



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Exhibit IV-1: Approval of Planning Code Amendments Case Report

HEARING DATE: MAY 24, 2012

*Case No.:* **2007.0558EMTZ**  
*Transit Center District Plan –  
Amendments to Planning Code*

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### DESCRIPTION

The San Francisco Planning Department proposes amending the Planning Code of the City and County of San Francisco to implement land use policy changes contained in the Transit Center District Plan. Proposed amendments to the Planning Code were initiated by the Planning Commission on May 3, 2012 in Resolution 18613.

For background on the Transit Center District Plan, see the accompanying Executive Summary staff report.

### PRELIMINARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the draft Resolution to Recommend Approval of the proposed amendments to the Planning Code.

### PLANNING CODE AMENDMENTS

Proposed changes to the Planning Code include but are not limited to those related to land use, density, height, open space, parking, conservation districts, and impact fees. Proposed Planning Code text and related map amendments will make revisions to existing sections of the Planning Code and introduce new sections necessary to implement the General Plan as proposed to be amended pursuant to adoption of the Transit Center District Plan.

The following is a general description of the proposed Planning Code amendments necessary, in part, to implement the Transit Center District Plan. Code sections to be added or amended are in bold type, followed in normal type by a summary of proposed changes. The complete Code amendments proposal is attached in the draft Ordinance.

**Sec. 102.5 District.**

This amendment adds the C-3-O(SD) District under the list of "C-3 Districts."

**Sec. 102.9 Floor Area, Gross.**

This amendment creates exemptions from the calculation of gross floor area for retail and restaurant uses in buildings adjacent to the Transit Center where such uses are at the park level and directly accessible to it, and for areas of public accommodation, such as observation decks, in the upper portions of buildings taller than 600 feet.

**Sec. 102.11 Floor Area Ratio.**

This amendment eliminates a provision requiring the counting of non-existent floor area in buildings with tall average floor-to-floor heights.

**Sec. 123 Maximum Floor Area Ratio.**

This amendment eliminates the maximum limit on FAR in the C-3-O(SD) District and establishes the requirements to purchase Transferrable Development Rights for certain FAR exceeding the base FAR.

**132.1 Setback and Streetwall Articulation: C-3 Districts.**

This amendment adds design requirements in the C-3-O(SD) District for the creation of distinct building bases that define the streetwall, features that enhance the pedestrian zone, and requirements for building setbacks on certain frontages to provide necessary pedestrian circulation. The amendment also amends the tower separation chart to extend requirements to buildings taller than 550 feet, and clarifies certain situations that warrant exceptions to tower separation requirements.

**136 Obstructions Over Streets and Alleys and in Required Setbacks, Yards and Usable Open Space.**

This amendment expands the allowances for architectural features to extend over sidewalks in the C-3-O(SD) District.

**138 Open Space Requirements in C-3 Districts.**

This amendment expands the requirements to all non-residential uses in the C-3-O(SD) District and creates certain provisions for that district, including the creation of direct public connections from development projects to the Transit Center rooftop park, publicly-accessible observation decks or sky lobbies, certain mid-block pathways, and the payment of fees in-lieu of constructing on-site open space.

**151.1 Schedule of Permitted Off-Street Parking Spaces in Specified Districts.**

This amendment would establish the maximum amount of allowed off-street parking for non-residential uses in the C-3-O(SD) District at 3.5% of gross floor area.

**152.1 Required Off-Street Freight Loading And Service Vehicle Spaces In C-3, Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, And South Of Market Mixed Use Districts.**

This amendment would limit the required minimum number of off-street loading spaces to six spaces per project.

**Sec. 155 General Standards As To Location And Arrangement Of Off-Street Parking, Freight Loading And Service Vehicle Facilities.**

This amendment would add or extend certain street frontages in the Plan Area to the list of protected frontages where access to off-street parking or loading is prohibited or requires Conditional Use authorization.

**Sec. 155.4 Bicycle Parking Required in New and Renovated Commercial Buildings.**

This amendment would increase the amount of required bicycle parking for non-residential uses in the C-3-O(SD) District.

**Sec. 156 Parking Lots.**

This amendment would prohibit new temporary surface parking lots in the C-3-O(SD) District and establish certain requirements for car sharing, bicycle parking, and landscaping for the continuation of existing temporary lots.

