Bulk and Spacing.** All portions of structures above the podium  
11 height as described in Section 263.19 shall meet the following bulk limitations, as illustrated in  
12 Chart C.

13 (A) Buildings between the podium height limit and 240 feet in height may  
14 not exceed a plan length of 90 feet and a diagonal dimension of 120 square feet.

15 (B) Buildings between 241 and 300 feet in height may not exceed a plan  
16 length of 100 feet and a diagonal dimension of 125 feet, and may not exceed a maximum  
17 average floor area of 8,500 gross square feet.

18 (C) Buildings between 301 and 350 feet in height may not exceed a plan  
19 length of 115 feet and a diagonal dimension of 145 feet. They may not exceed a maximum  
20 average floor area of 9,000 gross square feet.

21 (D) Buildings between 351 and 550 feet in height may not exceed a plan  
22 length of 115 feet and a diagonal dimension of 145 feet. They may not exceed a maximum  
23 average floor area of 10,000 gross square feet.

1 (E) To allow variety in the articulation of towers, the floor plates of individual  
2 floors may exceed the maximums described above by as much as 5 percent, provided the  
3 maximum average floor plate is met.

4 (F) To encourage tower sculpting, the gross floor area of the top one-third of  
5 the tower shall be reduced by 10 percent from the maximum floor plates described in (A) - (D)  
6 above, unless the overall tower floor plate is reduced by an equal or greater volume.

7 (G) In order to provide adequate sunlight and air to streets and open  
8 spaces, a minimum distance of 115 feet must be preserved between all structures above 110  
9 feet in height at all levels above 110 feet in height. Spacing shall be measured horizontally  
10 from the outside surface of the exterior wall of the subject building to the nearest point on the  
11 closest structure above 110 feet in height. Any project that is permitted pursuant to the  
12 exception described in Section 270(e)(3) shall not be considered for the purposes of  
13 measuring tower spacing pursuant to this Section.

14 (H) The procedures for granting special exceptions to bulk limits described  
15 in Section 271 shall not apply; exceptions may be granted pursuant to Sections 270(e)(3) and  
16 270(e)(4).

17 (I) Additional setback, lot coverage, and design requirements for the DTR  
18 Districts are described in Sections 825 and 827.

19 (3) **Exceptions to tower spacing and upper tower sculpting requirements**  
20 **in Rincon Hill DTR.** An exception to the 115 feet tower spacing requirement and the upper  
21 tower sculpting requirement described in (F) and (G) above may be granted to a project only  
22 on Block 3747 on a lot formed by the merger of part or all of Lots 001E, 002 and 006,  
23 pursuant to the procedures described in 309.1 of this Code provided that projects meet the  
24 following criteria:  
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1 (i) Applications for environmental review and conditional use related to a  
2 building above 85 feet in height on the subject lot have been filed with the Department prior to  
3 March 1, 2003 and February 1, 2005, respectively;

4 (ii) Given the 115 tower spacing requirement described in (F) above, the  
5 existence of an adjacent building greater than 85 feet in height precludes the development of  
6 a tower on the subject lot;

7 (iii) The subject lot has a total area of no less than 35,000 square feet;

8 (iv) The proposed project is primarily residential and has an area of no more  
9 than 528,000 gross square feet;

10 (v) The proposed project conforms to all other controls described or  
11 referenced in Section 827 and any other controls in this Code related to the Rincon Hill DTR  
12 District.

13 (vi) For the purposes of subsection (iv) above, the term "gross square feet"  
14 shall be the sum of the gross areas of all floors of a building or buildings above street grade  
15 measured from the exterior faces of exterior walls or from the center lines of walls separating  
16 two buildings, excluding area below street grade. Where columns are outside and separated  
17 from an exterior wall (curtain wall) which encloses the building space or are otherwise so  
18 arranged that the curtain wall is clearly separated from the structural members, the exterior  
19 face of the curtain wall shall be the line of measurement, and the area of the columns  
20 themselves at each floor shall also be counted.

21 (4) **Allowance for limited reduction in spacing from existing towers in**  
22 **Rincon Hill DTR.** To allow limited variation in tower placement from towers for which a  
23 certificate of occupancy has been issued prior to February 1, 2005, a reduction in tower  
24 spacing described in (G) above may be granted pursuant to the procedures described in 309.1  
25 of this Code if all the following criteria are met:

1 (i) For every percent reduction from the maximum average floor area as  
2 described in (2) above, an equal percent reduction in tower separation may be granted  
3 subject to the following limits:

4 (ii) Up to a height of one-and-one-half times the maximum permitted podium  
5 height, tower spacing described in (G) above may be reduced by not more than 15 percent;

6 (iii) up to a height of 180 feet, tower spacing described in (G) above may be reduced by not  
7 more than 10 percent; and (iv) all floors above 180 feet achieve the full 115-foot minimum  
8 tower spacing requirement described in (G) above. A project may average the tower  
9 separation of all floors below 180 feet so long as the requirements of (iii) and (iv) are satisfied.

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11 NOTE TO EDITOR: Retain existing Chart C:  
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13 (f) **Van Ness and Market Downtown Residential Special Use District.** In Bulk  
14 District R-2 (Van Ness and Market Downtown Special Use District), bulk limitations are as  
15 follows:

16 (1) **Tower Bulk and Spacing.** In height districts 120/200-R-2, 120/300-R-2,  
17 120/320-R-2, and 120/400-R-2, there are no bulk limitations below 120 feet in height, and  
18 structures above 120 feet in height shall meet the bulk limitations described in subsection  
19 (e)(2)(A)-(F). In height district 85/250-R-2 there are no bulk limitations below 85 feet in height,  
20 and structures above 85 feet in height shall meet the bulk limitations described in subsections  
21 (e)(2)(A) - (F).

22 (2) In order to provide adequate sunlight and air to streets and open spaces, a  
23 minimum distance of 115 feet must be preserved between all structures above 120 feet in  
24 height at all levels above 120 feet in height. Spacing shall be measured horizontally from the  
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1 outside surface of the exterior wall of the subject building to the nearest point on the closest  
2 structure above 120 feet in height.

3 (3) No exceptions shall be permitted. The procedures for granting special  
4 exceptions to bulk limits described in Section 272 shall not apply.

5 **SEC. 272. BULK LIMITS: SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS IN C-3 DISTRICTS.**

6 (a) **General.** The bulk limits prescribed by Section 270 have been carefully  
7 considered in relation to objectives and policies for conservation and change in C-3 Districts.  
8 However, there may be some exceptional cases in which these limits may properly be  
9 permitted to be exceeded to a certain degree, provided, however, that there are adequate  
10 compensating factors. Exceptions to the bulk limits may be approved in the manner provided  
11 in Section 309, provided that at least one of the following criteria is met:

12 (1) Achievement of a distinctly better design, in both a public and a private  
13 sense, than would be possible with strict adherence to the bulk limits, avoiding an  
14 unnecessary prescription of building form while carrying out the intent of the bulk limits and  
15 the principles and policies of the Master Plan;

16 (2) Development of a building or structure with widespread public service  
17 benefits and significance to the community at large, where compelling functional requirements  
18 of the specific building or structure make necessary such a deviation; and provided further  
19 that all of the following criteria are met:

20 (A) The added bulk does not contribute significantly to shading of publicly  
21 accessible open space,

22 (B) The added bulk does not increase ground level wind currents in  
23 violation of the provisions of Section 148 of this Code;

24 (3) The added bulk does not significantly affect light and air to adjacent  
25 buildings;

1           (4) If appropriate to the massing of the building, the appearance of bulk in the  
2 building, structure or development is reduced to the extent feasible by means of at least one  
3 and preferably a combination of the following factors, so as to produce the impression of an  
4 aggregate of parts rather than a single building mass:

5           (A) Major variations in the planes of wall surfaces, in either depth or  
6 direction, that significantly alter the mass,

7           (B) Significant differences in the heights of various portions of the building,  
8 structure or development that divide the mass into distinct elements,

9           (C) Differences in materials, colors or scales of the facades that produce  
10 separate major elements,

11           (D) Compensation for those portions of the building, structure or  
12 development that may exceed the bulk limits by corresponding reduction of other portions  
13 below the maximum bulk permitted, and

14           (E) In cases where two or more buildings, structures or towers are  
15 contained within a single development, a wide separation between such buildings, structures  
16 or towers;

17           (5) The building, structure or development is made compatible with the  
18 character and development of the surrounding area by means of all of the following factors:

19           (A) A silhouette harmonious with natural land-forms and building patterns,  
20 including the patterns produced by height limits,

21           (B) Either maintenance of an overall height similar to that of surrounding  
22 development or a sensitive transition, where appropriate, to development of a dissimilar  
23 character,

24           (C) Use of materials, colors and scales either similar to or harmonizing with  
25 those of nearby development, and

1 (D) Preservation or enhancement of the pedestrian environment by  
2 maintenance of pleasant scale and visual interest.

3 (6) Exceptions to bulk limits shall not result in a building of greater total gross  
4 floor area than would be permitted if the bulk limits were met.

5 **SEC. 303. CONDITIONAL USES.**

6 (a) **General.** The City Planning Commission shall hear and make determinations  
7 regarding applications for the authorization of conditional uses in the specific situations in  
8 which such authorization is provided for elsewhere in this Code. The procedures for  
9 conditional uses shall be as specified in this Section and in Sections 306 through 306.6,  
10 except that Planned Unit Developments shall in addition be subject to Section 304, medical  
11 institutions and post-secondary educational institutions shall in addition be subject to the  
12 institutional master plan requirements of Section 304.5, and conditional use and Planned Unit  
13 Development applications filed pursuant to Article 7, or otherwise required by this Code for  
14 uses or features in Neighborhood Commercial Districts, and conditional use applications  
15 within South of Market Districts, shall be subject to the provisions set forth in Sections 316  
16 through 316.8 of this Code, in lieu of those provided for in Sections 306.2 and 306.3 of this  
17 Code, with respect to scheduling and notice of hearings, and in addition to those provided for  
18 in Sections 306.4 and 306.5 of this Code, with respect to conduct of hearings and  
19 reconsideration.

20 (b) **Initiation.** A conditional use action may be initiated by application of the  
21 owner, or authorized agent for the owner, of the property for which the conditional use is  
22 sought. For a conditional use application to relocate a general advertising sign under  
23 subsection (I) below, application shall be made by a general advertising sign company that  
24 has filed a Relocation Agreement application and all required information with the Planning  
25 Department pursuant to Section 2.21 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

1 (c) **Determination.** After its hearing on the application, or upon the  
2 recommendation of the Director of Planning if the application is filed pursuant to Sections 316  
3 through 316.8 of this Code and no hearing is required, the City Planning Commission shall  
4 approve the application and authorize a conditional use if the facts presented are such to  
5 establish:

6 (1) That the proposed use or feature, at the size and intensity contemplated  
7 and at the proposed location, will provide a development that is necessary or desirable for,  
8 and compatible with, the neighborhood or the community:

9 (A) In Neighborhood Commercial Districts, if the proposed use is to be  
10 located at a location in which the square footage exceeds the limitations found in Planning  
11 Code § 121.2(a) or 121.2(b), the following shall be considered:

12 (i) The intensity of activity in the district is not such that allowing the  
13 larger use will be likely to foreclose the location of other needed neighborhood-servicing uses  
14 in the area; and

15 (ii) The proposed use will serve the neighborhood, in whole or in  
16 significant part, and the nature of the use requires a larger size in order to function; and

17 (iii) The building in which the use is to be located is designed in discrete  
18 elements which respect the scale of development in the district; and

19 (2) That such use or feature as proposed will not be detrimental to the health,  
20 safety, convenience or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity, or  
21 injurious to property, improvements or potential development in the vicinity, with respect to  
22 aspects including but not limited to the following:

23 (A) The nature of the proposed site, including its size and shape, and the  
24 proposed size, shape and arrangement of structures;



1 (B) The accessibility and traffic patterns for persons and vehicles, the type  
2 and volume of such traffic, and the adequacy of proposed off-street parking and loading and  
3 of proposed alternatives to off-street parking, including provisions of car-share parking  
4 spaces, as defined in Section 166 of this Code.

5 (C) The safeguards afforded to prevent noxious or offensive emissions  
6 such as noise, glare, dust and odor;

7 (D) Treatment given, as appropriate, to such aspects as landscaping,  
8 screening, open spaces, parking and loading areas, service areas, lighting and signs; and

9 (3) That such use or feature as proposed will comply with the applicable  
10 provisions of this Code and will not adversely affect the Master Plan; and

11 (4) With respect to applications filed pursuant to Article 7 of this Code, that  
12 such use or feature as proposed will provide development that is in conformity with the stated  
13 purpose of the applicable Neighborhood Commercial District, as set forth in zoning control  
14 category .1 of Sections 710 through 729 of this Code; and

15 (5) (A)

16 (i) Not be located within 1,000 feet of another such use, if the proposed  
17 use or feature is included in zoning category .47, as defined by Section 790.36 of this Code;  
18 and/or

19 (ii) Not be open between two a.m. and six a.m.; and

20 (iii) Not use electronic amplification between midnight and six a.m.; and

21 (iv) Be adequately soundproofed or insulated for noise and operated so  
22 that incidental noise shall not be audible beyond the premises or in other sections of the  
23 building and fixed-source equipment noise shall not exceed the decibel levels specified in the  
24 San Francisco Noise Control Ordinance.

1 (B) Notwithstanding the above, the City Planning Commission may  
2 authorize a conditional use which does not satisfy the criteria set forth in (5)(A)(ii) and/or  
3 (5)(A)(iii) above, if facts presented are such to establish that the use will be operated in such a  
4 way as to minimize disruption to residences in and around the district with respect to noise  
5 and crowd control.

6 (C) The action of the Planning Commission approving a conditional use  
7 does not take effect until the appeal period is over or while the approval is under appeal.

8 (6) With respect to applications for live/work units in RH, RM and RTO  
9 Districts filed pursuant to Section 209.9(f) or 209.9(h) of this Code, that:

10 (A) Each live/work unit is within a building envelope in existence on the  
11 effective date of Ordinance No. 412-88 (effective October 10, 1988) and also within a portion  
12 of the building which lawfully contains at the time of application a nonconforming,  
13 nonresidential use;

14 (B) There shall be no more than one live/work unit for each 1,000 gross  
15 square feet of floor area devoted to live/work units within the subject structure; and

16 (C) The project sponsor will provide any off-street parking, in addition to  
17 that otherwise required by this Code, needed to satisfy the reasonably anticipated auto usage  
18 by residents of and visitors to the project.

19 Such action of the City Planning Commission, in either approving or disapproving  
20 the application, shall be final except upon the filing of a valid appeal to the Board of  
21 Supervisors as provided in Section 308.1.

22 (d) Conditions. When considering an application for a conditional use as provided  
23 herein with respect to applications for development of "dwellings" as defined in Chapter 87 of  
24 the San Francisco Administrative Code, the Commission shall comply with that Chapter which  
25 requires, among other things, that the Commission not base any decision regarding the

1 development of "dwellings" in which "protected class" members are likely to reside on  
2 information which may be discriminatory to any member of a "protected class" (as all such  
3 terms are defined in Chapter 87 of the San Francisco Administrative Code). In addition, when  
4 authorizing a conditional use as provided herein, the City Planning Commission, or the Board  
5 of Supervisors on appeal, shall prescribe such additional conditions, beyond those specified in  
6 this Code, as are in its opinion necessary to secure the objectives of the Code. Once any  
7 portion of the conditional use authorization is utilized, all such conditions pertaining to such  
8 authorization shall become immediately operative. The violation of any condition so imposed  
9 shall constitute a violation of this Code and may constitute grounds for revocation of the  
10 conditional use authorization. Such conditions may include time limits for exercise of the  
11 conditional use authorization; otherwise, any exercise of such authorization must commence  
12 within a reasonable time.

13 (e) **Modification of Conditions.** Authorization of a change in any condition  
14 previously imposed in the authorization of a conditional use shall be subject to the same  
15 procedures as a new conditional use. Such procedures shall also apply to applications for  
16 modification or waiver of conditions set forth in prior stipulations and covenants relative  
17 thereto continued in effect by the provisions of Section 174 of this Code.

18 (f) **Conditional Use Abatement.** The Planning Commission may consider the  
19 possible revocation of a conditional use or the possible modification of or placement of  
20 additional conditions on a conditional use when the Planning Commission determines, based  
21 upon substantial evidence, that the applicant for the conditional use had submitted false or  
22 misleading information in the application process that could have reasonably had a substantial  
23 effect upon the decision of the Commission or the conditional use is not in compliance with a  
24 condition of approval, is in violation of law if the violation is within the subject matter  
25 jurisdiction of the Planning Commission or operates in such a manner as to create hazardous,

1 noxious or offensive conditions enumerated in Section 202(c) if the violation is within the  
2 subject matter jurisdiction of the Planning Commission and these circumstances have not  
3 been abated through administrative action of the Director, the Zoning Administrator or other  
4 City authority. Such consideration shall be the subject of a public hearing before the Planning  
5 Commission but no fee shall be required of the applicant or the subject conditional use  
6 operator.

7 (1) The Director of Planning or the Planning Commission may seek a public  
8 hearing on conditional use abatement when the Director or Commission has substantial  
9 evidence submitted within one year of the effective date of the Conditional Use authorization  
10 that the applicant for the conditional use had submitted false or misleading information in the  
11 application process that could have reasonably had a substantial effect upon the decision of  
12 the Commission or substantial evidence of a violation of conditions of approval, a violation of  
13 law, or operation which creates hazardous, noxious or offensive conditions enumerated in  
14 Section 202(c).

15 (2) The notice for the public hearing on a conditional use abatement shall be  
16 subject to the notification procedure as described in Sections 306.3 and 306.8 except that  
17 notice to the property owner and the operator of the subject establishment or use shall be  
18 mailed by regular and certified mail.

19 (3) In considering a conditional use revocation, the Commission shall consider  
20 whether and how the false or misleading information submitted by the applicant could have  
21 reasonably had a substantial effect upon the decision of the Commission, or the Board of  
22 Supervisors on appeal, to authorize the conditional use, substantial evidence of how any  
23 required condition has been violated or not implemented or how the conditional use is in  
24 violation of the law if the violation is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Planning  
25 Commission or operates in such a manner as to create hazardous, noxious or offensive

1 conditions enumerated in Section 202(c) if the violation is within the subject matter jurisdiction  
2 of the Planning Commission. As an alternative to revocation, the Commission may consider  
3 how the use can be required to meet the law or the conditions of approval, how the  
4 hazardous, noxious or offensive conditions can be abated, or how the criteria of Section  
5 303(c) can be met by modifying existing conditions or by adding new conditions which could  
6 remedy a violation.