**Sec. 163 Transportation Management Programs And Transportation Brokerage Services In C-3, Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use, And South Of Market Mixed Use Districts.**

This amendment would expand the transportation brokerage requirements to all non-residential uses in the C-3-O(SD) District and to new residential projects larger than 100 dwelling units.

**Sec. 201 Classes of Use Districts.**

This amendment lists C-3-O(SD) among the list of "Commercial Districts."

**Sec. 210.3 C-3 Districts: Downtown Commercial.**

This amendment adds a specific narrative description of the purpose of the C-3-O(SD) District.

**Sec. 215-226 Use Tables.**

These amendments add a column for the C-3-O(SD) District to all of the use tables in Article 2 and establish permitted, conditional and not-permitted uses for the district. All use provisions are identical to the C-3-O except that residential density would not be limited by lot area in the C-3-O(SD) district pursuant to an amendment in Sec. 216.

**Sec. 248 Transit Center C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use District.**

This amendment would rename and re-purpose the Section. Currently the section establishes the C-3-O(SD) as a Special Use District of the C-3, however the Zoning Maps currently treat the C-3-O(SD) as a bona-fide unique zoning district and do not show the C-3-O(SD) on the Special Use District Maps. To clarify this confusion, the amendments proposed pursuant to this Plan would clearly establish the C-3-O(SD) as a unique zoning district separate from the C-3-O. The revised Section 248 would establish a new Special Use District for a subset of the C-3-O(SD) where new development on large lots would be required to feature a minimum ratio of 2 square feet of commercial uses for every 1 square foot of residential uses.

**Sec. 260 Height Limits: Measurement.**

This amendment would establish height measurement rules for buildings taller than 550 feet in the S-2 Bulk District.

**Sec. 270 Bulk Limits: Measurement.**

This amendment would add the “S-2” Bulk District and establish bulk controls for this district.

**Sec. 272 Bulk Limits: Special Exceptions in C-3 Districts.**

This amendment would add missing numeration to a subsection.

**Sec. 303 Conditional Uses.**

This amendment would add certain criteria for the consideration of Conditional Use for hotel uses in the Transit Center C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use District.

**Sec. 309 Permit Review in C-3 Districts.**

This amendment would add cross-references to exceptions allowed elsewhere in the Code.

**Sec. 412.1 Findings. (Downtown Open Space Fee)**

This amendment would add a reference to the Downtown Open Space Nexus Study.

**Sec. 427 Payment In Case Of Variance Or Exception For Required Open Space.**

This amendments would add a subsection to specify the in-lieu fee for open space required open space per Section 138 and to require payment of the fee for cases of variances for required open space in the C-3-O(SD) District.

**Sec. 4XX et seq. Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fee and Fund.**

These new sections would establish the Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fee and Fund, including findings, fee amounts, procedures for in-kind agreements, fee collection, and uses and administration of fund revenues.

**Sec. 4XX et seq. Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Fee and Fund.**

These new sections would establish the Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fee and Fund, including findings, fee amounts, procedures for in-kind agreements, fee collection, and uses and administration of fund revenues.

**Sec. 4XX Transit Center District Mello Roos Community Facilities District Program.**

This new section would establish the requirement that proposed projects in the C-3-O(SD) District seeking to exceed an FAR of 9:1 must participate in the Plan’s Community Facilities District program.

**Sec. 1103.1 Conservation District Designations.**

This amendment would change the name of the New Montgomery-Second Street Conservation District to the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street Conservation District.

**Appendix A to Article 11 Category I Buildings.**

This amendment would add certain buildings to the list of Category I Buildings.

**Appendix C to Article 11 Category III Buildings.**

This amendment would add to certain buildings to the list of Category III Buildings and delete one building from the list.

**Appendix D to Article 11 Category IV Buildings.**

This amendment would add to certain buildings to the list of Category IV Buildings.

**Appendix F to Article 11 New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street Conservation District.**

This amendment would update the name of the district, add text regarding the history of the district and architectural character and features, and update the district map to reflect the proposed revised boundaries.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The Department published the Draft Environmental Impact Report on September 28, 2011. The Planning Commission will consider certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report on the Transit Center District Plan and adoption of CEQA Findings prior to consideration of this item at the hearing on May 24, 2012.