7 (4) **Appeals.** A decision by the Planning Commission to revoke a conditional  
8 use, to modify conditions or to place additional conditions on a conditional use or a decision  
9 by the Planning Commission refusing to revoke or amend a conditional use, may be appealed  
10 to the Board of Supervisors within 30 days after the date of action by the Planning  
11 Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 308.1(b) The Board of Supervisors may  
12 disapprove the action of the Planning Commission in an abatement matter by the same vote  
13 necessary to overturn the Commission's approval or denial of a conditional use. The Planning  
14 Commission's action on a conditional use abatement issue shall take effect when the appeal  
15 period is over or, upon appeal, when there is final action on the appeal.

16 (5) **Reconsideration.** The decision by the Planning Commission with regards  
17 to a conditional use abatement issue or by the Board of Supervisors on appeal shall be final  
18 and not subject to reconsideration within a period of one year from the effective date of final  
19 action upon the earlier abatement proceeding, unless the Director of Planning determines  
20 that:

21 (A) There is substantial new evidence of a new conditional use abatement  
22 issue that is significantly different than the issue previously considered by the Planning  
23 Commission; or

24 (B) There is substantial new evidence about the same conditional use  
25 abatement issue considered in the earlier abatement proceeding, this new evidence was not

1 or could not be reasonably available at the time of the earlier abatement proceeding, and that  
2 new evidence indicates that the Commission's decision in the earlier proceeding ha l not  
3 been implemented within a reasonable time or raises significant new issues not previously  
4 considered by the Planning Commission. The decision of the Director of Planning regarding  
5 the sufficiency and adequacy of evidence to allow the reconsideration of a conditional use  
6 abatement issue within a period of one year from the effective date of final action on the  
7 earlier abatement proceeding shall be final.

8 (g) **Hotels and Motels.**

9 (1) With respect to applications for development of tourist hotels and motels,  
10 the Planning Commission shall consider, in addition to the criteria set forth in Subsections (c)  
11 and (d) above:

12 (A) The impact of the employees of the hotel or motel on the demand in the  
13 City for housing, public transit, childcare, and other social services. To the extent relevant, the  
14 Commission shall also consider the seasonal and part-time nature of employment in the hotel  
15 or motel;

16 (B) The measures that will be taken by the project sponsor to employ  
17 residents of San Francisco in order to minimize increased demand for regional transportation;  
18 and

19 (C) The market demand for a hotel or motel of the type proposed.; and

20 (D) In the Transit Center C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use District, the opportunity  
21 for commercial growth in the Special Use District and whether the proposed hotel, considered with  
22 other hotels and non-commercial uses approved or proposed for major development sites in the Special  
23 Use District since its adoption would substantially reduce the capacity to accommodate dense, transit-  
24 oriented job growth in the District.

1           (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections (~~f~~g)(1) above, the Planning  
2 Commission shall not consider the impact of the employees of a proposed hotel or motel  
3 project on the demand in the City for housing where:

4           (A) The proposed project would be located on property under the  
5 jurisdiction of the San Francisco Port Commission; and

6           (B) The sponsor of the proposed project has been granted exclusive rights  
7 to propose the project by the San Francisco Port Commission prior to June 1, 1991.

8           (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (~~f~~g)(1) above, with respect  
9 to the conversion of residential units to tourist hotel or motel use pursuant to an application  
10 filed on or before June 1, 1990 under the provisions of Chapter 41 of the San Francisco  
11 Administrative Code, the Planning Commission shall not consider the criteria contained in  
12 Subsection (~~f~~g)(1) above; provided, however, that the Planning Commission shall consider  
13 the criteria contained in Subsection (~~f~~g)(1)(B) at a separate public hearing if the applicant  
14 applies for a permit for new construction or alteration where the cost of such construction or  
15 alteration exceeds \$100,000. Furthermore, no change in classification from principal permitted  
16 use to conditional use in Section 216(b)(i) of this Code shall apply to hotels or motels that  
17 have filed applications on or before June 1, 1990 to convert residential units to tourist units  
18 pursuant to Chapter 41 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

19           (h) **Internet Services Exchange.**

20           (1) With respect to application for development of Internet Services Exchange  
21 as defined in Section 209.6(c), the Planning Commission shall, in addition to the criteria set  
22 forth in Subsection (c) above, find that:

23           (A) The intensity of the use at this location and in the surrounding  
24 neighborhood is not such that allowing the use will likely foreclose the location of other  
25 needed neighborhood-serving uses in the area;

1 (B) The building in which the use is located is designed in discrete  
2 elements, which respect the scale of development in adjacent blocks, particularly any existing  
3 residential uses;

4 (C) Rooftop equipment on the building in which the use is located is  
5 screened appropriately.

6 (D) The back-up power system for the proposed use will comply with all  
7 applicable federal state, regional and local air pollution controls.

8 (E) Fixed-source equipment noise does not exceed the decibel levels  
9 specified in the San Francisco Noise Control Ordinance.

10 (F) The building is designed to minimize energy consumption, such as  
11 through the use of energy-efficient technology, including without limitation, heating, ventilating  
12 and air conditioning systems, lighting controls, natural ventilation and recapturing waste heat,  
13 and as such commercially available technology evolves;

14 (G) The project sponsor has examined the feasibility of supplying and, to  
15 the extent feasible, will supply all or a portion of the building's power needs through on-site  
16 power generation, such as through the use of fuel cells or co-generation;

17 (H) The project sponsor shall have submitted design capacity and  
18 projected power use of the building as part of the conditional use application; and

19 (2) As a condition of approval, and so long as the use remains an Internet  
20 Services Exchange, the project sponsor shall submit to the Planning Department on an  
21 annual basis power use statements for the previous twelve-month period as provided by all  
22 suppliers of utilities and shall submit a written annual report to the Department of Environment  
23 and the Planning Department which shall state: (a) the annual energy consumption and fuel  
24 consumption of all tenants and occupants of the Internet Services Exchange; (b) the number  
25 of all diesel generators located at the site and the hours of usage, including usage for testing



1 purposes; (c) evidence that diesel generators at the site are in compliance with all applicable  
2 local, regional, state and federal permits, regulations and laws; and (d) such other information  
3 as the Planning Commission may require.

4 (3) The Planning Department shall have the following responsibilities  
5 regarding Internet Services Exchanges:

6 (A) Upon the effective date of the requirement of a conditional use permit  
7 for an Internet Services Exchange, the Planning Department shall notify property owners of all  
8 existing Internet Services Exchanges that the use has been reclassified as a conditional use;

9 (B) Upon the effective date of the requirement of a conditional use permit  
10 for an Internet Services Exchange, the Planning Department shall submit to the Board of  
11 Supervisors and to the Director of the Department of Building Inspection a written report  
12 covering all existing Internet Services Exchanges and those Internet Services Exchanges  
13 seeking to obtain a conditional use permit, which report shall state the address, assessor's  
14 block and lot, zoning classification, square footage of the Internet Services Exchange  
15 constructed or to be constructed, a list of permits previously issued by the Planning and/or  
16 Building Inspection Departments concerning the Internet Services Exchange, the date of  
17 issuance of such permits, and the status of any outstanding requests for permits from the  
18 Planning and/or Building Inspection Departments concerning Internet Services Exchange; and

19 (C) Within three years from the effective date of the requirement of a  
20 conditional use permit for an Internet Services Exchange, the Planning Department, in  
21 consultation with the Department of Environment, shall submit to the Board of Supervisors a  
22 written report, which report shall contain the Planning Commission's evaluation of the  
23 effectiveness of the conditions imposed on Internet Services Exchanges, and whether it  
24 recommends additional or modified conditions to reduce energy and fuel consumption, limit air  
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1 pollutant emissions, and enhance the compatibility of industrial uses, such as Internet  
2 Services Exchanges, located near or in residential or commercial districts.

3 (i) **Formula Retail Uses.**

4 (1) **Formula Retail Use.** A formula retail use is hereby defined as a type of  
5 retail sales activity or retail sales establishment which has eleven or more other retail sales  
6 establishments located in the United States. In addition to the eleven establishments, the  
7 business maintains two or more of the following features: a standardized array of  
8 merchandise, a standardized facade, a standardized decor and color scheme, a uniform  
9 apparel, standardized signage, a trademark or a servicemark.

10 (A) Standardized array of merchandise shall be defined as 50% or more of  
11 in-stock merchandise from a single distributor bearing uniform markings.

12 (B) Trademark shall be defined as a word, phrase, symbol or design, or a  
13 combination of words, phrases, symbols or designs that identifies and distinguishes the  
14 source of the goods from one party from those of others.

15 (C) Servicemark shall be defined as word, phrase, symbol or design, or a  
16 combination of words, phrases, symbols or designs that identifies and distinguishes the  
17 source of a service from one party from those of others.

18 (D) Decor shall be defined as the style of interior furnishings, which may  
19 include but is not limited to, style of furniture, wall coverings or permanent fixtures.

20 (E) Color Scheme shall be defined as selection of colors used throughout,  
21 such as on the furnishings, permanent fixtures, and wall coverings, or as used on the facade.

22 (F) <sup>3</sup> Facade shall be defined as the face or front of a building, including  
23 awnings, looking onto a street or an open space.

1 (G) 3 Uniform Apparel shall be defined as standardized items of clothing  
2 including but not limited to standardized aprons, pants, shirts, smocks or dresses, hat, and  
3 pins (other than name tags) as well as standardized colors of clothing.

4 (H) 3 Signage shall be defined as business sign pursuant to Section 602.3  
5 of the Planning Code.

6 (2) **"Retail sales activity or retail sales establishment."** A retail sales  
7 activity or retail sales establishment shall include the following uses, as defined in Article 7  
8 and Article 8 of this Code: "bar," "drive-up facility," "eating and drinking use," "liquor store,"  
9 "restaurant, large fast-food," "restaurant, small self-service," "restaurant, full-service," "sales  
10 and service, other retail," "sales and service, retail," "movie theatre," "video store,"  
11 "amusement and game arcade," "take-out food," and "specialty food, self-service."

12 (3) **Conditional Use Criteria.** With regard to a conditional use authorization  
13 application for a formula retail use, the Planning Commission shall consider, in addition to the  
14 criteria set forth in Subsection (c) above:

15 (A) The existing concentrations of formula retail uses within the district.

16 (B) The availability of other similar retail uses within the district.

17 (C) The compatibility of the proposed formula retail use with the existing  
18 architectural and aesthetic character of the district.

19 (D) The existing retail vacancy rates within the district.

20 (E) The existing mix of Citywide-serving retail uses and neighborhood-  
21 serving retail uses within the district.

22 (4) **Conditional Use Authorization Required.** A Conditional Use  
23 Authorization shall be required for a formula retail use in the following zoning districts unless  
24 explicitly exempted:

25 (A) All Neighborhood Commercial Districts in Article 7;

- 1 (B) All Mixed Use-General Districts in Article 8;
- 2 (C) All Urban Mixed Use Districts in Article 8;
- 3 (D) RC-3 and RC-4 zoned parcels along Van Ness Avenue;
- 4 (E) Japantown Special Use District as defined in Section 249.31;
- 5 (F) Chinatown Community Business District as defined in Section 810;
- 6 (G) Chinatown Residential/Neighborhood Commercial District as defined in
- 7 812;

8 (H) Western SoMa Planning Area Special Use District as defined in 802.5.4

9 (5) Formula Retail Uses Not Permitted. Formula Retail Uses are not permitted  
10 in the following zoning districts:

- 11 (A) Hayes-Gough Neighborhood Commercial Transit District;
- 12 (B) North Beach Neighborhood Commercial District;
- 13 (C) Chinatown Visitor Retail District.

14 (6) **Neighborhood Commercial Notification and Design Review.** Any  
15 building permit application for a "formula retail use" as defined in this section and located  
16 within a Neighborhood Commercial District in Article 7 shall be subject to the Neighborhood  
17 Commercial Notification and Design Review Procedures of Section 312 of this Code.

18 (7) **Change in Use.** A change from one formula retail use to another requires  
19 a new Conditional Use Authorization, whether or not a Conditional Use Authorization would  
20 otherwise be required by the particular change in use in question. This Conditional Use  
21 Authorization requirement also applies in changes from one Formula Retail operator to  
22 another within the same use category. A new Conditional Use Authorization shall not apply to  
23 a change in a formula use retailer that meets the following criteria:

- 24 (A) the formula use operation remains the same in terms of its size,  
25 function and general merchandise offering as determined by the Zoning Administrator, and

1 (B) the change in the formula retail use operator is the result of the  
2 business being purchased by another formula retail operator who will retain all components of  
3 the existing retailer and make minor alterations to the establishment(s) such as signage and  
4 branding.

5 The new operator shall comply with all conditions of approval previously  
6 imposed on the existing operator, including but not limited to signage programs and hours of  
7 operation; and shall conduct the operation generally in the same manner and offer essentially  
8 the same services and/or type of merchandise; or seek and be granted a new Conditional Use  
9 Authorization.

10 (8) **Determination of Formula Retail Use.** In those areas in which "formula  
11 retail uses" are prohibited, any building permit application determined by the City to be for a  
12 "formula retail use" that does not identify the use as a "formula retail use" is incomplete and  
13 cannot be processed until the omission is corrected. Any building permit approved that is  
14 determined by the City to have been, at the time of application, for a "formula retail use" that  
15 did not identify the use as a "formula retail use" is subject to revocation at any time. If the City  
16 determines that a building permit application or building permit subject to this Section of the  
17 Code is for a "formula retail use," the building permit application or holder bears the burden of  
18 proving to the City that the proposed or existing use is not a "formula retail use."

19 (j) **Large-Scale Retail Uses.** With respect to applications for the establishment of  
20 large-scale retail uses under Section 121.6, in addition to the criteria set forth in Subsections  
21 (c) and (d) above, the Commission shall consider the following:

22 (A) The extent to which the retail use's parking is planned in a manner that  
23 creates or maintains active street frontage patterns;

24 (B) The extent to which the retail use is a component of a mixed-use project or  
25 is designed in a manner that encourages mixed-use building opportunities;

1 (C) This shift in traffic patterns that may result from drawing traffic to the  
2 location of the proposed use; and

3 (D) The impact that the employees at the proposed use will have on the  
4 demand in the City for housing, public transit, childcare, and other social services.

5 (k) **Movie Theater Uses.**

6 (1) With respect to a change in use or demolition of a movie theater use as set  
7 forth in Sections 221.1, 703.2(b)(1)(B)(ii), 803.2(b)(2)(B)(iii) or 803.3(b)(1)(B)(ii), in addition to  
8 the criteria set forth in Subsections (c) and (d) above, the Commission shall make the  
9 following findings:

10 (A) Preservation of a movie theater use is no longer economically viable  
11 and cannot effect a reasonable economic return to the property owner;

12 (i) For purposes of defining "reasonable economic return," the Planning  
13 Commission shall be guided by the criteria for "fair return on investment" as set forth in  
14 Section 228.4(a).

15 (B) The change in use or demolition of the movie theater use will not  
16 undermine the economic diversity and vitality of the surrounding Neighborhood Commercial  
17 District; and

18 (C) The resulting project will preserve the architectural integrity of important  
19 historic features of the movie theater use affected.

20 (l) **Relocation of Existing General Advertising Signs pursuant to a General  
21 Advertising Sign Company Relocation Agreement.**

22 (1) Before the Planning Commission may consider an application for a  
23 conditional use to relocate an existing lawfully permitted general advertising sign as  
24 authorized by Section 611 of this Code, the applicant sign company must have:

1 (A) Obtained a current Relocation Agreement approved by the Board of  
2 Supervisors under Section 2.21 of the San Francisco Administrative Code that covers the sign  
3 or signs proposed to be relocated; and

4 (B) Submitted to the Department a current sign inventory, site map, and the  
5 other information required under Section 604.2 of this Code; and

6 (C) Obtained the written consent to the relocation of the sign from the  
7 owner of the property upon which the existing sign structure is erected.

8 (D) Obtained a permit to demolish the sign structure at the existing  
9 location.

10 (2) The Department, in its discretion, may review in a single conditional use  
11 application all signs proposed for relocation by a general advertising company or may require  
12 that one or more of the signs proposed for relocation be considered in a separate application  
13 or applications. Prior to the Commission's public hearing on the application, the Department  
14 shall have verified the completeness and accuracy of the general advertising sign company's  
15 sign inventory.

16 (3) Only one sign may be erected in a new location, which shall be the same  
17 square footage or less than the existing sign proposed to be relocated. In no event may the  
18 square footage of several existing signs be aggregated in order to erect a new sign with  
19 greater square footage.

20 (4) In addition to applicable criteria set forth in subsection (c) above, the  
21 Planning Commission shall consider the size and visibility of the signs proposed to be located  
22 as well as the following factors in determining whether to approve or disapprove a proposed  
23 relocation:

24 (A) The factors set forth in this subsection (A) shall weigh in favor of the  
25 Commission's approval of the proposed relocation site:

1 (i) The sign or signs proposed for relocation are lawfully existing but are  
2 not in conformity with the sign regulations that existed prior to the adoption of Proposition G  
3 on March 5, 2002.

4 (ii) The sign or signs proposed for relocation are on a City list, if any, of  
5 priorities for sign removal or signs preferred for relocation.

6 (iii) The sign or signs proposed for relocation are within, adjacent to, or  
7 visible from property under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Port Commission, the San  
8 Francisco Unified School District, or the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission.

9 (iv) The sign or signs proposed for relocation are within, adjacent to, or  
10 visible from an Historic District or conservation district designated in Article 10 or Article 11 of  
11 the Planning Code.

12 (v) The sign or signs proposed for relocation are within, adjacent to, or  
13 visible from a zoning district where general advertising signs are prohibited.

14 (vi) The sign or signs proposed for relocation are within, adjacent to, or  
15 visible from a designated view corridor.

16 (B) The factors set forth in this Subsection (B) shall weigh against the  
17 Commission's approval of the proposed relocation:

18 (i) The sign or signs proposed for relocation are or will be obstructed,  
19 partially obstructed, or removed from public view by another structure or by landscaping.

20 (ii) The proposed relocation site is adjacent to or visible from property  
21 under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Port Commission, the San Francisco Unified  
22 School District, or the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission.

23 (iii) The proposed relocation site is adjacent to or visible from an Historic  
24 District or conservation district designated in Article 10 or Article 11 of the Planning Code.



1 (iv) The proposed relocation site is within, adjacent to, or visible from a  
2 zoning district where general advertising signs are prohibited.

3 (v) The proposed relocation site is within, adjacent to, or visible from a  
4 designated view corridor.

5 (vi) There is significant neighborhood opposition to the proposed  
6 relocation site.