## **RELATED ACTIONS**

As part of its actions approving the Transit Center District Plan, the Planning Commission will consider Amendments to the General Plan, Zoning Maps, and Administrative Code and approval of the Plan Program Implementation Document. These proposed actions are discussed in separate Staff Reports.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Exhibit IV-2 Draft Resolution to Recommend Approval of Planning Code Amendments

Exhibit IV-3 Draft Planning Code Amendments Ordinance



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## Planning Commission Draft Resolution

HEARING DATE MAY 24, 2012

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**ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING CODE TO INCORPORATE AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO THE ADOPTION OF THE TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT PLAN AND RECOMMENDING TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO PLANNING CODE ARTICLE 11 AND VARIOUS APPENDICES.**

WHEREAS, Section 4.105 of the City and County of San Francisco Charter mandates that the Planning Commission shall periodically recommend amendments to the Planning Code to the Board of Supervisors; and the San Francisco Planning Department is proposing to amend the Planning Code to implement the Transit Center District Plan and to bring Planning Code regulations governing this area into consistency with the Transit Center District Plan (“the Plan”).

The Historic Preservation Commission, at a duly noticed public hearing on May 2, 2012, initiated the Planning Code amendments to Article 11, including various appendices, which are integrated into the Planning Code amendments pending before this Commission.

The Planning Commission, at a duly noticed public hearing on May 3, 2012 and in accordance with Planning Code Section 302(b), initiated the Planning Code amendments that are the subject of this Resolution.

The Planning Code amendments propose the adoption of the Transit Center District Open Space fee and the Transit Center District Transportation and Streetscape Improvement fee. The fee proposed fee amounts are supported by the Downtown Open Space Nexus Study, San Francisco Planning Department and the Transit Center District Plan Transportation Nexus Study, respectively. Both studies are on file with the Department in San Francisco Planning Department Case No. 2007.0558EMTZU and are incorporated herein by reference.

Resolution \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2012

**CASE NO. 2007.0558EMTZU**  
**Approval of Planning Code Amendments**  
**Related to the Transit Center District Plan**

The Planning Commission incorporates by reference the general findings and overview concerning the Transit Center District Plan as set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ governing General Plan amendments.

Prior to considering relevant amendments to the General Plan, Planning Code, Zoning Maps and other actions related to implementing the Transit Center District Plan, the Planning Commission adopted Motion No. \_\_\_\_\_ certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Transit Center District Plan in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Planning Commission also adopted Motion No. \_\_\_\_\_ adopting CEQA Findings related to the Transit Center District Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission adopts and incorporates by reference the CEQA Findings in Commission Motion No. \_\_\_\_\_;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Planning Code Section 302(c), the Planning Commission finds from the facts presented that the public necessity, convenience and general welfare require the proposed amendments to the Planning Code;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission finds the Planning Code amendments, on balance, consistent with the General Plan as proposed for amendment and with the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, which is incorporated herein by reference;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission adopt the amendments to Article 11, including various appendices, as contained in the Exhibit referenced below.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Planning Code Section 302(c), the Commission approves the Planning Code amendments contained in an ordinance approved as to form by the City Attorney hereto attached as Exhibit IV-3 and recommends their adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

Linda D. Avery  
Commission Secretary

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED:

1 [Transit Center District Plan – Planning Code Amendments]

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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, 2)**  
7 **making findings, including environmental findings and findings of consistency with the**  
8 **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~~.

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

21 (2) On \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 by Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, the Planning  
22 Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing and adopted findings pursuant to the  
23 California Environmental Quality Act for the Transit Center District Plan and related action. A  
24 copy of Planning Commission Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ is on file with the Clerk of the

25 Planning Department  
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1 Board of Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is incorporated herein by reference.

2 The Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Planning Commission's environmental findings  
3 as its own.

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

6 (1) On \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public  
7 hearing on the attached Planning Code amendments. At said meeting, the Planning  
8 Commission, in Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ recommended to the Historic Preservation  
9 Commission that it support the proposed amendments to Article 11 of the Planning Code,  
10 including the addition of certain properties to the amended New Montgomery-Mission-Second  
11 Street Conservation District that also will be listed in the City's Zoning Map. A copy of said  
12 Planning Commission Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File  
13 No. \_\_\_\_\_. and is incorporated herein by reference.

14 (2) On \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, the Historic Preservation Commission held a duly  
15 noticed public hearing on the amendments proposed herein to Article 11 of the Planning  
16 Code, including the addition of certain properties to the amended New Montgomery-Mission-  
17 Second Street Conservation District that also will be listed in the City's Zoning Map. At said  
18 meeting, the Historic Preservation Commission adopted Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ that  
19 recommended to the Board of Supervisors that it adopt these amendments. A copy of said  
20 Historic Preservation Commission Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
21 Supervisors in File No. \_\_\_\_\_ and is incorporated herein by reference.

22 (3) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board of Supervisors finds that this  
23 Ordinance will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth  
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1 in Planning Commission Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, and incorporates those reasons  
2 herein by reference.

3 (4) 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.  
6 \_\_\_\_\_, and incorporates those reasons herein by reference.

7 (5) 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, 412.1, 427, 1103.1, and Appendix F to Article 11 and adding Sections 4.XX-4.XX, to  
7 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

1 name in Section 702.1. The term "NCT" shall mean any district listed in Section 702.1(b),  
2 including any NCT-1, NCT-2, NCT-3 and any Neighborhood Commercial Transit District  
3 identified by street or area name. The term "Mixed Use" District shall mean all Chinatown  
4 Mixed Use, South of Market Mixed Use, Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use, and Downtown  
5 Residential Districts. The term "Chinatown Mixed Use District" shall mean any Chinatown CB,  
6 Chinatown VR, or Chinatown R/NC District named in Section 802.1. The term "South of  
7 Market Mixed Use Districts" shall refer to all RED, RSD, SLR, SLI, or SSO Districts named in  
8 Section 802.1. The term "Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts" shall refer to all SPD,  
9 MUG, MUO, MUR, and UMU Districts named in Section 802.1. The term "DTR District" or  
10 "Downtown Residential District" shall refer to any Downtown Residential District identified by  
11 street or area name in Section 825, 827, 828, and 829. The term "PM District" or "Parkmerced  
12 District" shall refer to any PM-R, PM-MU1, PM-MU2, PM-S, PM-CF, or PM-OS District named  
13 in Section 249.64. The terms "TI District" and "YBI District" shall refer to any TI-R, TI-MU, TI-  
14 OS, TI-PCI, YBI-R, YBI-MU, YBI-OS, YBI-PCI, as set forth in Section 249.52.

15 **SEC. 102.9. FLOOR AREA, GROSS.**

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

23 In C-3 Districts and the Van Ness Special Use District, the sum of the gross areas of  
24 the several floors of a building or buildings, measured along the glass line at windows at a

1 height of four feet above the finished floor and along a projected straight line parallel to the  
2 overall building wall plane connecting the ends of individual windows; provided, however, that  
3 such line shall not be inward of the interior face of the wall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (b) "Gross floor area" shall not include the following:  
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1 (1) Basement and cellar space used only for storage or services necessary  
2 to the operation or maintenance of the building itself;

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

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

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

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

17 (6) Floor space used for accessory off-street parking and loading spaces as  
18 described in Section 204.5 of this Code and up to a maximum of one hundred fifty percent  
19 (150%) of the off-street accessory parking permitted by right in Section 151.1 of this Code for  
20 C-3 Districts, and driveways and maneuvering areas incidental thereto;

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

3 (8) Balconies, porches, roof decks, terraces, courts and similar features,  
4 except those used for primary access as described in Paragraph (a)(6) above, provided that:

5 (A) If more than 70 percent of the perimeter of such an area is  
6 enclosed, either by building walls (exclusive of a railing or parapet not more than three feet  
7 eight inches high) or by such walls and interior lot lines, and the clear space is less than 15  
8 feet in either dimension, the area shall not be excluded from gross floor area unless it is fully  
9 open to the sky (except for roof eaves, cornices or belt courses which project not more than  
10 two feet from the face of the building wall).