7 (5) In no event may the Commission approve a relocation where:

8 (A) The sign or signs proposed for relocation have been erected, placed,  
9 replaced, reconstructed, or relocated on the property, or intensified in illumination or other  
10 aspect, or expanded in area or in any dimension in violation of Article 6 of this Code or without  
11 a permit having been duly issued therefore; 5 or

12 (B) The proposed relocation site is not a lawful location under Planning  
13 Code Section 611(c)(2); or

14 (C) The sign in its new location would exceed the size, height or  
15 dimensions, or increase the illumination or other intensity of the sign at its former location; or

16 (D) The sign in its new location would not comply with the Code  
17 requirements for that location as set forth in Article 6 of this Code; or

18 (E) The sign has been removed from its former location; or

19 (F) The owner of the property upon which the existing sign structure is  
20 erected has not consented in writing to the relocation of the sign.

21 (6) The Planning Commission may adopt additional criteria for relocation of  
22 general advertising signs that do not conflict with this Section 303(l) or Section 611 of this  
23 Code.

24 (m) General Grocery Store Uses.  
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1 (1) With respect to a change in use or demolition of general grocery store use  
2 as set forth in Sections 218.2, 703.2(b)(1)(B)(iii), 803.2(b)(1)(B)(iv) or 803.3 (b)(1)(B)(iii) which  
3 use exceeds 5,000 gross square feet, in addition to the criteria set forth in Subsections (c) and  
4 (d) above, the Commission shall make the following findings:

5 (A) Preservation of a general grocery store use is no longer economically  
6 viable and cannot effect a reasonable economic return to the property owner. The  
7 Commission may disregard the above finding if it finds that the change in use or replacement  
8 structure in the case of demolition will contain a general grocery store that is of a sufficient  
9 size to serve the shopping needs of nearby residents and offers comparable services to the  
10 former general grocery store.

11 (i) For purposes of defining "reasonable economic return," the Planning  
12 Commission shall be guided by the criteria for "fair return on investment" as set forth in  
13 Section 228.4(a).

14 (B) The change in use or demolition of the general grocery store use will  
15 not undermine the economic diversity and vitality of the surrounding neighborhood.

16 (n) **Tobacco Paraphernalia Establishments.**

17 (1) With respect to a Tobacco Paraphernalia Establishment, as set forth in  
18 Section 227(v) of this Code, in addition to the criteria set forth in Subsections (c) and (d)  
19 above, the Commission shall make the following findings:

20 (A) The concentration of such establishments in the particular zoning  
21 district for which they are proposed does not appear to contribute directly to peace, health,  
22 safety, and general welfare problems, including drug use, drug sales, drug trafficking, other  
23 crimes associated with drug use, loitering, and littering, as well as traffic circulation, parking,  
24 and noise problems on the district's public streets and lots;

1 (B) The concentration of such establishments in the particular zoning  
2 district for which they are proposed does not appear to adversely impact the health, safety,  
3 and welfare of residents of nearby areas, including fear for the safety of children, elderly and  
4 disabled residents, and visitors to San Francisco; and

5 (C) The proposed establishment is compatible with the existing character of  
6 the particular district for which it is proposed.

7 (o) **Massage Establishments.**

8 (1) With respect to Massage Establishments, as defined in Sections 218.1,  
9 790.60, and 890.60 of this Code, in addition to the criteria set forth in Subsection (c) above,  
10 the Commission shall make the following findings:

11 (A) Whether the applicant has obtained, and maintains in good standing, a  
12 permit for a Massage Establishment from the Department of Public Health pursuant to Section  
13 1908 of the San Francisco Health Code;

14 (B) Whether the use's facade is transparent and open to the public.  
15 Permanent transparency and openness are preferable. Elements that lend openness and  
16 transparency to a facade include: i) active street frontage of at least 25' in length where 75%  
17 of that length is devoted to entrances to commercially used space or windows at the  
18 pedestrian eye-level; ii) windows that use clear, untinted glass, except for decorative or  
19 architectural accent; iii) any decorative railings or decorative grille work, other than wire mesh,  
20 which is placed in front of or behind such windows, should be at least 75 percent open to  
21 perpendicular view and no more than six feet in height above grade;

22 (C) Whether the use includes pedestrian-oriented lighting. Well lit  
23 establishments where lighting is installed and maintained along all public rights-of-way  
24 adjacent to the building with the massage use during the post-sunset hours of the massage  
25 use are encouraged:

1 (D) Whether the use is reasonably oriented to facilitate public access.

2 Barriers that make entrance to the use more difficult than to an average service-provider in  
3 the area are to be strongly discouraged. These include (but are not limited to) foyers equipped  
4 with double doors that can be opened only from the inside and security cameras.

5 **SEC. 309. PERMIT REVIEW IN C-3 DISTRICTS.**

6 The provisions and procedures set forth in this Section shall govern the review of  
7 project authorization and building and site permit applications for (1) the construction or  
8 substantial alteration of structures in C-3 Districts, (2) the granting of exceptions to certain  
9 requirements of this Code where the provisions of this Section are invoked, and (3) the  
10 approval of open space and streetscape requirements of the Planning Code. When any action  
11 authorized by this Section is taken, any determination with respect to the proposed project  
12 required or authorized pursuant to CEQA may also be considered. This Section shall not  
13 require additional review in connection with a site or building permit application if review  
14 hereunder was completed with respect to the same proposed structure or alteration in  
15 connection with a project authorization application pursuant to Section 322.

16 (a) Exceptions. Exceptions to the following provisions of this Code may be granted  
17 as provided in the code sections referred to below:

18 (1) Exceptions to the setback, streetwall, tower separation, and rear yard  
19 requirements as permitted in Sections 132.1 and 134(d);

20 (2) Exceptions to the ground-level wind current requirements as permitted in  
21 Section 148;

22 (3) Exceptions to the sunlight to public sidewalk requirement as permitted in  
23 Section 146;

24 (4) Exceptions to the limitation on residential accessory parking as permitted in  
25 Section 151.1(e);

1 (5) Exceptions to the limitation on curb cuts for parking access as permitted in  
2 Section 155(r);

3 (6) Exceptions to the limitations on above-grade residential accessory parking  
4 as permitted in Section 155(s);

5 (7) Exceptions to the freight loading and service vehicle space requirements as  
6 permitted in Section 161(h);

7 (8) Exceptions to the off-street tour bus loading space requirements as  
8 permitted in Section 162;

9 (9) Exceptions to the use requirements in the C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use Sub-  
10 district in Section 248;

11 (10) Exceptions to the height limits for buildings taller than 550 feet in height in the S-2  
12 Bulk District for allowance of non-occupied architectural, screening, and rooftop elements that meet  
13 the criteria of Section 260(b)(1)(M);

14 (911) Exceptions to the height limits for vertical extensions as permitted in  
15 Section 260(b)(1)(G) and for upper tower extensions as permitted in Section 263.7;

16 (~~1012~~) Exceptions to the height limits in the 80-130F and 80-130X Height and  
17 Bulk Districts as permitted in Section 263.6 and in the 200-400S Height and Bulk District as  
18 permitted in Section 263.8;

19 (~~1113~~) Exceptions to the bulk requirements as permitted in Sections 270 and  
20 272.

21 (b) Design Review. In addition to the requirements set forth in this Code,  
22 additional design requirements and limitations (hereafter referred to as modifications) may be  
23 imposed on the following aspects of a proposed project, through the imposition of conditions,  
24 in order to achieve the objectives and policies of the Master Plan or the purposes of this  
25 Code:

1 (1) Building siting, orientation, massing and facade treatment, including  
2 proportion, scale, setbacks, materials, cornice, parapet and fenestration treatment, and design  
3 of building tops;

4 (2) Aspects of the project affecting views and view corridors, shadowing of  
5 sidewalks and open spaces, openness of the street to the sky, ground-level wind current, and  
6 maintenance of predominant streetwalls in the immediate vicinity;

7 (3) Aspects of the project affecting parking, traffic circulation and transit  
8 operation and loading points;

9 (4) Aspects of the project affecting its energy consumption;

10 (5) Aspects of the project related to pedestrian activity, such as placement of  
11 entrances, street scale, visual richness, location of retail uses, and pedestrian circulation, and  
12 location and design of open space features;

13 (6) Aspects of the project affecting public spaces adjacent to the project, such  
14 as the location and type of street trees and landscaping, sidewalk paving material, and the  
15 design and location of street furniture as required by Section 138.1;

16 (7) Aspects of the project relating to quality of the living environment of  
17 residential units, including housing unit size and the provisions of open space for residents;

18 (8) Aspects of the design of the project which have significant adverse  
19 environmental consequences;

20 (9) Aspects of the project that affect its compliance with the provisions of  
21 Sections 1109(c), 1111.2(c), 1111.6(c), and 1113 regarding new construction and alterations  
22 in conservation districts;

23 (10) Other aspects of the project for which modifications are justified because  
24 of its unique or unusual location, environment, topography or other circumstances.  
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1 (c) **Application Process for 309 Review.** Review subject to this Section will be  
2 triggered by submittal of a Section 309 Application or submittal of a building or site permit.

3 (d) **Notice of Proposed Approval.** If, after a review of the Application or building  
4 or site permit, and (1) the Zoning Administrator determines that an application complies with  
5 the provisions of this Code and that no exception is sought as provided in Subsection (a), and  
6 (2) the Director of Planning determines that no additional modifications are warranted as  
7 provided in Subsection (b), and (3) the project meets the open space and streetscape  
8 requirements of the Planning Code or (4) the project sponsor agrees to the modifications as  
9 requested by the Director, the Zoning Administrator shall provide notice of the proposed  
10 approval of the application by mail to all owners of the property immediately adjacent to the  
11 property that is subject of the Application no less than 10 days before final approval, and, in  
12 addition, to any person who has requested such notice in writing. If no request for Planning  
13 Commission review pursuant to Subsection (g) is made within 10 days of such notice, the  
14 Zoning Administrator shall approve the application.

15 (e) **Hearing and Determination of Applications for Exceptions.**

16 (1) **Hearing.** The Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on an  
17 application for an exception as provided in Subsection (a).

18 (2) **Notice of Hearing.** Notice of such hearing shall be mailed not less than 10  
19 days prior to the date of the hearing to the project applicant, to property owners within 300  
20 feet of the project that is the subject of the application, using for this purpose the names and  
21 addresses as shown on the citywide Assessment Roll in the Assessor's Office, and to any  
22 person who has requested such notice. The notice shall state that the written  
23 recommendation of the Director of Planning regarding the request for an exception will be  
24 available for public review at the office of the Planning Department.

1           (3) **Decision and Appeal.** The Commission may, after public hearing and after  
2 making appropriate findings, approve, disapprove or approve subject to conditions, the  
3 application for an exception. The decision of the Planning Commission may be appealed to  
4 the Board of Appeals by any person aggrieved within 15 days after the date of the decision by  
5 filing a written notice of appeal with that Body, setting forth wherein it is alleged that there was  
6 an error in the interpretation of the provisions of this Code or abuse of discretion on the part of  
7 the Planning Commission.

8           (4) **Decision on Appeal.** Upon the hearing of an appeal, the Board of Appeals  
9 may, subject to the same limitations as are placed on the Planning Commission by Charter or  
10 by this Code, approve, disapprove or modify the decision appealed from. If the determination  
11 of the Board differs from that of the Commission it shall, in a written decision, specify the error  
12 in interpretation or abuse of discretion on the part of the Commission and shall specify in the  
13 findings, as part of the written decision, the facts relied upon in arriving at its determination.

14           (f) **Administrative Approval of Design Review.**

15           (1) **Recommendations.** If the Director of Planning determines that  
16 modifications through the imposition of conditions are warranted as provided in Subsection  
17 (b), or that the open space requirements or the streetscape requirements of the Planning  
18 Code have not been complied with, the matter shall be scheduled for hearing before the  
19 Planning Commission. If the Director determines that the open space and streetscape  
20 requirements of the Planning Code have been complied with and the applicant does not  
21 oppose the imposition of conditions which the Director has determined are warranted, the  
22 applicant may waive the right to a hearing before the Commission in writing and agree to the  
23 conditions. The Zoning Administrator shall provide notice of the proposed approval of the  
24 application according to the notice given for applications governed by Subsection (d), so that  
25 any person seeking additional modifications or objecting to the open space or streetscape



1 requirements determination may make such a request for Planning Commission review as  
2 provided in Subsection (g). If no request is made within 10 days of such notice, the Zoning  
3 Administrator shall approve the application subject to the conditions.

4 (2) **Notice.** If the proposed application will be heard by the Planning  
5 Commission, notice of such hearing shall be mailed not less than 10 days prior to the hearing  
6 to the project applicant, to property owners immediately adjacent to the site of the application  
7 using for this purpose the names and addresses as shown on the citywide Assessment Roll in  
8 the Assessor's Office, and to any person who has requested such notice. The notice shall  
9 state that the Director's written recommendation will be available for public review at the  
10 Planning Department.

11 (3) **Commission Action.** The Planning Commission may, after public hearing  
12 and after making appropriate findings, approve, disapprove or approve subject to conditions  
13 applications considered pursuant to Subsection (b) or for compliance with the open space and  
14 streetscape requirements of the Planning Code.

15 (g) **Planning Commission Review Upon Request.**

16 (1) **Requests.** Within 10 days after notice of the proposed approval has been  
17 given, as provided in Subsection (d), any person may request in writing that the Planning  
18 Commission impose additional modifications on the project as provided in Subsection (b) or  
19 consider the application for compliance with the open space and streetscape requirements of  
20 the Planning Code. The written request shall state why additional modifications should be  
21 imposed notwithstanding its compliance with the requirements of this Code and shall identify  
22 the policies or objectives that would be promoted by the imposition of conditions, or shall state  
23 why the open space and streetscape requirements have not been complied with.

24 (2) **Commission Consideration.** The Planning Commission shall consider at  
25 a public hearing each written request for additional modifications and for consideration of the

1 open space and streetscape requirements of the Planning Code compliance and may, by  
2 majority vote, direct that a hearing be conducted to consider such modifications or  
3 compliance, which hearing may be conducted at the same meeting that the written request is  
4 considered and decided. Notice of such hearing shall be mailed to the project applicant, to  
5 property owners immediately adjacent to the site of the application using for this purpose the  
6 names and addresses as shown on the Citywide Assessment Roll in the Assessor's Office, to  
7 any person who has requested such notice, and to any person who has submitted a request  
8 for additional requirements. In determining whether to conduct such a hearing, the  
9 Commission shall determine whether, based upon a review of the project, reasonable grounds  
10 exist justifying a public hearing in order to consider the proposed additional modifications and  
11 the open space and streetscape requirements of the Planning Code compliance.

12 (3) **Commission Action.** If the Commission determines to conduct a hearing  
13 to consider the imposition of additional modifications or the open space and streetscape  
14 requirements compliance, it may, after such hearing and after making appropriate findings,  
15 approve, disapprove, or approve subject to conditions the building or site permit or project  
16 authorization application. If the Commission determines not to conduct a hearing, the Zoning  
17 Administrator shall approve the application subject to any conditions imposed by the Director  
18 of Planning to which the applicant has consented.

19 (h) **Mandatory Planning Commission Hearing for Projects Over 50,000**  
20 **Square Feet of Gross Floor Area or Over 75 Feet in Height.** The Planning Commission  
21 shall hold a public hearing not otherwise required by this Section on all building and site  
22 permit and Section 309 applications for projects which will result in a net addition of more than  
23 50,000 square feet of gross floor area of space or which will result in a building that is greater  
24 than 75 feet in height. Notice of such hearing shall be mailed not less than 10 days prior to the  
25 date of the hearing to the project applicant, to property owners immediately adjacent to the

1 site of the application using for this purpose the names and addresses as shown on the  
2 citywide Assessment Roll in the Assessor's Office, and to any person who has requested  
3 such notice.

4 (i) **Imposition of Conditions, General.** If, pursuant to the provisions of this  
5 Section, the City Planning Commission determines that conditions should be imposed on the  
6 approval of a building or site permit application, or Section 309 application and the applicant  
7 agrees to comply, the Commission may approve the application subject to those conditions,  
8 and if the applicant refuses to so agree, the Commission may disapprove the application.

9 (j) **Change of Conditions.** Authorization of a change in any condition previously  
10 imposed pursuant to this Section shall require an application for a change in conditions, which  
11 application shall be subject to the procedures set forth in this Section.

12 (k) An approval action in accordance with this Section shall constitute the City's decision to  
13 approve the project for purposes of Administrative Code Chapter 31.

14 **SEC. 321. OFFICE DEVELOPMENT: ANNUAL LIMIT.**

15 (a) **Limit.**

16 (1) No office development may be approved during any approval period if the  
17 additional office space in that office development, when added to the additional office space in  
18 all other office developments previously approved during that approval period, would exceed  
19 950,000 square feet or any lesser amount resulting from the application of Section 321.1. To  
20 the extent the total square footage allowed in any approval period is not allocated, the  
21 unallocated amount shall be carried over to the next approval period.

22 (2) The following amounts of additional office space shall count against the  
23 maximum set in Subsection (a)(1):

24 (A) All additional office space in structures for which the first building  
25 or site permit is approved for issuance during the approval period and which will be located on

1 land under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Port Commission or under the jurisdiction of  
2 the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency; provided, however, that no account shall be taken  
3 of structures which are exempt under Section 320(g)(2);

4 (B) The amount of added additional office space approved after the  
5 effective date of this ordinance in structures which are exempt under Section 320(g)(3);

6 (C) All additional office space in structures owned or otherwise under  
7 the jurisdiction of the State of California, the federal government or any State, federal or  
8 regional government agency, which structures are found to be otherwise exempt from this  
9 Section 321 or Section 322 by force of other applicable law;

10 (D) All additional office space in structures exempt under Section  
11 320(g)(4) or 320(g)(6) or the last sentence of Section 175.1(b), or which satisfy the  
12 substantive terms of either of said exemptions but for which the first building or site permit is  
13 authorized or conditional use or variance approved by the City Planning Commission after  
14 June 15, 1985 but before the effective date of this ordinance.

15 The additional office space described in Subsection (a)(2)(A) shall be  
16 taken into account with respect to all proposed office developments which are considered  
17 after the first site or building permit is approved for issuance for the described project. The  
18 additional office space described in Subsections (a)(2)(B) and (a)(2)(D) shall be taken into  
19 account with respect to all proposed office developments which are considered during the  
20 approval period and after the project or the added additional office space is first authorized or  
21 a conditional use or variance approved by the City Planning Commission. The additional office  
22 space described in Subsection (a)(2)(C) shall be taken into account with respect to all  
23 proposed office developments which are considered during the approval period and after  
24 commencement of construction of the described structures. Modification, appeal or  
25 disapproval of a project described in this Section shall affect the amount of office space

1 counted under this Section in the time and manner set forth for office developments in Section  
2 321(c).