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

23 (C) If, however, 70 percent or less of the perimeter of such an area is  
24 enclosed by building walls (exclusive of a railing or parapet not more than three feet eight

1 inches high) or by such walls and interior lot lines, and the open side or sides face on a yard,  
2 street or court whose dimensions satisfy the requirements of this Code and all other  
3 applicable codes for instances in which required windows face upon such yard, street or court,  
4 the area may be roofed to the extent permitted by such codes in instances in which required  
5 windows are involved;

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

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

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

14 (12) In the C-3-0, C-3-O(SD), C-3-S, C-3-S(SU) and C-3-G Districts, space  
15 devoted to personal services, restaurants, and retail sales of goods intended to meet the  
16 convenience shopping and service needs of downtown workers and residents, not to exceed  
17 5,000 occupied square feet per use and, in total, not to exceed 75 percent of the area of the  
18 ground floor of the building plus the ground level, on-site open space. Said uses shall be  
19 located on the ground floor, except that, in order to facilitate the creation of more spacious  
20 ground floor interior spaces, a portion of the said uses, in an amount to be determined  
21 pursuant to the provisions of Section 309, may be located on a mezzanine level;

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

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

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

5 (B) The facilities are made available rent free, and

6 (C) Adequate outdoor space is provided adjacent, or easily accessible,  
7 to the facility. Spaces such as atriums, rooftops or public parks may be used if they meet  
8 licensing requirements for child care facilities, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6           **SEC. 102.11. FLOOR AREA RATIO.**

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

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

17           **SEC. 123. MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 (e) C-3-O(SD) District. To exceed the basic floor area ratio limit of 6.0:1 up to a ratio of  
15 9.0:1, TDR must be transferred to the development lot as described in Section 128. The use of TDR to  
16 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  
17 floor area ratio of 9.0:1, all projects must participate in the Transit Center District Mello-Roos  
18 Community Facilities District as described in Section 4XX.X. The gross floor area of a structure on a  
19 lot in the C-3-O(SD) District shall not otherwise be limited.

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

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

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

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

	Street Width			
	64' - 67'	68' - 71'	72' - 75'	76' - 80'
Height of Street Wall	Depth of Setback (In Feet)			
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'

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

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

4 (1) Streetwall Base. In order to establish an appropriate street wall in relation to the width of  
5 the street and to adjacent structures and to avoid the perception of overwhelming mass that would be  
6 created by a number of tall buildings built close together with unrelieved vertical rise, new buildings  
7 taller than 150 feet on development lots in the C-3-O(SD) district facing a street wider than 35 feet  
8 shall establish a distinctive streetwall, even where no distinct cornice line or streetwall exists, at a  
9 height between 50 and 110 feet for not less than 40 percent of the linear frontage of all street frontages  
10 of such development lot. Such streetwall shall be established, by an upper story setback or by a  
11 combination of upper story setback and horizontal projection (either occupied or decorative, as  
12 allowed in Section 136), creating horizontal relief totaling at least 10 feet as indicated in Figure  
13 132.1B, however the upper story setback shall not be less than 5 feet. In the New Montgomery-Mission-  
14 Second Street Conservation District, such streetwall height shall be set by the prevailing cornice line  
15 of the buildings on the subject block face and the minimum dimension of the upper story setback shall  
16 be increased to not less than 15 feet. Exceptions to this subsection (c)(1) may be allowed in accordance  
17 with the procedures of Section 309 if the Planning Commission affirmatively determines that all of the  
18 following criteria have been met: (i) the design of the proposed project successfully creates a clearly  
19 defined building base that establishes or maintains an appropriate streetwall at the height or height  
20 range described above, (ii) the base is not defined solely by recessing the base, (iii) the overall building  
21 mass tapers or steps away from the street above the streetwall reducing any sense of unrelieved vertical  
22 rise directly from the sidewalk edge, and (iv) the overall architectural expression of the proposed  
23 project is exceptional, unique, and consistent with the intent of the streetwall requirement.

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

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

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

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

11           (B) A setback of up to 10 feet may be required by the Planning Commission pursuant to  
12 the procedures of Section 309 on the following streets if the Commission finds that such setback is  
13 necessary, desirable and will not result in an undesirable sawtooth condition of building frontages  
14 along the sidewalk due to existing intervening building between the subject lot and the nearest street  
15 corner:

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

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

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

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

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

22           (ii) Free and clear of all permanent building elements from sidewalk grade to a  
23 minimum height of 35 feet above sidewalk grade, except as otherwise allowed as obstructions over

1 streets according to Section 136 or as allowed by the Planning Department as an exception according  
2 to the procedures of Section 309, and

3 (iii) Available to the public.