3 (3) The Department of City Planning shall maintain and shall make available  
4 for reasonable public inspection a list showing:

5 (A) All office developments and all projects subject to Section  
6 321(a)(2) for which application has been made for a project authorization or building or site  
7 permit and, if applicable, the date(s) of approval and of approval for issuance of any building  
8 or site permit;

9 (B) The total amount of additional office space and, if applicable,  
10 replacement office space, approved with respect to each listed development;

11 (C) Approved office developments (i) which are subsequently  
12 disapproved on appeal; (ii) the permit for which expires or is cancelled or revoked pursuant to  
13 Subsection (d)(1) of this Section; or (iii) the approval of which is revoked pursuant to  
14 Subsection (d)(2) of this Section; and

15 (D) Such other information as the Department may determine is  
16 appropriate.

17 (4) Not less than six months before the last date of the approval period, the  
18 Department of City Planning shall submit to the Board of Supervisors a written report, which  
19 report shall contain the City Planning Commission's recommendation with respect to whether,  
20 based on the effects of the limitation imposed by this Section on economic growth and job  
21 opportunities in the City, the availability of housing and transportation services to support  
22 additional office development in the City, office vacancy and rental rates, and such other  
23 factors as the Commission shall deem relevant, there should continue to be a quantitative limit  
24 on additional office space after the approval period, and as to what amount of additional office  
25 space should be permitted under any such limit.

1 (5) Every holder of a site permit issued on or after July 1, 1982 for any office  
2 development, as defined in Section 320(g) without regard to Subsections (g)(2) through (g)(5),  
3 shall provide to the City Planning Commission reports containing data and information with  
4 respect to the following:

5 (A) Number of persons hired for employment either in construction of  
6 the development or, to the extent such information is available to the permittee, by users of  
7 the completed building;

8 (B) The age, sex, race and residence, by City, of each such person;

9 (C) Compensation of such persons, classified in \$5,000 increments,  
10 commencing with annualized compensation of \$10,000;

11 (D) The means by which each such person most frequently travels to  
12 and from the place of employment.

13 Such reports shall commence on October 1, 1985 and continue quarterly  
14 thereafter during the approved period. A report containing information by quarter for the period  
15 between July 1, 1982 and the effective date of the ordinance shall be submitted not later than  
16 December 31, 1985. The City Planning Commission shall have full access to all books,  
17 records and documents utilized by any project sponsor in preparation of the written reports  
18 referred to above, and shall inspect such books, records and documents from time to time for  
19 purposes of authenticating information contained in such reports.

20 (b) **Guidelines.**

21 (1) During the approval period, the City Planning Commission, and the Board  
22 of Supervisors and Board of Permit Appeals on appeal from the City Planning Commission  
23 shall approve, within the allowable limit, subject to Subsection (b)(2) of this Section, only  
24 those office developments which they shall determine in particular promote the public welfare,  
25 convenience and necessity, and shall be empowered under this Section to disapprove the

1 remainder. The Department of City Planning shall issue to office developments so approved,  
2 in accord with Sections 320 through 323 of this Code, a project authorization.

3 (2) The following proposed office developments, subject to all other  
4 applicable sections of this Code and other applicable law, shall be approved under this  
5 Section in preference to all others:

6 (A) All proposed developments to the extent approval is required by  
7 court order; and, thereafter,

8 (B) Subject to Subsection (a)(1) of this Section, all proposed office  
9 developments which were approved by the City Planning Commission during the approval  
10 period, but subsequently disapproved by any administrative appellate body or court, if and  
11 when said disapproval is later reversed.

12 (3) In determining which office developments best promote the public  
13 welfare, convenience and necessity, the Board of Supervisors, Board of Permit Appeals and  
14 City Planning Commission shall consider:

15 (A) Apportionment of office space over the course of the approval  
16 period in order to maintain a balance between economic growth, on the one hand, and  
17 housing, transportation and public services, on the other;

18 (B) The contribution of the office development to, and its effects on,  
19 the objectives and policies of the Master Plan;

20 (C) The quality of the design of the proposed office development;

21 (D) The suitability of the proposed office development for its location,  
22 and any effects of the proposed office development specific to that location;

23 (E) The anticipated uses of the proposed office development, in light  
24 of employment opportunities to be provided, needs of existing businesses, and the available  
25 supply of space suitable for such anticipated uses;

1 (F) The extent to which the proposed development will be owned or  
2 occupied by a single entity;

3 (G) The use, if any, of TDR by the project sponsor.

4 Payments, other than those provided for under applicable ordinances,  
5 which may be made to a transit or housing fund of the City, shall not be considered.

6 (4) Reserve for Smaller Buildings. In each approval period at least 75,000  
7 square feet of office development shall be reserved for buildings between 25,000 and 49,999  
8 square feet in gross floor area of office development. To the extent the total square footage  
9 allowed under this Subsection in any approval period is not allocated, the unallocated amount  
10 shall be carried over to the next approval period and added only to the Reserve for Smaller  
11 Buildings.

12 (5) With respect to any office development which shall come before the  
13 Board of Supervisors for conditional use review, that Board shall consider, in addition to those  
14 criteria made applicable by other provisions of law, the criteria specified in Subsection (b)(3).  
15 As to any such office development, the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to  
16 the criteria specified in Subsection (b)(3) shall be a final administrative determination and shall  
17 not be reconsidered by the City Planning Commission or Board of Permit Appeals.

18 (6) The City Planning Commission shall establish procedures for  
19 coordinating review of project authorization applications under Section 322 with review under  
20 Section 309 of this Code. The Commission may hold hearings under Sections 309 and 322 in  
21 such sequence as it may deem appropriate, but may not issue any project authorization until  
22 the requirements of Section 309 have been satisfied.

23 (c) **Appeal and Modification.**

24 (1) If an approved office development is disapproved, or if a previously  
25 unapproved office development is approved, by a court or appellate agency, the list described



1 in Subsection (a)(3) of this Section shall be revised accordingly at the time that the period for  
2 rehearing before the appellate body in question shall have lapsed. Approval on appeal of any  
3 office development, if conditioned on disapproval of another office development which was  
4 previously approved, shall not be effective before the time for rehearing with respect to the  
5 disapproval shall have lapsed.

6 (2) The amount of additional office space of any development shall not count  
7 against the maximum for the approval period, beginning from the time the office development  
8 loses its approved status on the Department of City Planning list under Subsection (c)(1);  
9 provided, however, that if a decision disapproving an office development permits construction  
10 of a part of the project, the permitted additional office space only shall continue to count  
11 against the maximum, unless and until all building or site permits for the development expire  
12 or are cancelled, revoked or withdrawn.

13 (3) Any modification of an approved office development, including, without  
14 limitation, modification by a court or administrative appellate agency, shall be governed by this  
15 Subsection, subject, in the case of a court order, to Subsection (b)(2)(A).

16 (A) Any office development which is modified for any reason after it is  
17 first approved so as to increase its amount of additional office space shall lose its approved  
18 status on the list described in Subsection (a)(3) at the time such modification is approved, and  
19 may be approved as modified only subject to the limits of Subsection (a)(1). Such a modified  
20 development shall not be constructed or carried out based on its initial approval. Approval on  
21 appeal of such a modified development, if approval would violate the maximum set forth in  
22 Subsection (a)(1) of this Section but for disapproval of another previously approved office  
23 development, shall not be effective, nor grounds for reliance, until the time for rehearing with  
24 respect to the disapproval shall have lapsed.

1 (B) An approved office development may be modified so as to reduce  
2 the amount of additional office space, subject to all authorizations otherwise required by the  
3 City. No additional office space shall become available for any other development during the  
4 approval period on account of such a modification, unless the modification is required by any  
5 appellate administrative agency or a court, in which case additional office space shall become  
6 available when the time for rehearing has lapsed.

7 (d) **Unbuilt Projects; Progress Requirement.**

8 (1) The maximum amount of additional office space for the approval period  
9 shall be increased by the amount of such space included in office developments which were  
10 previously approved during the period but for which during such period an issued site or  
11 building permit has been finally cancelled or revoked, or has expired, with the irrevocable  
12 effect of preventing construction of the office development.

13 (2) Construction of an office development shall commence within 18 months  
14 of the date the project is first approved, *or, in the case of development in the C-3-O(SD) District the*  
15 *development shall commence within three (3) years. Notwithstanding the above provision, office*  
16 *projects larger than 500,000 gross square feet in the C-3-O(SD) District shall commence construction*  
17 *within five (5) years.* Failure to begin work within that period, or thereafter to carry the  
18 development diligently to completion, shall be grounds to revoke approval of the office  
19 development. Neither the Department of Public Works nor the Board of Permit Appeals shall  
20 grant any extension of time inconsistent with the requirements of this Subsection (d)(2).

21 (3) The Bureau of Building Inspection shall notify the Department of City  
22 Planning in writing of its approval for issuance and issuance of a site or building permit for any  
23 office development, and for any development under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco  
24 Redevelopment Agency or Port Commission subject to Section 321(a)(2), and of the  
25 revocation, cancellation, or expiration of any such permit.

1 (e) **Rules and Regulations.** The City Planning Commission shall have authority to  
2 adopt such rules and regulations as it may determine are appropriate to carry out the  
3 purposes and provisions of this Section and Sections 320, 322 and 323.

4 **SEC. 412.1. FINDINGS.**

5 Existing public park facilities located in the downtown office districts are at or  
6 approaching capacity utilization by the daytime population in those districts. The need for  
7 additional public park and recreation facilities in the downtown districts will increase as the  
8 daytime population increases as a result of continued office development in those areas.  
9 While the open space requirements imposed on individual office and retail developments  
10 address the need for plazas and other local outdoor sitting areas to serve employees and  
11 visitors in the districts, such open space cannot provide the same recreational opportunities  
12 as a public park. In order to provide the City and County of San Francisco with the financial  
13 resources to acquire and develop public park and recreation facilities which will be necessary  
14 to serve the burgeoning daytime population in these districts, a Downtown Park Fund shall be  
15 established as set forth herein. The Board of Supervisors adopts the findings of the Downtown Open  
16 Space Nexus Study in accordance with the California Mitigation Fee Act, Government Code 66001(a)  
17 on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. \_\_\_\_\_.

18 **SEC. 424.6. TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT OPEN SPACE IMPACT FEE AND FUND.**

19 Sections 424.6.1 through 424.6.4 set forth the requirements and procedures for the Transit  
20 Center District Open Space Impact Fee and Fund. The effective date of these requirements shall be the  
21 effective date of this Ordinance or the date a subsequent modification, if any, became effective.

22 **SEC. 424.6.1. FINDINGS.**

23 (a) General. Existing public park and recreational facilities located in the downtown area are  
24 at or approaching capacity utilization by the population of the area. There is substantial additional  
25 population density, both employment and residential, planned and projected in the Transit Center

1 District. This district, more than other parts of the downtown, is lacking in existing public open space  
2 amenities to support population growth. The need for additional public park and recreation facilities in  
3 the downtown area, and specifically in the Transit Center District, will increase as the population  
4 increases due to continued office, retail, institutional, and residential development. Additional  
5 population will strain and require improvement of existing open spaces both downtown and citywide,  
6 and will necessitate the acquisition and development of new public open spaces in the immediate  
7 vicinity of the growth areas. While the open space requirements imposed on individual commercial  
8 developments address the need for plazas and other local outdoor sitting areas to serve employees and  
9 visitors in the districts, and requirements imposed on individual residential developments address the  
10 need for small-scale private balconies, terraces, courtyards or other minor common space such as can  
11 be accommodated on individual lots, such open space cannot provide the same recreational  
12 opportunities as a public park. In order to provide the City and County of San Francisco with the  
13 financial resources to acquire and develop public park and recreation facilities necessary to serve the  
14 burgeoning population in the downtown area, a Transit Center District Open Space Fund shall be  
15 established as set forth herein. The Board of Supervisors adopts the findings of the Downtown Open  
16 Space Nexus Study in accordance with the California Mitigation Fee Act, Government Code 66001(a)  
17 on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. \_\_\_\_\_.

18 (b) **Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fee.** Development impact fees are an effective  
19 approach to mitigate impacts associated with growth in population. The proposed Transit Center  
20 District Open Space Impact Fee shall be dedicated to fund public open space improvements in the  
21 Transit Center District Plan Area and adjacent downtown areas that will provide direct benefits to the  
22 property developed by those who pay into the fund, by providing necessary open space improvements  
23 needed to serve new development.

24 \_\_\_\_\_ The Planning Department has calculated the fee rate using accepted professional methods  
25 for calculating such fees. The calculations are described fully in the Downtown Open Space Nexus

1 Study, San Francisco Planning Department, Case No. 2007.0558U on file with the Clerk of the Board  
2 in File No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3 The proposed fee, in combination with the Downtown Park Fee established in Section 412  
4 et seq., is less than the maximum justified fee amount as calculated by the Downtown Open Space  
5 Nexus Study. While no project sponsor would be required to pay more than the maximum amount  
6 justified for that project as calculated in the Nexus Study, the Transit Center District Open Space Fee is  
7 tiered such that denser projects are assessed higher fees because it is economically feasible for such  
8 projects to pay a higher proportion of the maximum justified amount. The proposed fee covers impacts  
9 caused by new development only and is not intended to remedy existing deficiencies. The cost to remedy  
10 existing deficiencies will be paid for by public, community, and other private sources as described in  
11 the Downtown Open Space Nexus Study and the Transit Center District Plan Program Implementation  
12 Document. Impact fees are only one of many revenue sources funding open space in the Plan Area.

13 **SEC. 424.6.2. APPLICATION OF TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT OPEN SPACE IMPACT**  
14 **FEE.**

15 (a) Application. Sections 424.6 et seq. shall apply to any development project located in  
16 the C-3-O(SD) District and meeting the requirements of subsection (b) below.

17 (b) Projects subject to the Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fee. The Transit  
18 Center District Open Space Impact Fee is applicable to any development project in the C-3-O(SD)  
19 District which results in:

- 20 (1) At least one net new residential unit,
- 21 (2) Addition of space to an existing residential unit of more than 800 gross square feet,
- 22 (3) At least one net new group housing facility or residential care facility,
- 23 (4) Addition of space to an existing group housing or residential care facility of more  
24 than 800 gross square feet,
- 25 (5) New construction of a non-residential use, or

1 (6) Addition of non-residential space in excess of 800 gross square feet to an existing  
2 structure.

3 (7) Conversion of existing space to a different use where the project's total fee as  
4 calculated according to subsection (c) below would exceed the total fee for the uses being replaced.

5 (c) Fee Calculation for the Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fee. For  
6 development projects for which the Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fee is applicable, the  
7 corresponding fee for net addition of gross square feet is listed in Table 424.6A. Where development  
8 project includes more than one land use, the overall proportion of each use relative to other uses on the  
9 lot shall be used to calculate the applicable fees regardless of the physical distribution or location of  
10 each use on the lot. Where a project proposes conversion of existing space to a different use, the  
11 Director shall specify the fee amount based on a Guidance Statement or other document establishing  
12 the methodology for calculating fees.

13 (1) Base Fee. The fee listed in Column A shall be assessed on all applicable gross square  
14 footage for the entire development project.

15 (2) Projects Exceeding FAR of 9:1. For development projects that result in the Floor Area  
16 Ratio on the lot exceeding 9:1, the fee listed in Column B shall be assessed on all applicable gross  
17 square footage on the lot above an FAR of 9:1.

18 (3) For projects that are eligible to apply TDR units to exceed an FAR of 9:1 pursuant to  
19 Section 123(e)(1), the fee otherwise applicable to such square footage according to subsection (2)  
20 above shall be waived.

21  
22 **TABLE 424.6A**

23 **FEE SCHEDULE FOR NET ADDITIONS OF GROSS SQUARE FEET IN THE TRANSIT**

24 **CENTER DISTRICT AREA**

25

<u>Use</u>	<u>Column A (Base Fee)</u>	<u>Column B (GSF Above 9:1)</u>
<u>Residential</u>	<u>\$2.50/gsf</u>	<u>N/A</u>

Office	\$3.00/gsf	\$7.00/gsf
Retail	\$5.00/gsf	\$4.50/gsf
Hotel	\$4.00/gsf	N/A
Institutional/Cultural/Medical	\$5.00/gsf	\$4.30/gsf
Industrial	\$2.50/gsf	N/A

(d) Option for In-Kind Provision of Community Improvements and Fee Credits. Project sponsors may propose to directly provide community improvements to the City. In such a case, the City may enter into an In-Kind Improvements Agreement with the sponsor and issue a fee waiver for the Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fee from the Planning Commission, subject to the following rules and requirements:

(1) Approval criteria. The City shall not enter into an In-Kind Agreement unless the proposed in-kind improvements meet an identified community need as analyzed in the Transit Center District Plan Implementation Program Document and where they substitute for improvements that could be provided by the Transit Center District Open Space Fund (as described in Section 424.6.4). The City may reject in-kind improvements if they are not consistent with the priorities identified in the Transit Center District Plan, by the Interagency Plan Implementation Committee (see Chapter 36 of the Administrative Code), or other prioritization processes related to Transit Center District improvements programming. No physical improvement or provision of space otherwise required by the Planning Code or any other City Code shall be eligible for consideration as part of this In-Kind Improvements Agreement.

For a development project on Assessor's Block 3720 Lot 009, an In-Kind Agreement may be approved which credits the project for public open space improvements constructed by either the sponsor of the development project or by the Transbay Joint Powers Authority, in accordance with the Transit Center District Plan Implementation Program Document.

(2) Valuation. The Director of Planning shall determine the appropriate value of the proposed in-kind improvements. For the purposes of calculating the total value, the project sponsor shall provide the Planning Department with a cost estimate for the proposed in-kind improvement(s)

1 from two independent sources or, if relevant, real estate appraisers. A detailed site-specific cost  
2 estimate for a planned improvement prepared by the City or the Transbay Joint Powers Authority may  
3 satisfy the requirement for cost estimates provided that the estimate is indexed to current cost of  
4 construction.

5 (3) **Content of the In-Kind Improvements Agreement.** The In-Kind Improvements  
6 Agreement shall include at least the following items:

- 7 (i) A description of the type and timeline of the proposed in-kind improvements.  
8 (ii) The appropriate value of the proposed in-kind improvement, as determined in  
9 subsection (2) above.  
10 (iii) The legal remedies in the case of failure by the project sponsor to provide the  
11 in-kind improvements according to the specified timeline and terms in the agreement. Such remedies  
12 shall include the method by which the City will calculate accrued interest.

13 (4) **Approval Process.** The Planning Commission must approve the material terms of an  
14 In-Kind Agreement. The Planning Commission shall hear and consider the recommendation of the  
15 Interagency Plan Implementation Committee, as established in Chapter 36 of the Administrative Code,  
16 in deciding whether to approve or disapprove any In-Kind Agreement. Prior to the parties executing  
17 the Agreement, the City Attorney must approve the agreement as to form and to substance. The  
18 Director of Planning shall be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City. If the Planning  
19 Commission approves the In-Kind Agreement, it shall waive the amount of the Transit Center District  
20 Open Space Impact Fee equivalent to the value of the improvements proposed in the In-Kind  
21 Agreement. No credit shall be made for land value unless ownership of the land is transferred to the  
22 City or a permanent public easement is granted, the acceptance of which is at the sole discretion of the  
23 City. The maximum value of the credit for the improvements proposed in the In-Kind Improvements  
24 Agreement shall not exceed the required Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fee.



1                   (5) **Administrative Costs.** Project sponsors that pursue an In-Kind Improvements  
2 Agreement will be billed time and materials for any administrative costs that the Planning Department  
3 or any other City entity incurs in negotiating, drafting, and monitoring compliance with the In-Kind  
4 Improvements Agreement.

5                   (e) **Timing of Fee Payments.** The Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fee is due  
6 and payable to the Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI prior to issuance of the first construction  
7 document, with an option for the project sponsor to defer payment to prior to issuance of the first  
8 certificate of occupancy upon agreeing to pay a deferral surcharge that would be paid into the  
9 appropriate fund in accordance with Section 107A.13.3 of the San Francisco Building Code.

10                   (f) **Waiver or Reduction of Fees.** Development projects may be eligible for a waiver or  
11 reduction of impact fees, per Section 406 of this Article.

12                   **SEC. 424.6.3. IMPOSITION OF TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT OPEN SPACE IMPACT**  
13 **FEE.**

14                   (a) **Determination of Requirements.** The Department shall determine the applicability of  
15 Sections 424.6 et seq. to any development project requiring a first construction document and, if  
16 Sections 424.6 et seq. is applicable, the Department shall determine the amount of Transit Center  
17 District Open Space Impact Fees required and shall impose these requirements as a condition of  
18 approval for issuance of the first construction document for the development project. The project  
19 sponsor shall supply any information necessary to assist the Department in this determination.

20                   (b) **Department Notice to Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI.** Prior to the issuance  
21 of a building or site permit for a development project subject to the requirements of Sections 424.6 et  
22 seq., the Department shall notify the Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI of its final determination  
23 of the amount of Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fees required, including any reductions  
24 calculated for an In-Kind Improvements Agreement, in addition to the other information required by  
25 Section 402(b) of this Article.

1           (c) Development Fee Collection Unit Notice to Department Prior to Issuance of the First  
2 Certificate of Occupancy. The Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI shall provide notice in writing  
3 or electronically to the Department prior to issuing the first certificate of occupancy for any  
4 development project subject to Sections 424.6 et seq. that has elected to fulfill all or part of its Transit  
5 Center District Open Space Impact Fee requirement with an In-Kind Improvements Agreement. If the  
6 Department notifies the Unit at such time that the sponsor has not satisfied any of the terms of the In-  
7 Kind Improvements Agreement, the Director of DBI shall deny any and all certificates of occupancy  
8 until the subject project is brought into compliance with the requirements of Sections 424.6 et seq.,  
9 either through conformance with the In-Kind Improvements Agreement or payment of the remainder of  
10 the Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fees that would otherwise have been required, plus a  
11 deferral surcharge as set forth in Section 107A.13.3.1 of the San Francisco Building Code.

12           (d) Process for Revisions of Determination of Requirements. In the event that the  
13 Department or the Commission takes action affecting any development project subject to Sections  
14 424.6 et seq. and such action is subsequently modified, superseded, vacated, or reversed by the  
15 Department or the Commission, Board of Appeals, the Board of Supervisors, or by court action, the  
16 procedures of Section 402(c) of this Article shall be followed.

17           **SEC. 424.6.4. THE TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT OPEN SPACE FUND.**

18           (a) There is hereby established a separate fund set aside for a special purpose entitled the  
19 Transit Center District Open Space Fund ("Fund"). All monies collected by the Development Fee  
20 Collection Unit at DBI pursuant to Section 424.6.3(b) shall be deposited in a special fund maintained  
21 by the Controller. The receipts in the Fund to be used solely to fund Public Benefits subject to the  
22 conditions of this Section.

23           (b) Expenditures from the Fund shall be recommended by the Interagency Plan  
24 Implementation Committee for allocation and administration by the Board of Supervisors.

1           (1) All monies deposited in the Fund shall be used to design, engineer, acquire, and  
2 develop and improve both new and existing public open spaces and recreational facilities in the Transit  
3 Center District Plan Area, the greater downtown, and citywide as established in the Transit Center  
4 District Plan and the Transit Center District Plan Implementation Program Document and supported  
5 by the findings of the Downtown Open Space Nexus Study.

6           (2) Funds may be used for administration and accounting of fund assets, for additional  
7 studies as detailed in the Transit Center District Plan Implementation Program Document, and to  
8 defend the Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fee against legal challenge, including the legal  
9 costs and attorney's fees incurred in the defense. Administration of this fund includes time and  
10 materials associated with reporting requirements, facilitating any necessary or required public  
11 meetings aside from Planning Commission hearings, and maintenance of the fund. Monies from the  
12 Fund may be used by the Planning Commission to commission economic analyses for the purpose of  
13 revising the fee, and/or to complete an updated nexus study to demonstrate the relationship between  
14 development and the need for public facilities and services if this is deemed necessary. Monies used for  
15 the purposes consistent with this subsection (2) shall not exceed five percent of the total fees collected.  
16 All interest earned on this account shall be credited to the Transit Center District Open Space Fund.

17           (3) All funds are justified and supported by the Downtown Open Space Nexus Study,  
18 San Francisco Planning Department, Case No. 2007.05558U. Implementation of the Fee and Fund are  
19 monitored according to the Downtown Plan Monitoring Program required by the Administrative Code  
20 Section 10E.

21           (c) With full participation by the Planning Department and related implementing agencies,  
22 the Controller's Office shall file a report with the Board of Supervisors beginning 180 days after the  
23 last day of the fiscal year of the effective date of Sections 424.6 et seq. that shall include the following  
24 elements: (1) a description of the type of fee in each account or fund; (2) amount of fee collected; (3)  
25 beginning and ending balance of the accounts or funds including any bond funds held by an outside

1 trustee; (4) amount of fees collected and interest earned; (5) identification of each public improvement  
2 on which fees or bond funds were expended and amount of each expenditure; (6) an identification of  
3 the approximate date by which the construction of public improvements will commence; (7) a  
4 description of any inter-fund transfer or loan and the public improvement on which the transferred  
5 funds will be expended; and (8) amount of refunds made and any allocations of unexpended fees that  
6 are not refunded.

7 **SEC. 424.7. TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION AND STREET**  
8 **IMPROVEMENT IMPACT FEE AND FUND.**

9 Sections 424.7.1 through 424.7.4. set forth the requirements and procedures for the Transit  
10 Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fee and Fund. The effective date of  
11 these requirements shall be either the effective date of this Ordinance or the date a subsequent  
12 modification, if any, became effective.

13 **SEC. 424.7.1. FINDINGS.**

14 **(a) General.**

15 New development in the Transit Center District Plan area will create substantial new burdens  
16 on existing streets and transportation systems and require the need for new and enhanced  
17 transportation services and improvements to rights-of-way for all modes of transportation. The  
18 downtown is a very dense urban environment with limited roadway capacity and is already  
19 substantially congested and impacted by existing patterns of movement. To accommodate the  
20 substantial growth anticipated in the Transit Center District Plan Area, public transit investments must  
21 be made, circulation patterns adjusted, and limited right-of-way space reallocated such that trips to  
22 and through the area are primarily made by public transit, walking, bicycling, and carpooling and such  
23 that these modes are enabled to maintain or improve efficiency and attractiveness in the face of  
24 increasing traffic congestion. The Transit Center District Plan identified necessary investments and  
25 improvements to achieve these modal objectives and ensure that growth in trips resulting from new

1 development and population increase in the Plan area does not degrade existing services. The Transit  
2 Center District Plan Transportation Nexus Study, San Francisco Planning Department Case No.  
3 2007.0558U on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. \_\_\_\_\_, calculated the proportional  
4 share of the cost of these improvements attributable to new growth based on accepted professional  
5 standards. The investments and improvements identified in the Transit Center District Plan and  
6 allocated in the nexus study are distinct and in addition to improvements and services related to the  
7 Transit Impact Development Fee (TIDF) imposed by Section 411 et seq. Whereas the TIDF funds  
8 improvements to SFMTA Municipal Railway public transit services and facilities to provide sufficient  
9 capacity required to serve new development, the Transit Center District Transportation and Street  
10 Improvement Fee covers impacts of new development in the District on regional transit services and  
11 facilities that are distinct from and in addition to the need for SFMTA public transit services, and that  
12 will not funded by the TIDF, including necessary improvements to area streets to facilitate increases in  
13 all modes of transportation due to development, including walking, bicycling, and carpooling, and to  
14 regional transit facilities, including the Downtown Rail Extension and downtown BART stations. The  
15 Board finds that there is no duplication in these two fees. To provide the City and County of San  
16 Francisco and regional transit agencies with the financial resources to provide transportation facilities  
17 and street improvements necessary to serve the burgeoning population of downtown San Francisco, a  
18 Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Fund shall be established as set forth  
19 herein. The Board of Supervisors adopts the findings of the Downtown Open Space Nexus Study in  
20 accordance with the California Mitigation Fee Act, Government Code 66001(a) on file with the Clerk  
21 of the Board in File No. \_\_\_\_\_.

22 (b) Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fee. Development  
23 impact fees are an effective approach to mitigate impacts associated with growth in population. The  
24 proposed Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fee shall be dedicated  
25 to public transportation and public street improvements in the Transit Center District Plan Area and

1 adjacent downtown areas that will provide direct benefits to the property developed by those who pay  
2 into the fund, by providing necessary transportation and street improvements needed to serve new  
3 development.

4 The fee rate has been calculated by the Planning Department based on accepted professional  
5 methods for the calculation of such fees, and described fully in the Transit Center District  
6 Transportation and Street Improvement Nexus Study, San Francisco Planning Department, Case No.  
7 2007.0558U on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. \_\_\_\_\_.

8 The proposed fee established in Sections 424.7 et seq., is less than the maximum justified fee  
9 amount as calculated by the Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Nexus  
10 Study necessary to provide transportation and street improvements to increasing population in the  
11 area. While no project sponsor would be required to pay more than the maximum amount justified for  
12 that project as calculated in the Nexus Study, the Transit Center District Transportation and Street  
13 Improvement Fee is tiered such that denser projects are assessed higher fees because it is economically  
14 feasible for such projects to pay a higher proportion of the maximum justified amount. The proposed  
15 fee covers only the demand for transportation and street improvements created by new development  
16 and is not intended to remedy existing deficiencies. The cost to remedy existing deficiencies will be paid  
17 for by public, community, and other private sources as described in the Transit Center District  
18 Transportation and Street Improvement Nexus Study and the Transit Center District Plan  
19 Implementation Document. Impact fees are only one of many revenue sources necessary to provide  
20 transportation and street improvements in the Plan Area.

21 **SEC. 424.7.2. APPLICATION OF TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION**  
22 **AND STREET IMPROVEMENT IMPACT FEE.**

23 (a) Application. Sections 424.7 et seq. shall apply to any development project located in  
24 the C-3-O(SD) District and meeting the requirements of subsection (b) below.

1                   (b) Projects subject to the Transit Center District Transportation and Street  
2 Improvement Impact Fee. The Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Impact  
3 Fee is applicable to any development project in the C-3-O(SD) District which results in:

- 4                   (1) At least one net new residential unit,  
5                   (2) Addition of space to an existing residential unit of more than 800 gross square feet,  
6                   (3) At least one net new group housing facility or residential care facility,  
7                   (4) Addition of space to an existing group housing or residential care facility of more  
8 than 800 gross square feet,  
9                   (5) New construction of a non-residential use, or  
10                   (6) Addition of non-residential space in excess of 800 gross square feet to an existing  
11 structure.  
12                   (7) Conversion of existing space to a different use where the project's total fee as  
13 calculated according to subsection (c) below would exceed the total fee for the uses being replaced.

14                   (c) Fee Calculation for the Transit Center District Transportation and Street  
15 Improvement Impact Fee. For development projects for which the Transit Center District  
16 Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fee is applicable the corresponding fee for net addition  
17 of gross square feet is listed in Table 424.7A. Where development project includes more than one land  
18 use, the overall proportion of each use relative to other uses on the lot shall be used to calculate the  
19 applicable fees regardless of the physical distribution or location of each use on the lot. If necessary,  
20 the Director shall issue a Guidance Statement clarifying the methodology of calculating fees.

21                   (1) Transit Delay Mitigation Fee. The fee listed in Column A shall be assessed on all  
22 applicable gross square footage for the entire development project.

23                   (2) Base Fee. The fee listed in Column B shall be assessed on all applicable gross square  
24 footage for the entire development project.

(3) Projects Exceeding FAR of 9:1. For development projects that result in the Floor Area Ratio on the lot exceeding 9:1, the fee listed in Column C shall be assessed on all applicable gross square footage on the lot above an FAR of 9:1.

(4) Projects Exceeding FAR of 18:1. For development projects that result in the Floor Area Ratio on the lot exceeding 18:1, the fee listed in Column D shall be assessed on all applicable gross square footage on the lot above an FAR of 18:1.

(5) For projects that are eligible to apply TDR units to exceed an FAR of 9:1 pursuant to Section 123(e)(1), the fee otherwise applicable to such square footage according to subsections (3) and (4) above shall be waived.

**TABLE 424.7A**

**FEE SCHEDULE FOR NET ADDITIONS OF GROSS SQUARE FEET IN THE TRANSIT**

**CENTER DISTRICT AREA**

<u>Use</u>	<u>Column A (Transit Delay Mitigation Fee)</u>	<u>Column B (Base Fee)</u>	<u>Column C (GSF Above 9:1)</u>	<u>Column D (GSF Above 18:1)</u>
<u>Residential</u>	<u>\$0.06/gsf</u>	<u>\$3.94/gsf</u>	<u>\$6.00/gsf</u>	<u>\$3.00/gsf</u>
<u>Office</u>	<u>\$0.20/gsf</u>	<u>\$3.80/gsf</u>	<u>\$19.50/gsf</u>	<u>\$10.00/gsf</u>
<u>Retail</u>	<u>\$1.95/gsf</u>	<u>\$2.05/gsf</u>	<u>\$19.50/gsf</u>	<u>\$10.00/gsf</u>
<u>Hotel</u>	<u>\$0.10/gsf</u>	<u>\$3.90/gsf</u>	<u>\$8.00/gsf</u>	<u>\$3.00/gsf</u>
<u>Institutional/Cultural/Medical</u>	<u>\$0.30/gsf</u>	<u>\$3.70/gsf</u>	<u>\$19.50/gsf</u>	<u>\$10.00/gsf</u>
<u>Industrial</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$4.00/gsf</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>

(d) Option for In-Kind Provision of Community Improvements and Fee Credits. Project sponsors may propose to directly provide community improvements to the City. In such a case, the City may enter into an In-Kind Improvements Agreement with the sponsor and issue a fee waiver for the Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fee from the Planning Commission, subject to the following rules and requirements:



1                   (1) Approval criteria. The City shall not enter into an In-Kind Agreement unless the  
2 proposed in-kind improvements meet an identified community need as analyzed in the Transit Center  
3 District Plan Implementation Document and where they substitute for improvements that could be  
4 provided by the Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Fund (as described in  
5 Section 424.7.4). The City may reject in-kind improvements if they are not consistent with the priorities  
6 identified in the Transit Center District Plan, by the Interagency Plan Implementation Committee (see  
7 Chapter 36 of the Administrative Code), or other prioritization processes related to Transit Center  
8 District improvements programming. No physical improvement or provision of space otherwise  
9 required by the Planning Code or any other City Code shall be eligible for consideration as part of this  
10 In-Kind Improvements Agreement.

11                   (A) For a development project on Assessor's Block 3720 Lot 009, an in-kind agreement  
12 may be approved that credits the project for street and transportation improvements constructed by  
13 either the sponsor of the development project or by the Transbay Joint Powers Authority.

14                   (B) The Planning Commission may not grant an in-kind agreement to waive or provide  
15 improvements in-lieu of paying the Transit Delay Mitigation Fee required by subsection (c)(1) above.

16                   (2) Valuation. The Director of Planning shall determine the appropriate value of the  
17 proposed in-kind improvements. For the purposes of calculating the total value, the project sponsor  
18 shall provide the Planning Department with a cost estimate for the proposed in-kind improvement(s)  
19 from two independent sources or, if relevant, real estate appraisers. A detailed site-specific cost  
20 estimate for a planned improvement prepared by the City or the Transbay Joint Powers Authority may  
21 satisfy the requirement for cost estimates provided that the estimate is indexed to current cost of  
22 construction.

23                   (3) Content of the In-Kind Improvements Agreement. The In-Kind Improvements  
24 Agreement shall include at least the following items:

25                   (A) A description of the type and timeline of the proposed in-kind improvements.

1                   (B) The appropriate value of the proposed in-kind improvement, as determined in  
2 subsection (2) above.

3                   (C) The legal remedies in the case of failure by the project sponsor to provide the in-  
4 kind improvements according to the specified timeline and terms in the agreement. Such remedies shall  
5 include the method by which the City will calculate accrued interest.

6                   (4) Approval Process. The Planning Commission must approve the material terms of an In-  
7 Kind Agreement. The Planning Commission shall hear and consider the recommendation of the  
8 Interagency Plan Implementation Committee, as established in Chapter 36 of the Administrative Code,  
9 in deciding whether to approve or disapprove any In-Kind Agreement. Prior to the parties executing  
10 the Agreement, the City Attorney must approve the agreement as to form and to substance. The  
11 Director of Planning shall be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City. If the Planning  
12 Commission approves the In-Kind Agreement, it shall waive the amount of the Transit Center District  
13 Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fee equivalent to the value of the improvements  
14 proposed in the In-Kind Agreement. No credit shall be made for land value unless ownership of the  
15 land is transferred to the City or a permanent public easement is granted, the acceptance of which is at  
16 the sole discretion of the City. The maximum value of the credit for the improvements proposed in the  
17 In-Kind Improvements Agreement shall not exceed the required Transit Center District Transportation  
18 and Street Improvement Impact Fee.

19                   (5) Administrative Costs. Project sponsors that pursue an In-Kind Improvements  
20 Agreement will be billed time and materials for any administrative costs that the Planning Department  
21 or any other City entity incurs in negotiating, drafting, and monitoring compliance with the In-Kind  
22 Improvements Agreement.

23                   (e) Timing of Fee Payments. The Transit Center District Transportation and Street  
24 Improvement Impact Fee is due and payable to the Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI prior to  
25 issuance of the first construction document, with an option for the project sponsor to defer payment to

1 prior to issuance of the first certificate of occupancy upon agreeing to pay a deferral surcharge that  
2 would be paid into the appropriate fund in accordance with Section 107A.13.3 of the San Francisco  
3 Building Code.

4 (f) **Waiver or Reduction of Fees.** Development projects may be eligible for a waiver or  
5 reduction of impact fees, per Section 406 of this Article. No waiver or reduction may be granted for the  
6 Transit Delay Mitigation Fee required by subsection (c)(1) above.