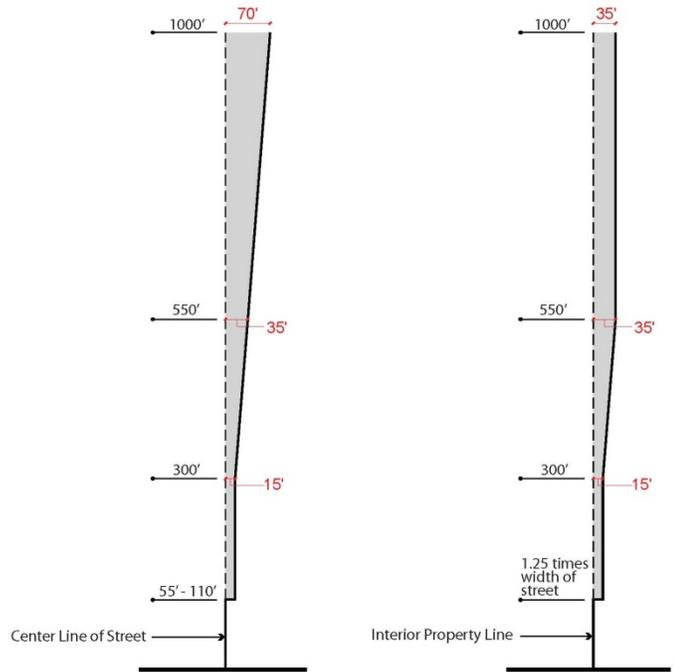
4 (D) The area of setbacks provided pursuant to this subsection (3) shall be counted  
5 toward the open space requirements of Section 138. If the subject development does not rely on this  
6 area to meet its Section 138 requirements, and the area of the setback is dedicated in fee title to the  
7 City for public use or, under exceptional circumstances, dedicated to the City via easement for public  
8 use, the value of the setback may be credited as an in-kind improvement toward the satisfaction of the  
9 development's fee requirements per Sections 4XX.X.

10 (de) Separation of Towers.

11 (1) **Requirement.** In order to provide light and air between structures, all  
12 structures in the S and S-2 Bulk Districts shall be set back from an interior property line which  
13 does not abut a public sidewalk and from the property line abutting the right-of-way of a public  
14 street or alley. The setback shall be a minimum of 15 horizontal feet measured from the  
15 interior property line or the center of a public right-of-way, as the case may be, beginning at a  
16 height which is 1.25 times the width of the principal street on which the building faces, and  
17 increasing to the widths indicated in Chart A as the building increases in height. Where there  
18 are two or more structures on any lot that are taller than 1.25 times the width of the adjacent principal  
19 street(s), each structure above such height shall also be set back from the other structures on the same  
20 lot according to Chart A as if there is an assumed interior property line half-way between the closest  
21 exterior points of each structure.

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

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

(A) Encroachments of building volume on the setback may be approved as follows: (i) for the portion of the building over 300 feet from the ground, encroachments may be allowed provided that (1) there are compensating recesses beyond the required setback below and within approximately 100 vertical feet of the encroachment, which recesses are at least equal in volume to the volume of the encroachment, and (2) it is found that, overall, access to light and air and the appearance of separation between buildings will not be impaired; and (ii) between the top of the base and 300 feet above the ground encroachments may be allowed provided that (1) there are compensating recesses beyond the required

1 setback at the same level or within approximately 50 vertical feet above or below the  
2 encroachment, which recesses are at least equal in volume to the volume of the  
3 encroachment, (2) that the encroachment extends no more than five feet horizontally into the  
4 area otherwise required for a setback, (3) the encroachment extends for less than 1/3 of the  
5 horizontal length of the structure, and (4) it is found that, overall, access to light and air and  
6 the appearance of separation between buildings will not be impaired.

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

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

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

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

22 (d) **Permitted Obstructions.** Obstructions above the horizontal plane or planes of  
23 the setback required pursuant to Subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) which will create limited  
24 blockage of light and air and which will not be inconsistent with the purpose of the setback

1 may be permitted within the setback area, in accordance with the provisions of Section 309.  
 2 Such obstructions may include, but are not limited to, open railings, decorative spires and  
 3 finials, flagpoles and flags, sparse landscaping, unroofed recreation facilities with open  
 4 fencing, and unenclosed seating areas.