7 **SEC. 424.7.3. IMPOSITION OF TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION**  
8 **AND STREET IMPROVEMENT IMPACT FEE.**

9 (a) **Determination of Requirements.** The Department shall determine the applicability of  
10 Sections 424.7 et seq. to any development project requiring a first construction document and, if  
11 Sections 424.7 et seq. is applicable, the amount of Transit Center District Transportation and Street  
12 Improvement Impact Fees required and shall impose these requirements as a condition of approval for  
13 issuance of the first construction document for the development project. The project sponsor shall  
14 supply any information necessary to assist the Department in this determination.

15 (b) **Department Notice to Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI.** Prior to the issuance  
16 of a building or site permit for a development project subject to the requirements of Sections 424.7 et  
17 seq., the Department shall notify the Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI of its final determination  
18 of the amount of Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fees required,  
19 including any reductions calculated for an In-Kind Improvements Agreement, in addition to the other  
20 information required by Section 402(b) of this Article.

21 (c) **Development Fee Collection Unit Notice to Department Prior to Issuance of the First**  
22 **Certificate of Occupancy.** The Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI shall provide notice in writing  
23 or electronically to the Department prior to issuing the first certificate of occupancy for any  
24 development project subject to Sections 424.7 et seq. that has elected to fulfill all or part of its Transit  
25 Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fee requirement with an In-Kind

1 Improvements Agreement. If the Department notifies the Unit at such time that the sponsor has not  
2 satisfied any of the terms of the In-Kind Improvements Agreement, the Director of DBI shall deny any  
3 and all certificates of occupancy until the subject project is brought into compliance with the  
4 requirements of Section Sections 424.7 et seq., either through conformance with the In-Kind  
5 Improvements Agreement or payment of the remainder of the Transit Center District Transportation  
6 and Street Improvement Impact Fees that would otherwise have been required, plus a deferral  
7 surcharge as set forth in Section 107A.13.3.1 of the San Francisco Building Code.

8 (d) **Process for Revisions of Determination of Requirements.** In the event that the  
9 Department or the Commission takes action affecting any development project subject to Sections  
10 424.7 et seq. and such action is subsequently modified, superseded, vacated, or reversed by the  
11 Department or the Commission, Board of Appeals, the Board of Supervisors, or by court action, the  
12 procedures of Section 402(c) of this Article shall be followed.

13 **SEC. 424.7.4. THE TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION AND STREET**  
14 **IMPROVEMENT FUND.**

15 (a) There is hereby established a separate fund set aside for a special purpose entitled the  
16 Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Fund ("Fund"). All monies collected by  
17 the Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI pursuant to Section 424.7.3(b) shall be deposited in a  
18 special fund maintained by the Controller. The receipts in the Fund to be used solely to fund Public  
19 Benefits subject to the conditions of this Section.

20 (b) Expenditures from the Fund shall be recommended by the Interagency Plan  
21 Implementation Committee for allocation and administration by the Board of Supervisors.

22 (1) All monies deposited in the Fund shall be used to study, design, engineer, develop  
23 and implement transportation infrastructure, facilities, equipment, services and programs as well as  
24 improvements to public streets, in the Transit Center District Plan Area and the greater downtown as  
25 established in the Transit Center District Plan and the Transit Center District Implementation Program

1 Document and supported by the findings of the Transit Center District Plan Transportation and Street  
2 Improvement Nexus Study. Fees paid pursuant to the Transit Delay Mitigation Fee required by Section  
3 424.7.2(c)(1) must be held in a separate account for use for the mitigation purposes defined in the  
4 Final Transit Center District Plan Environmental Impact Report, San Francisco Planning Department  
5 Case Number 2007.0558E.

6 (2) Funds may be used for administration and accounting of fund assets, for additional  
7 studies as detailed in the Transit Center District Implementation Program Document, and to defend the  
8 Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fee against legal challenge,  
9 including the legal costs and attorney's fees incurred in the defense. Administration of this fund  
10 includes time and materials associated with reporting requirements, facilitating any necessary or  
11 required public meetings aside from Planning Commission hearings, and maintenance of the fund.  
12 Monies from the Fund may be used by the Planning Commission to commission economic analyses for  
13 the purpose of revising the fee, and/or to complete an updated nexus study to demonstrate the  
14 relationship between development and the need for public facilities and services if this is deemed  
15 necessary. Monies used for the purposes consistent with this subsection (2) shall not exceed five  
16 percent of the total fees collected. All interest earned on this account shall be credited to the Transit  
17 Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Fund.

18 (3) All funds are justified and supported by the Transit Center District Plan  
19 Transportation and Street Improvement Nexus Study, San Francisco Planning Department, Case No.  
20 2007.0558U. Implementation of the Fee and Fund shall be monitored according to the Downtown Plan  
21 Monitoring Program required by the Administrative Code Section 10E.

22 (c) With full participation by the Planning Department and related implementing agencies,  
23 the Controller's Office shall file a report with the Board of Supervisors beginning 180 days after the  
24 last day of the fiscal year of the effective date of Sections 424.7 et seq. that shall include the following  
25 elements: (1) a description of the type of fee in each account or fund; (2) amount of fee collected; (3)

1 beginning and ending balance of the accounts or funds including any bond funds held by an outside  
2 trustee; (4) amount of fees collected and interest earned; (5) identification of each public improvement  
3 on which fees or bond funds were expended and amount of each expenditure; (6) an identification of  
4 the approximate date by which the construction of public improvements will commence; (7) a  
5 description of any interfund transfer or loan and the public improvement on which the transferred  
6 funds will be expended; and (8) amount of refunds made and any allocations of unexpended fees that  
7 are not refunded.

8 **SEC. 424.8. TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT MELLO ROOS COMMUNITY FACILITIES**  
9 **DISTRICT PROGRAM.**

10 (a) Purpose. New construction that increases the density of the downtown area, and the C-3-  
11 O(SD) district in particular, will require the City to invest in substantial new infrastructure and  
12 services. By increasing height limits, relieving density and floor area ratio limitations, reducing  
13 requirements for acquisition of Transferrable Development Rights, and making other regulatory  
14 changes to the C-3-O(SD) district, the Transit Center District Plan, confers substantial benefits on  
15 properties in the district. In order to exceed base densities in the district, the City will require sufficient  
16 funding to supplement other applicable impact fees for infrastructure, improvements and services as  
17 described in the Transit Center District Implementation Document, including but not limited to the  
18 Downtown Extension of rail into the Transit Center, street improvements, and acquisition and  
19 development of open spaces.

20 (b) Requirement. Any development on any lot in the C-3-O(SD) district that meets the  
21 applicability criteria of subsection (c) below shall participate in the Transit Center District Mello Roos  
22 Community Facilities District ("CFD") and successfully annex the lot or lots of the subject  
23 development into said CFD prior to the issuance of the first Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for  
24 the development.

1           (c) Applicability. A development on any lot in the C-3-O(SD) District meeting any one of the  
2 following criteria shall be subject to the requirements of this Section 424.8.

3           (1) The proposed project causes the development on the subject lot to exceed a floor area ratio  
4 of 9:1; or

5           (2) The proposed project would create a structure that exceeds the height limit that was  
6 applicable to the subject lot prior to the effective date of this Ordinance;

7           (d) Notwithstanding, Subsection (c) above, net additions of less than 20,000 gross square feet  
8 to existing buildings shall be exempt from the requirements of this Section, unless said addition results  
9 in a lot that exceeds a floor area ratio of 18:1.

10           **SEC. 427. PAYMENT IN CASES OF VARIANCE OR EXCEPTION FOR REQUIRED**  
11 **OPEN SPACE.**

12           (a) Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts. In the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed  
13 Use Districts, should a Variance from usable open space requirements for residential uses be  
14 granted by the Zoning Administrator, or an exception be granted for those projects subject to  
15 the Section 329 process, a fee of \$327 shall be required for each square foot of usable open  
16 space not provided pursuant to that Variance. This fee shall be adjusted in accordance with  
17 Section 423.3 of this Article. This fee shall be paid into the Eastern Neighborhoods Public  
18 Benefits Fund, as described in Section 423 of this Article. Said fee shall be used for the  
19 purpose of acquiring, designing, and improving park land, park facilities, and other open  
20 space resources, which is expected to be used solely or in substantial part by persons who  
21 live, work, shop or otherwise do business in the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts.

22           (b) C-3-O(SD) District. In the C-3-O(SD) District, if a Variance is granted by the Zoning  
23 Administrator to reduce the amount of open space required for any use pursuant to Section 135 or 138  
24 or if a project sponsor chooses to pay the in-lieu fee described in Section 138(j)(4), a fee of \$1,410  
25 shall be required for each square foot of usable open space not provided. This fee shall be adjusted in

1 accordance with Section 409. This fee shall be paid into the Transit Center District Open Space Fund,  
2 as described in Sections 424.6 et seq. of this Article. Said fee shall be used for the purpose of acquiring,  
3 designing, and improving public open space, recreational facilities, and other open space resources,  
4 which is expected to be used solely or in substantial part by persons who live, work, shop or otherwise  
5 do business in the Transit Center District.

6 **SEC. 1103.1. CONSERVATION DISTRICT DESIGNATIONS.**

7 The following Conservation Districts are hereby designated for the reasons indicated in  
8 the appropriate Appendix:

9 (a) The Kearny-Market-Mason-Sutter Conservation District is hereby  
10 designated as set forth in Appendix E.

11 (b) The New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street Conservation District is  
12 hereby designated as set forth in Appendix F.

13 (c) The Commercial-Leidesdorff Conservation District is hereby designated  
14 as set forth in Appendix G.

15 (d) The Front-California Conservation District is hereby designated as set  
16 forth in Appendix H.

17 (e) The Kearny-Belden Conservation District is hereby designated as set  
18 forth in Appendix I.

19 (f) The Pine-Sansome Conservation District is hereby designated as set  
20 forth in Appendix J.

21 **APPENDIX F TO ARTICLE 11 - NEW MONTGOMERY-MISSION-SECOND STREET**  
22 **CONSERVATION DISTRICT.**

23 **SEC. 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

24 It is hereby found that the area known and described in this appendix as the New  
25 Montgomery-Mission-Second Street area is a subarea within the C-3 District, that possesses



1 concentrations of buildings that together create a subarea of architectural and environmental  
2 quality and importance which contributes to the beauty and attractiveness of the City. It is  
3 further found that the area meets the standards for designation of a Conservation District as  
4 set forth in Section 1103 of Article 11 and that the designation of said area as a Conservation  
5 District will be in furtherance of and in conformance with the purposes of Article 11 of the City  
6 Planning Code.

7 This designation is intended to promote the health, safety, prosperity and welfare of  
8 the people of the City through the effectuation of the purposes set forth in Section 1101 of  
9 Article 11 and the maintenance of the scale and character of the New Montgomery-Mission-  
10 Second Street area by:

11 (a) The protection and preservation of the basic characteristics and salient  
12 architectural details of structures insofar as these characteristics and details are compatible  
13 with the Conservation District;

14 (b) Providing scope for the continuing vitality of the District through private  
15 renewal and architectural creativity within appropriate controls and standards;

16 (c) Preservation of the scale and character of the District separate from the  
17 prevailing larger scale of the financial district and permitted scale in the new Special  
18 Development District.

19 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

20 Pursuant to Section 1103.1 of Article 11 of the City Planning Code (Part II, Chapter  
21 XI of the San Francisco Municipal Code), the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street area is  
22 hereby designated as a Conservation District.

23 **SEC. 3. LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES.**

24 The location and boundaries of the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street  
25 Conservation District shall be as designated on the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street

1 Conservation District Map, the original of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
2 Supervisors under File 223-84-4, which Map is hereby incorporated herein as though fully set  
3 forth, and a facsimile of which is reproduced herein below.

4 **SEC. 4. RELATION TO CITY PLANNING CODE.**

5 (a) Article 11 of the City Planning Code is the basic law governing preservation  
6 of buildings and districts of architectural importance in the C-3 District of the City and County  
7 of San Francisco. This Appendix is subject to and in addition to the provisions thereof.

8 (b) Except as may be specifically provided to the contrary, nothing in this  
9 Appendix shall supersede, impair or modify any City Planning Code provisions applicable to  
10 property in the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street Conservation District including, but  
11 not limited to, regulations controlling uses, height, bulk, coverage, floor area ratio, required  
12 open space, off-street parking and signs.

13 **SEC. 5. JUSTIFICATION.**

14 The characteristics of the Conservation District justifying its designation are as  
15 follows:

16 (a) **History of the District.** The core of the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street  
17 Conservation District is a product of the post-1906 reconstruction of downtown San Francisco. Rebuilt  
18 between 1906 and 1933 this district represents a collection of masonry commercial loft buildings that  
19 exhibit a high level of historic architectural integrity and create a cohesive district of two-to-eight story  
20 masonry buildings of similar scale, massing, setback, materials, fenestration pattern, style, and  
21 architectural detailing.

22 This area forms one of the earliest attempts to extend the uses of the financial and  
23 retail districts to the South of Market area. Since Montgomery Street was the most important  
24 commercial street in the 1870's, New Montgomery Street was planned as a southern  
25 extension from Market Street to the Bay. Opposition from landowners south of Howard Street,

1 however, prevented the street from reaching its original bayside destination. William Ralston,  
2 who was instrumental in the development of the new street, built the Grand Hotel and later the  
3 Palace Hotel at its Market Street intersection. A wall of large hotels on Market Street actually  
4 hindered the growth of New Montgomery Street and few retail stores and offices ventured  
5 south of Market Street. The unusually wide width of Market Street acted as a barrier between  
6 areas to the north and south for many years.

7 A small number of office buildings were built on New Montgomery Street as far  
8 south as Atom Alley (now Natoma Street) after the fire. Many buildings were completed in  
9 1907, and most of the street assumed its present character by 1914. At 74 New Montgomery  
10 Street, the Call newspaper established its first headquarters. A noteworthy addition to the  
11 streetscape was the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Building. At the time of its completion in  
12 1925, it was the largest building on the West Coast devoted to the exclusive use of one firm.  
13 Until the 1960's, the office district on New Montgomery Street was the furthest extension of  
14 the financial district into the South of Market area. More characteristic were warehouses and  
15 businesses which supported the nearby office district. For example, the Furniture Exchange at  
16 the northwest corner of New Montgomery and Howard Streets, completed in 1920, was  
17 oriented to other wholesale and showroom uses along Howard Street.

18 One block to the east, Second Street had a different history from New  
19 Montgomery Street. The future of Second Street as an extension of the downtown depended  
20 upon the southward extension of the street through the hill south of Howard Street. At one  
21 time there was even a proposal to extend Second Street north in order to connect with  
22 Montgomery Street. The decision to extend Montgomery Street south rather than Second  
23 Street north due to the high cost of the Second Street Cut, however, discouraged retail and  
24 office growth on the street. As a result, by the 1880's Second Street was established as a  
25 wholesaling rather than retail or office area. In the 1920's, Second Street contained a wide

1 mixture of office support services. These included printers, binderies, a saddlery, a wholesale  
2 pharmaceutical outlet, and a variety of other retail stores and smaller offices. Industrial uses  
3 were commonly located on the alleyways such as Minna and Natoma and on Second Street,  
4 south of Howard Street.

5 Howard Street between 1st and 3rd Street became a popular and convenient extension for retail  
6 and wholesale dealers after 1906. As with Mission Street, the area still contains a number of smaller  
7 commercial loft structures that represent some of the best examples within the district, such as the  
8 Volker Building at 625 Howard Street, the Crellin Building at 583 Howard Street, and the Sharon  
9 Estate Building at 667 Howard Street.

10 The transformation of much of the area within the boundaries of the New Montgomery-Mission-  
11 Second Street Conservation District into a southerly extension of downtown was reflected in the large  
12 number of multi-story structures built along both Mission and Market streets. The intersection of 3rd  
13 and Mission evolved into the most important intersections in the survey area, bracketed on three  
14 corners by important early skyscrapers, including the rebuilt Aronson Building on the northwest  
15 corner, the Williams Buildings on the southeast corner, and the Gunst Building (demolished) on the  
16 southwest corner.

17 (b) **Basic Nature of the District.** New Montgomery Street is characterized by large  
18 buildings that often occupy an entire section of a block defined by streets and alleys or a  
19 major portion of these subblocks. The buildings are of a variety of heights, but the heights of  
20 most of the buildings range from five to eight stories. Second Street is characterized by  
21 smaller, less architecturally significant buildings, but, because of their continuous streetwall,  
22 they form a more coherent streetscape. Without some sort of protection for the less significant  
23 buildings, the quality of the district would be lost due to pressure from the expanding office  
24 core.

1 (c) **Architectural Character.** Most of the contributing buildings are designed in the  
2 American Commercial Style and feature facades divided into a tripartite arrangement consisting of a  
3 base, shaft, and capital. Although the scale and size of the structures on New Montgomery  
4 Street are somewhat monumental, the area remains attractive for pedestrians. The street has  
5 There are a number of outstanding buildings concentrated on New Montgomery, such as the  
6 Palace Hotel, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Building tower, and the Sharon Building.  
7 Ornamentation of district contributors is most often Renaissance-Baroque with later examples of  
8 Spanish, Colonial, Gothic Revival Styles, and Art Deco. ~~Examples of t~~The styles range from the  
9 Gothic skyscraper massing and Art Deco detailing of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph  
10 Building to the Renaissance Palazzo style of the Palace Hotel. The primary building materials  
11 are earthtone bricks, stone or terra cotta, with ornamental details executed in a variety of  
12 materials including terra cotta, metal, stucco and stone.

13 With the exceptions of corner buildings, Second Street, Mission and Howard Streets  
14 have has a smaller, more intimate scale. While on New Montgomery Street, buildings typically  
15 occupy an entire subblock, on Second Street, three or four small buildings will occupy the  
16 same area. The buildings are generally mixed-use office and retail structures, two-to-seven  
17 three to five stories in height, with Renaissance-influenced ornament.

18 The two streets are unified by several elements, including an architectural  
19 vocabulary which draws from similar historical sources, similar materials, scale, fenestration,  
20 color, stylistic origins, texture, and ornament.

21 (d) **Uniqueness and Location.** The District is located close to the central core of  
22 the financial district and is adjacent to an area projected for the future expansion. It is one of  
23 the few architecturally significant areas remaining largely intact in the South of Market area.

24 (e) **Visual and Functional Unity.** The District has a varied character ranging  
25 from the small and intimate on the alley streets to a more monumental scale on New

1 Montgomery. In spite of this wide range, the district forms a coherent entity due to the  
2 buildings' common architectural vocabulary and the rhythm of building masses created by the  
3 District's intersecting alleys.

4 (f) **Dynamic Continuity.** The District is an active part of the downtown area, and  
5 after some years of neglect is undergoing reinvestment, which is visible in the rehabilitation of  
6 the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Building, and the repair and rehabilitation of other  
7 buildings in the District.

8 (g) **Benefits to the City and Its Residents.** The District is a microcosm of  
9 twentieth century commercial architecture, ranging from low-level speculative office blocks to  
10 the City's premier hotels and executive offices of the time. The District now houses a variety  
11 of uses from inexpensive restaurants and support commercial uses, such as printers, to  
12 executive offices. The area retains a comfortable human scale, which will become  
13 increasingly important as neighboring areas of the South of Market become more densely  
14 developed.

## 15 **SEC. 6. FEATURES.**

16 The exterior architectural features of the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street  
17 District are as follows:

18 (a) **Massing and Composition.** Almost without exception, the buildings in the  
19 New Montgomery-Mission-Second Conservation District are built to the front property line and  
20 occupy the entire site. Most buildings are either square or rectangular in plan, some with interior  
21 light courts to allow sunlight and air into the interiors of buildings. Nearly all cover their entire  
22 parcels, and their primary facades face the street. Building massings along New Montgomery and  
23 Second Streets have different directional orientations. For the most part, the large buildings  
24 on New Montgomery Street are horizontally oriented, since they are built on relatively large  
25 lots, often occupying an entire blockface. Their horizontal width often exceeds their height.

1 The buildings on Second Street are built on much smaller lots, and hence have a vertical  
2 orientation. An exception on New Montgomery is the tower of the Pacific Telephone and  
3 Telegraph Building, whose soaring verticality is unique for that street.

4 To express the mass and weight of the structure, masonry materials are used on  
5 multi-dimensional wall surfaces with texture and depth, which simulates the qualities  
6 necessary to support the weight of a load-bearing wall.

7 Despite their differing orientation, almost all buildings share a two or three-part  
8 compositional arrangement. In addition, buildings are often divided into bays which establish a  
9 steady rhythm along the streets of the District. The rhythm is the result of fenestration,  
10 structural articulation or other detailing which breaks the facade into discrete segments. A  
11 common compositional device in the District is the emphasis placed upon either the end bays  
12 or the central bay.

13 (b) **Scale.** ~~The scale of the District varies from the small buildings on Second Street to~~  
14 ~~medium-scaled structures on New Montgomery Street. On the latter street, More than two-thirds of the~~  
15 ~~contributing buildings are three-to-eight story brick or concrete commercial loft buildings constructed~~  
16 ~~during the five years after the 1906 Earthquake and Fire. The scale of the District varies from the small~~  
17 ~~buildings on Howard, Mission, Natoma, and Second Streets, such as the Phoenix Desk Company~~  
18 ~~Building at 666 Mission Street, the Burdette Building at 90 Second Street, and the Emerson Flag~~  
19 ~~Company Building at 161 Natoma Street; to medium-scaled structures on Mission and New~~  
20 ~~Montgomery Streets, such as the Veronica Building at 647 Mission Street, and the Standard Building at~~  
21 ~~111 New Montgomery Street; to large-scale buildings on New Montgomery Street, such as the Pacific~~  
22 ~~Telephone and Telegraph Building at 140 New Montgomery. On New Montgomery Street, the large~~  
23 facades are not commonly divided into smaller bays, establishing a medium scale when  
24 combined with the five- to eight-story height of the buildings. Similarly, the use of elaborate  
25 ornament on many of the buildings breaks their large facades into smaller sections and

1 accordingly reduces their scale. Second Street is characterized by much smaller buildings  
2 with more frequent use of vertical piers whose scale is very intimate for the South of Market  
3 area.

4 (c) **Materials and Color.** Various forms of masonry are the predominant building  
5 materials in the district. A number of buildings on the northern end of New Montgomery use  
6 brown or buff brick. Terra cotta is also used as a facing material, and is frequently glazed to  
7 resemble granite or other stones. On Second *and Mission* Streets, *several* many buildings are  
8 faced in stucco or painted masonry. To express the mass and weight of the structure,  
9 masonry materials are often rusticated at the ground and second story to increase the textural  
10 variation and sense of depth. *Several buildings along Howard Street are noteworthy because they*  
11 *are clad in brick in warm earth tones, exhibit fine masonry craftsmanship, and remain unpainted.*

12 The materials are generally colored light or medium earth tones, including white,  
13 cream, buff, yellow, and brown. Individual buildings generally use a few different tones of one  
14 color.

15 (d) **Detailing and Ornamentations.** Buildings range from industrial brick and  
16 stucco office/warehouses to ornately decorated office buildings. The details on the latter  
17 buildings are generally of Classical/Renaissance derivation and include projecting cornices  
18 and belt courses, rustication, columns and colonnades, and arches. Industrial commercial  
19 buildings are noted by their utilitarian nature, with limited areas or ornament applied at the  
20 cornice entablature and around windows.

21 **SEC. 7. STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES FOR REVIEW OF NEW CONSTRUCTION**  
22 **AND CERTAIN ALTERATIONS.**

23 (a) Standards. All construction of new buildings and all major alterations, which  
24 are subject to the provisions of Article 11 Sections 1110, 1111 through 1111.6 and 1113, shall  
25 be compatible with the District in general with respect to the building's composition and



1 massing, scale, materials and colors, and detailing and ornamentation, including those  
2 features described in Section 6 of this Appendix. Emphasis shall be placed on compatibility  
3 with those buildings in the area in which the new or altered building is located. In the case of  
4 major alterations, only those building characteristics that are affected by the proposed  
5 alteration shall be considered in assessing compatibility. Signs on buildings in conservation  
6 districts are subject to the provisions of Article 11 Section 1111.7.

7 The foregoing standards do not require, or even encourage, new buildings to  
8 imitate the styles of the past. Rather, they require the new to be compatible with the old. The  
9 determination of compatibility shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 309.

10 (b) **Guidelines.** The guidelines in this subsection shall be used in assessing  
11 compatibility.

12 (1) **Composition and Massing.** New construction should maintain the  
13 character of surrounding buildings by relating to their prevailing height, mass, proportions,  
14 rhythm and composition.

15 In addition to the consideration of sunlight access for the street, an  
16 appropriate streetwall height is established by reference to the prevailing height of the  
17 buildings on the block and especially that of adjacent buildings. The prevailing height of  
18 buildings on New Montgomery Street is between five and eight stories while buildings on  
19 Second Street commonly range from three to six stories. A setback at the streetwall height  
20 can permit additional height above the setback up to the height limit without breaking the  
21 continuity of the street wall.

22 Almost all existing buildings are built to the property or street line. This  
23 pattern, except in the case of carefully selected open spaces, should not be broken since it  
24 could damage the continuity of building rhythms and the definition of streets.

1 Proportions for new buildings should be established by the prevailing  
2 streetwall height and the width of existing buildings. On New Montgomery Street, the historic  
3 pattern of large lot development permits new buildings to have a horizontal orientation. In  
4 order to ensure that an established set of proportions is maintained on Second Street, new  
5 construction should break up facades into discrete elements that relate to prevailing building  
6 masses. The use of smaller bays and multiple building entrances are ways in which to relate  
7 the proportions of a new building with those of existing buildings.

8 The design of a new structure should repeat the prevailing pattern of two- and  
9 three-part vertical compositions. One-part buildings without bases do not adequately define  
10 the pedestrian streetscape and do not relate well to the prevailing two- and three-part  
11 structures.

12 (2) **Scale.** The existing scale can be accomplished in a variety of ways,  
13 including: a consistent use of size and complexity of detailing with regard to surrounding  
14 buildings, continuance of existing bay widths, maintenance of the existing streetwall height,  
15 and the use of a base element (of similar height) to maintain the pedestrian environment.  
16 Large wall surfaces, which increase a building's scale, should be broken up through the use of  
17 vertical piers, detailing and textural variation to reduce the scale of Second Street.

18 Existing fenestration (windows, entrances) and rhythms which have been  
19 established by lot width or bay width should be repeated in new structures. The spacing and  
20 size of window openings should follow the sequence set by historic structures. Large glass  
21 areas should be broken up by mullions so that the scale of glazed areas is compatible with  
22 that of neighboring buildings. Casement and double-hung windows should be used where  
23 possible since most existing buildings use these window types.

24 (3) **Materials and Colors.** The use of masonry and stone materials or  
25 materials that appear similar (such as substituting concrete for stone) can link two disparate

1 structures, or harmonize the appearance of a new structure with the architectural character of  
2 a Conservation District. The preferred surface materials for this District are brick, stone, terra  
3 cotta and concrete (simulated to look like terra cotta or stone).

4 The texture of surfaces can be treated in a manner so as to emphasize the  
5 bearing function of the material, as is done with rustication on the Rialto Building. Traditional  
6 light colors should be used in order to blend in with the character of the district. Dissimilar  
7 buildings may be made more compatible by using similar or harmonious colors, and to a  
8 lesser extent, by using similar textures.

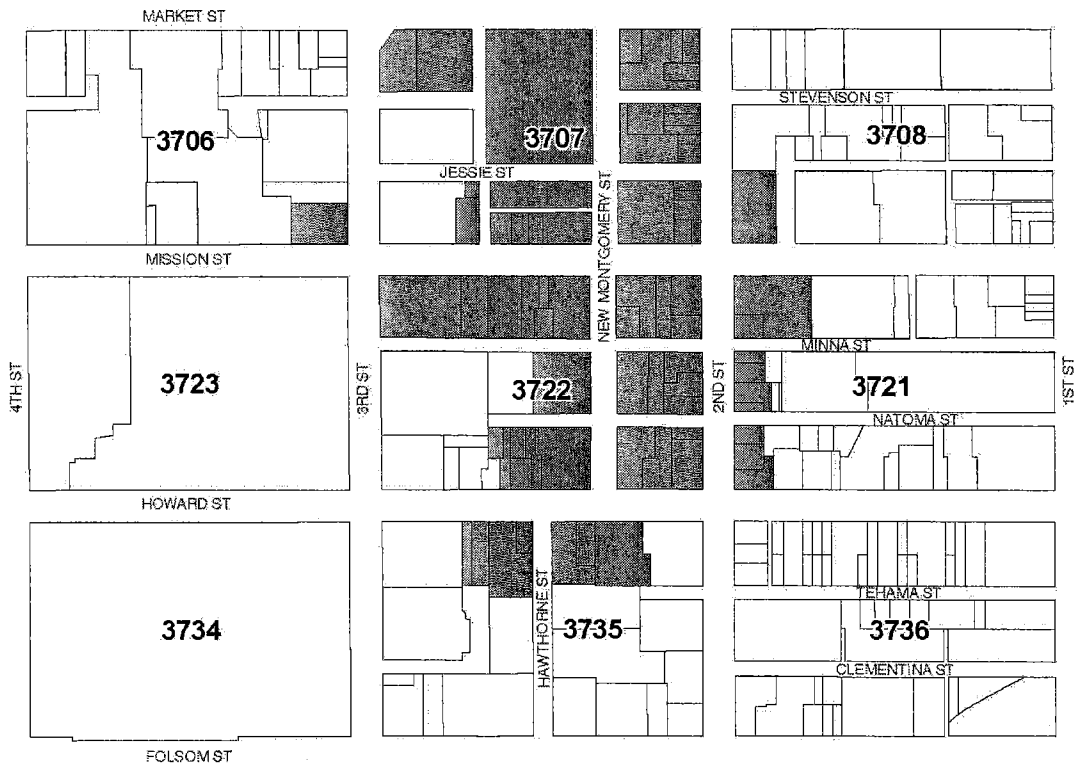
9 (4) **Detailing and Ornamentation.** A new building should relate to the  
10 surrounding area by picking up elements from surrounding buildings and repeating them or  
11 developing them for new purposes. The new structure should incorporate prevailing cornice  
12 lines or belt courses. A variety of Renaissance/Baroque, Gothic and Moderne ornament in the  
13 District provides sources for detailing in new buildings in order to strengthen their relationship.  
14 Similarly shaped forms can be used as detailing without directly copying historical ornament.

15 **SEC. 8. TDR; ELIGIBILITY OF CATEGORY V BUILDINGS.**

16 Category V Buildings in that portion of the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street  
17 Conservation District which is in the 150-S Height District as shown on Sectional Map 1H of  
18 the Zoning Map are eligible for the transfer of TDR as provided in Section 1109(c).

19 NOTE TO EDITOR: Delete existing Map in Appendix F and replace with the following  
20 Map:

New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street Conservation District



**Appendix A TO ARTICLE 11 - Category I Buildings**

CATEGORY I BUILDINGS			
Address of Building	Block	Lot(s)	Name of Building
22 Battery	266	6	Postal Telegraph
98 Battery	266	8	Levi Strauss
99 Battery	267	1	Donahoe
100 Bush	267	4	Shell
130 Bush	267	9	Heineman
200 Bush	268	2	Standard Oil
225 Bush	289	1, 7	Standard Oil
381 Bush	288	17	Alto
445 Bush	287	25	Pacific States
460 Bush	270	33	Fire Station No. 2
564 Bush	271	12	Notre Dame des Victoires

1	158 California	236	5	Marine
	240 California	237	9	Tadich's Grill (Buich)
2	260 California	237	11	Newhall
	301 California	261	1	Robert Dollar Bldg.
3	341 California	261	10A	Harold Dollar Bldg.
	400 California	239	3	Bank of California
4	433 California	260	16	Insurance Exchange
	465 California	260	15	Merchants Exchange
5	554 Commercial	228	22	
	564 Commercial	228	23	
6	569 Commercial	228	11	PG&E Station J
	119 Ellis	330	23	Continental Hotel
7	42 - 50 Fell	814	10	
	67 Fifth	3705	21, 23	Pickwick Hotel
8	231 First	3737	23	
	234 First	3736	6	Phillips
9	54 Fourth	3705	4	Keystone Hotel
	150 Franklin	834	12	Whiteside Apts.
10	251 Front	237	1	DeBernardi's
	2 Geary	310	6	
11	10 Geary	310	5	Schaidt
	28 Geary	310	8	Rosenstock
12	108 Geary	309	4	Marion
	120 Geary	309	5	E. Simon
13	132 Geary	309	6	Sacs
	166 Geary	309	10	Whittell
14	285 Geary	314	12	St. Paul
	293 Geary	314	11	Lincoln
15	301 Geary	315	1	Elkan Gunst
	415 Geary	316	1A	Geary Theater
16	445 Geary	316	18A	Curran Theater
	491 Geary	316	13	Cliff Hotel
17	501 Geary	317	1	Bellvue Apt.
	42 Golden Gate	343	2	Golden Gate Theater
18	200 Golden Gate	345	4	YMCA
	1 Grant	313	8	Security Pacific Bank
19	17 Grant	313	7	Zobel
	50 Grant	312	8	Ransohoff-Liebes
20	201 Grant	294	6	Shreve
	220 Grant	293	8	Phoenix
21	233 Grant	294	5	
	301 Grant	286	5	Myers
22	311 Grant	286	4	Abramson
	333 Grant	286	2	Home Telephone
23	334 Grant	287	17	Beverly Plaza Hotel
	101 Howard	3740	1	Folger Coffee
24	1049 Howard	3731	74	
25	125 Hyde	346	3B	Rulf's File Exchange

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16 Jessie	3708	22	One Ecker
1 Jones	349	3	Hibernia Bank
25 Kearny	310	4	O'Bear
49 Kearny	310	2	Rouillier
153 Kearny	293	2	Bartlett Doe
161 Kearny	293	1	Eyre
200 Kearny	288	11	
201 Kearny	287	8	
251 Kearny	287	1	Charleston
333 Kearny	270	2	Macdonough
344 Kearny	269	9	Harrigan Weidenmuller
346 Kearny	269	27p	
362 Kearny	269	27p	
222 Leidesdorff	228	6	PG&E Station J
1 Market	3713	6	Southern Pacific
215 Market	3711	18	Matson
245 Market	3711	14A	Pacific Gas & Electric
540 Market	291	1	Flatiron
562 Market	291	5	Chancery
576 Market	291	5B	Finance
582 Market	291	6	Hobart
641 Market	3722	69	
660 Market	311	5	
673 Market	3707	51	Monadnock
691 Market	3707	57	Hearst
704 Market	312	10	Citizen's Savings
722 Market	312	9	Bankers Investment
744 Market	312	6	Wells Fargo
760 Market	328	1	Phelan
783 Market	3706	48	Humboldt
801 Market	3705	1	Pacific
835 Market	3705	43	Emporium
870 Market	329	5	Flood
901 Market	3704	1	Hale Brothers
938 Market	341	5	
948 Market	341	6	Mechanics Savings
982 Market	342	17	Warfield Theater
1000 Market	350	1	San Christina
1072 Market	350	4	Crocker Bank
1095 Market	3703	59	Grant
1100 Market	351	1	Hotel Shaw
1182 Market	351	22	Orpheum Theater
1301 Market	3508	1	Merchandise Mart
34 Mason	341	7	Rubyhill Vineyard
101 Mason	331	6	Hotel Mason
120 Mason	330	13	Kowalsky Apts.
602 Mason	284	12	

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83 McAllister	351	32	Methodist Book Concern
100 McAllister	348	6	Hastings Dormitory
132 McAllister	348	7	Argyle Hotel
447 Minna	3725	76	
54 Mint	3704	34	McElnoy
66 Mint	3704	12	Remedial Loan
1 Mission	3715	1	Audiffred
647 Mission	3722	69	
1018 Mission	3703	81	Kean Hotel
130 Montgomery	289	6	French Bank
149 Montgomery	288	1	Alexander
220 Montgomery	268	6 - 8	Mills
235 Montgomery	269	1	Russ
300 Montgomery	260	10	Bank of America
315 Montgomery	259	21	California Commercial Union
400 Montgomery	239	9	Kohl
405 Montgomery	240	3	Financial Center
500 Montgomery	228	13	American-Asian Bank
520 Montgomery	228	15	Paoli's
552 Montgomery	228	28, 29	Bank of America
116 Natoma	3722	6	N. Clark
147 Natoma	3722	13	Underwriter Fire
39 New Montgomery	3707	35	Sharon
74 New Montgomery	3707	33	Call
79 New Montgomery	3707	14	
116 New Montgomery	3722	71	Rialto
134 New Montgomery	3722	8	Pacific Telephone
201 Ninth	3729	82	
20 O'Farrell	313	10	Kohler-Chase
235 O'Farrell	3261	8	Hotel Barclay
301 Pine	268	1	Pacific Stock Exchange
333 Pine	268	16	Chamber of Commerce
348 Pine	260	8	Dividend
57 Post	311	13	Mechanic's Institute
117 Post	310	22	O'Connor Moffat
126 Post	293	5	Rochat Cordes
165 Post	310	20	Rothchild
175 Post	310	19	Liebes
180 Post	293	7	Hastings
201 Post	309	1	Head
225 Post	309	27	S. Christian
275 Post	309	22	Lathrop

1	278 Post	294	11	Joseph Fredericks
	340 Post	295	5	Bullock & Jones
2	442 Post	296	8	Chamberlain
	450 Post	296	9	Elk's Club
3	470 Post	296	10	Medico-Dental
	491 Post	307	9	1st Congregational Church
4	524 Post	297	5	Olympic Club
5	600 Post	298	6	Alvarado Hotel
	1 Powell	330	5	Bank of America
6	200 Powell	314	7	Omar Khayyam's
	301 Powell	307	1	St. Francis Hotel
7	432 Powell	295	8	Sir Francis Drake
	433 Powell	296	5	Chancellor Hotel
8	449 Powell	296	1	Foetz
	540 Powell	285	9	Elk's Club Old
9	114 Sansome	267	10	Adam Grant
	155 Sansome	268	1A	Stock Exchange Tower
10	200 Sansome	261	7	American International
11	201 Sansome	260	5	Royal Globe Insurance
12	221 Sansome	260	4	
13	231 Sansome	260	3	TC Kierloff
	233 Sansome	260	2	Fireman's Fund
14	400 Sansome	229	3	Federal Reserve
	401 Sansome	228	4	Sun
15	407 Sansome	228	3	
16	71 - 85 Second	3708	19	Pacific Bell Building
	121 Second	3721	71	Rapp
17	132 Second	3722	3	
18	<i>133 Second</i>	<i>3721</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>Morton L. Cook</i>
	141 Second	3721	50	
19	6 Seventh	3702	1	Odd Fellow's
	106 Sixth	3726	2	
20	201 Sixth	3732	124	Hotel Argonne
	111 Stevenson	3707	44	Palace Garage
21	46 Stockton	328	4	J. Magnin
	101 Stockton	314	2	Macy's
22	234 Stockton	309	20	Schroth's
	600 Stockton	257	12	Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.
23	108 Sutter	288	7	French Bank
24	111 Sutter	292	1	Hunter-Dulin
	130 Sutter	288	27	Hallidie
25	216 Sutter	287	9	Rose



1	255 Sutter	293	9	White House
	256 Sutter	287	11	Sather
2	266 Sutter	287	12	Bemiss
	301 Sutter	294	1	Hammersmith
3	312 Sutter	286	7	Nutall
	391 Sutter	294	15	Galen
4	445 Sutter	295	10p	Pacific Gas & Electric
	447 Sutter	295	10p	Pacific Gas & Electric
5	450 Sutter	285	6	Medical-Dental
	500 Sutter	284	4	Physician's
6	609 Sutter	297	1	Marines Memorial
	620 Sutter	283	4A	
7	640 Sutter	283	22	Metropolitan
	403 Taylor	317	3	Hotel California
8	624 Taylor	297	7	Bohemian Club
	701 Taylor	282	4A	
9	2 Turk	340	4	Oxford Hotel
	11 Van Ness	834	4	Masonic Temple
10	<u>700-706 Mission (86 Third)</u>	<u>3706</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>Mercantile or Aronson</u>
11	<u>145 Natoma</u>	<u>3722</u>	<u>14</u>	

**Appendix C TO ARTICLE 11 - Category III Buildings**

CATEGORY III BUILDINGS	Address of Building	Block	Lot(s)	Name of Building
	566 Bush	271	24	Notre Dame des Victoires Rectory
	608 Commercial	277	48	Original U.S. Mint & Subtreasury
	33 Drumm	235	5	
	37 Drumm	235	19	
	51 Grant	313	3	Eleanor Green
	342 Howard	3719	8	
	657 Howard	3735	41	San Francisco News
	667 Howard	3735	39	
	1097 Howard	3731	42	Blindcraft
	1234 Howard	3728	14	Guilfoy Cornice
	96 Jessie	3708	32	
	703 Market	3706	1	Central Tower
	1083 Market	3703	61	
	1582 Market	836	10	Miramar Apts.
	658 Mission	3707	20	
	678 Mission	3703	21	Builders' Exchange Building
	1087 Mission	3726	106	

615 Sacramento	240	14	Jack's Restaurant
343 Sansome	239	2	
32 Sixth	3703	4	Seneca Hotel
83 Stevenson	3708	34	Calif. Farmer
72 Tehama	3736	91	Brizard and Young
1 United Nations Plaza	351	37	J.S. Godau
41 Van Ness	834	22p	
<u>240 Second</u>	<u>3735</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>Marine Fireman's and Oilers and Watertenders Union Hall</u>
<u>572 Folsom</u>	<u>3736</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>J.E. Bier</u>
<u>606 Folsom</u>	<u>3735</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Planters Hotel</u>
<u>608 Folsom</u>	<u>3735</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>Louis Lurie Co.</u>
<u>527 Howard</u>	<u>3736</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>Martin</u>
<u>531 Howard</u>	<u>3736</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>Mercedes</u>
<u>577 Howard</u>	<u>3736</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>Taylor</u>
<u>589 Howard</u>	<u>3736</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>Lent</u>
<u>404 Mission</u>	<u>3709</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>C.C. Moore; Terminal Plaza</u>
<u>79 Stevenson</u>	<u>3708</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>SF Municipal Railway Co. Substation</u>
<u>74 Tehama</u>	<u>3736</u>	<u>92</u>	
<u>78 Tehama</u>	<u>3736</u>	<u>93</u>	
<u>90 Tehama</u>	<u>3736</u>	<u>94</u>	

**Appendix D TO ARTICLE 11 - Category IV Buildings**

CATEGORY IV BUILDINGS			
Address of Building	Block	Lot(s)	Name of Building
28 Belden	269	14	
40 Belden	269	15	
52 Belden	269	18	
364 Bush	269	4	Sam's Grill
380 Bush	269	5	Shasta Hotel
415 Bush	287	23	
429 Bush	287	22	
447 Bush	287	20	Hansa Hotel
461 Bush	287	18	Mfg. Jeweler's
507 Bush	286	1	St. Charles Hotel
515 Bush	286	22	Terbush
553 Clay	228	32	
559 Clay	228	31	
61 Ellis	329	6	John's Grill

1	111 Ellis	330	1	Powell
	120 Ellis	326	5	Misses Butler
2	222 Front	236	6	
	235 Front	237	4	
3	236 Front	236	8	Shroeder
	239 Front	237	2	
4	246 Front	236	9	
	250 Front	236	10	
5	66 Geary	310	12	Hotel Graystone
	88 Geary	310	13 - 15	Cailleau
6	100 Geary	309	3	Granat Brothers
	101 Geary	313	1	Paragon
7	129 Geary	313	16	
	146 Geary	309	7	
8	152 Geary	309	8	
	156 Geary	309	9	
9	251 Geary	314	14	Werner
	347 Geary	315	22	Hotel Stewart
10	366 Geary	307	6	Rosebud's English Pub
11	381 Geary	315	20A	
	418 Geary	306	6	Paisley Hotel
12	436 Geary	306	7	Somerton Hotel
	459 Geary	316	18	
13	468 Geary	306	8	
	476 Geary	306	9	Hotel David
14	484 Geary	306	11	
	490 Geary	306	12	Hotel Maryland
15	39 Grant	313	5	Fisher
	59 Grant	313	2	
16	100 Grant	310	13	Livingston Brothers
	166 Grant	310	17	
17	251 Grant	294	3	
	255 Grant	294	2	
18	321 Grant	286	3	Hotel Baldwin
	45 Kearny	310	3	Oscar Luning
19	209 Kearny	287	7	
	215 Kearny	287	6	
20	219 Kearny	287	5	
	227 Kearny	287	4	
21	240 Kearny	288	14	Marston
	246 Kearny	288	25	Hotel Stanford
22	260 Kearny	288	16	
	315 Kearny	270	5	
23	325 Kearny	270	3	
	334 Kearny	269	7	
24	353 Kearny	270	1	Kearny-Pine Building
25	358 Kearny	269	11	

1	215 Leidesdorff	228	10	
	118 Maiden Lane	309	16	Lloyd
2	177 Maiden Lane	309	12	
	601 Market	3707	1	Santa Fe
3	609 Market	3707	2A	
	623 Market	3707	59	Metropolis Trust
4	300 Mason	315	16	Hotel Virginia
	334 Mason	315	17	King George Hotel
5	425 Mason	306	2	S. F. Water Dept.
	542 Mason	296	12A	St. Francis Apts.
6	609 Mission	3722	1	Stevenson
	617 Mission	3722	73	Koracorp
7	540 Montgomery	228	24	Bank of America
	111 New Montgomery	3722	72	Standard
8	137 New Montgomery	3722	7	
9	170 New Montgomery	3722	22	Furniture Exchange
10	180 O'Farrell	314	6	St. Moritz Hotel
11	238 O'Farrell	315	10	Spaulding Hotel
	272 O'Farrell	315	14	
12	280 O'Farrell	315	15	
	340 Pine	260	7	Selsbach and Deans
13	358 Pine	260	9	Phoenix
	369 Pine	268	12	Exchange Block
14	485 Pine	269	20	
	216 Post	294	7	Guggenheim
15	228 Post	294	8	Gumps - E. Arden
	233 Post	309	17	Graff
16	251 Post	309	24	Mercedes
	272 Post	294	10	
17	438 Post	296	7	St. Andrew
	545 Post	306	22	Hotel Cecil
18	620 Post	298	7	J. J. Moore Apts.
	624 Post	298	8	
19	45 Powell	330	2	
20	100 Powell	327	12	Hotel Golden State
	111 Powell	326	4	
21	120 Powell	327	13	
	134 Powell	327	22	Elevated Shops
22	151 Powell	326	2	Hotel Herbert
	201 Powell	315	3, 6 - 9	Manx Hotel
23	207 Powell	315	4	Howard
	226 Powell	314	9	
24	235 Powell	315	2	
	236 Powell	314	10	Hotel Stratford
25	421 Powell	296	6	United Airlines

1	435 Powell	296	14p	
	439 Powell	296	14p	
2	445 Powell	296	2	
	333 Sacramento	237	18	
3	558 Sacramento	228	9	
	560 Sacramento	228	10	
4	568 Sacramento	228	11	PG&E Station J
	576 Sacramento	228	12	Potter
5	415 Sansome	228	2	Fugazi Bank
	20 Second	3707	2	Schwabacher
6	36 Second	3707	4	Morgan
	42 Second	3707	5	
7	48 Second	3707	6	Kentfield & Esser
	52 Second	3707	7	
8	60 Second	3707	8	
	70 Second	3707	9	
9	76 Second	3707	10	
	90 Second	3707	12	
10	120 Second	3722	2	
	<del>133 Second</del>	<del>3721</del>	<del>51</del>	<i>Morton L. Cook</i>
11	144 Second	3722	4	
	149 Second	3721	49	
12	156 Second	3722	5	Jackson
	163 Second	3721	48	Marcus Modry
13	165 Second	3721	5	Electrical
	168 Second	3722	16	
14	182 Second	3722	19	Barker, Knickerbocker & Bostwick
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16	216 Stockton	309	13	
	222 Stockton	309	14	A. M. Robertson
17	334 Stockton	294	13p	Drake-Wiltshire Hotel Annex
	340 Stockton	294	13p	Drake-Wiltshire Hotel
18	417 Stockton	285	4	All Seasons Hotel
	427 Stockton	285	3	
19	171 Sutter	292	9	
	307 Sutter	294	23	Orpheus
20	310 Sutter	286	6	
	315 Sutter	294	22	Newbegin
21	323 Sutter	294	21	Hotel Alamo
	345 Sutter	294	19	
22	371 Sutter	294	16	Nathalie Nicoli
	400 Sutter	285	5p	McCloud
23	524 Sutter	284	6	Cartwright
	535 Sutter	296	13C	Westphal
24	540 Sutter	284	8	John Simmons
25	547 Sutter	296	13B	Lowell

1	559 Sutter	296	13A	
	575 Sutter	296	13	
2	595 Sutter	296	12B	Francisca Club
	635 Sutter	297	13	Hotel Beresford
3	655 Sutter	297	12	
	679 Sutter	297	10	
4	680 Sutter	283	7	
	690 Sutter	283	8	
5	693 Sutter	297	9	
	701 Sutter	298	1	
6	717 Sutter	298	34	Hotel DeLuxe
	420 Taylor	316	10	NBC/KBHK
7	615 Taylor	298	5	Taylor Hotel
	621 Taylor	298	4	Winterburn Hotel
8	625 Taylor	298	3	Eisenberg Apts.
	627 Taylor	298	2	Hawthorne Apts.
9	<u>125 Third (693 Mission)</u>	<u>3722</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>Williams</u>
10	<u>606 Howard</u>	<u>3722</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Merritt</u>
	<u>651 Howard</u>	<u>3735</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>Smith-Emery Co.</u>
11	<u>667 Howard</u>	<u>3735</u>	<u>39</u>	
	<u>163 Jessie</u>	<u>3707</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>California Demokrat;</u> <u>Hess</u>
12	<u>602 Mission</u>	<u>3707</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>Atlas</u>
13	<u>611 Mission</u>	<u>3722</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>Koret</u>
	<u>641 Mission</u>	<u>3722</u>	<u>70</u>	
14	<u>657 Mission</u>	<u>3722</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>McLaughlin</u>
	<u>663 Mission</u>	<u>3722</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>Grant</u>
15	<u>666 Mission</u>	<u>3707</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>California Historical</u> <u>Society; Hundley</u> <u>Hardware</u>
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17	<u>161 Natoma</u>	<u>3722</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>Emerson Flag</u> <u>Company</u>

Section 3. This Section is uncodified.

**(a) Transit Tower Site In-Kind Agreement and Fees.**

(1) The Board of Supervisors specifically recognizes that the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (the "TJPA") plans to sell property owned by the TJPA adjacent to the new Transbay Transit Center (Assessor's Block 3720, Lot 009) (the "Tower Property") to a developer (the "Tower Developer") for the construction of the Transit Tower (the "Tower Project"). The purchase price the Transit Tower Developer has agreed to pay for the Tower Property will

1 include amounts that will be applied by the TJPA to the construction of Phase I of the  
2 Transbay Transit Center Project, including the Transit Center and the below-ground train  
3 levels of the Transit Center to accommodate the Downtown Rail Extension, City Park on top  
4 of the Transit Center, and sidewalk and street improvements immediately adjacent to the  
5 Transit Center. In addition to paying the purchase price for the Tower Property to the TJPA,  
6 the discretionary approvals for the Transit Tower, as described below, will require the Transit  
7 Tower Developer to pay for and build public improvements including, but not limited to, (i)  
8 Mission Square, (ii) sidewalk and street improvements adjacent to the Tower Project, (iii) a  
9 mechanism for public access directly from Mission Square to City Park (such as a funicular or  
10 inclined elevator, and (iv) a graceful, wide pedestrian bridge connecting the Tower Project  
11 with City Park that provides public access to the Park through the Tower Project.

12 (2) Should the City, in its sole and absolute discretion, issue approvals for the Transit  
13 Tower, a condition of any such approvals shall be that the Planning Director enter into an In-  
14 Kind Agreement, as set forth in this Ordinance, with the Transit Tower Developer to provide  
15 that the Developer may satisfy the requirement for the payment of the Transit Center District  
16 Plan Open Space Fee and Transportation and Street improvement Fee set forth in this  
17 Ordinance (the "TCDP Impact Fees") by constructing or causing to be constructed identified  
18 public improvements in the TCDP Area. Except as provided below, the fee offset shall be the  
19 full amount of the TCDP Impact Fees. Public improvements that should be considered for this  
20 Agreement are contributions from the Tower Property purchase price that the TJPA applies  
21 toward: (i) Natoma Street pedestrian plaza, (ii) Mission Street streetscape and transit  
22 improvements across the full right-of-way between First and Fremont Streets, (iii) signalized  
23 midblock pedestrian crossings on Fremont and First Streets, (iv) the Downtown Rail Extension  
24 (including the build-out of the train box for the Downtown Rail Extension), and (v) City Park.  
25 Notwithstanding the fee offset described above, the portion of the Transit Center District Plan

1 Transportation and Street Improvement Fee dedicated to addressing Transit Delay Mitigation  
2 and \$2 (two) million of the Transit Center District Plan Open Space Fee shall not be eligible  
3 for in-kind credit against TCDP Impact Fees payments. Further, the Board hereby requires, as  
4 a condition of the In-Kind Agreement, that the City Planning Director enter into an Agreement  
5 with the TJPA that stipulates that if the TJPA does not allocate and obligate the Tower  
6 Developer's TCDP Impact Fee revenues to the improvements as set forth above and  
7 identified in the Agreement, the City shall allocate the amount of Impact Fee revenue  
8 equivalent to the unallocated and unobligated amount so that such revenues are available for:  
9 (i) other improvements consistent with the purpose of the respective Impact Fees, or, (ii) as  
10 determined by the Planning Commission and based on recommendation by the Interagency  
11 Plan Implementation Committee, used by the TJPA to fund alternative improvements  
12 consistent with the purposes of the Impact Fees.

13 (b) **Previously Entitled Projects.** Notwithstanding Section 123 as proposed for  
14 amendment, any unbuilt project that obtained Planning Commission approval January 1, 2012  
15 may apply Transferrable Development Rights (TDR) to exceed a floor area ratio of 9.0:1 and  
16 shall be eligible for partial waiver of certain impact fees as described in Section 424.7.2(c)(3)  
17 and 424.7.2(c)(5).

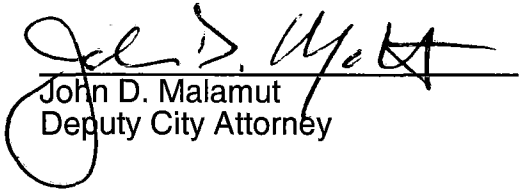
18 Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the  
19 date of passage.

20 Section 5. This section is uncodified. In enacting this Ordinance, the Board intends to  
21 amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers,  
22 punctuation, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent part of the Planning Code that are  
23 explicitly shown in this legislation as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and  
24 Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title  
25 of the legislation.



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

By:   
John D. Malamut  
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**City and County of San Francisco**

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Ordinance**

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**File Number:** 120665

**Date Passed:** July 31, 2012

Ordinance: 1) amending the San Francisco Planning Code by amending and adding sections consistent with the Transit Center District Plan, including the establishment of the Transit Center District Plan open space and transportation fees and the expansion and renaming of the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street Conservation District, and 2) making findings, including environmental findings and findings of consistency with the General Plan, as proposed for amendment, and Planning Code Section 101.1.

July 16, 2012 Land Use and Economic Development Committee - RECOMMENDED

July 24, 2012 Board of Supervisors - PASSED, ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Kim, Mar, Olague and Wiener

Excused: 1 - Farrell

July 31, 2012 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Mar, Olague and Wiener

Absent: 1 - Kim

File No. 120665

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 7/31/2012 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor

8/8/12  
Date Approved