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

<p>7 (d) Notwithstanding the        8 limitations of Subsection (c) of        9 this Section, the following        provisions shall apply in C-3        districts:</p>			
			<p>10 (1) <b>Decorative Architectural Features.</b>        11 Decorative architectural features not increasing the        12 interior floor area or volume of the space enclosed        13 by the building are permitted over streets and alleys        and into setbacks within the maximum vertical and        horizontal dimensions described as follows:</p>
			<p>14 (A) At roof level, decorative features such        15 as cornices, eaves, and brackets may project four        16 feet <i>in districts other than C-3-O(SD) and 10 feet in the</i>  <i>C-3-O(SD) district</i> with a maximum vertical dimension        no greater than six feet.</p>
			<p>17 (B) At all levels above the area of        18 minimum vertical clearance required in Subsection        19 (a)(1) above, decorative features, such as belt        20 courses, entablatures, and bosses, may project two        21 feet, with a maximum vertical dimension of four feet,  <i>except that in the C-3-O(SD) district at all levels above a</i>  <i>minimum vertical clearance of 20 feet from sidewalk</i>  <i>grade, decorative features may project half the width of</i>  <i>the sidewalk up to a maximum projection of 10 feet.</i></p>
			<p>22 (C) At all levels above the area of        23 minimum vertical clearance required by Subsection        24 (a)(1) above, vertical decorative features, such as</p>

pilasters, columns, and window frames (including pediment and sills), with a cross-sectional area of not more than three square feet at midpoint, may project one foot horizontally.

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

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

1	C-3-S	1:50
2	C-3-O (SD)	1:50

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4 (c) **Location.** The open space required by this Section may be on the same site

5 as the building for which the permit is sought, or within 900 feet of it on either private property

6 or, with the approval of all relevant public agencies, public property, provided that all open

7 space must be located entirely within the C-3 District. Open space is within 900 feet of the

8 building within the meaning of this Section if any portion of the building is located within 900

9 feet of any portion of the open space. Off-site open space shall be developed and open for

10 use prior to issuance of a temporary permit of occupancy of the building whose open space

11 requirement is being met off-site. The procedures of Section 149(d) governing issuance of a

12 temporary permit of occupancy shall apply to this subsection.

13 (d) **Types and Standards of Open Space.** Except as otherwise provided in

14 Subsection (e), the project applicant may satisfy the requirements of this Section by providing

15 one or more of the following types of open space: A plaza, an urban park, an urban garden, a

16 view terrace, a sun terrace, a greenhouse, a small sitting area (a snippet), an atrium, an

17 indoor park, or a public sitting area in a galleria, in an arcade, or in a pedestrian mall or

18 walkway, as more particularly defined in the table entitled "Guidelines for Open Space" in the

19 Open Space Section of the Downtown Plan, or any amendments thereto, provided that the

20 open space meets the following minimum standards. The open space shall:

- 21 (1) Be of adequate size;
- 22 (2) Be situated in such locations and provide such ingress and egress as will
- 23 make the area easily accessible to the general public;
- 24 (3) Be well-designed, and where appropriate, be landscaped;

- 1 (4) Be protected from uncomfortable wind;
- 2 (5) Incorporate various features, including ample seating and, if appropriate,  
3 access to food service, which will enhance public use of the area;
- 4 (6) Have adequate access to sunlight if sunlight access is appropriate to the  
5 type of area;
- 6 (7) Be well-lighted if the area is of the type requiring artificial illumination;
- 7 (8) Be open to the public at times when it is reasonable to expect substantial  
8 public use;
- 9 (9) Be designed to enhance user safety and security;
- 10 (10) If the open space is on private property, provide toilet facilities open to the  
11 public;
- 12 (11) Have at least 75 percent of the total open space approved be open to the  
13 public during all daylight hours.

14 (e) **Approval of Open Space Type and Features.** The type, size, location,  
15 physical access, seating and table requirements, landscaping, availability of commercial  
16 services, sunlight and wind conditions and hours of public access shall be reviewed and  
17 approved in accordance with the provisions of Section 309, and shall generally conform to the  
18 "Guidelines for Open Space."

19 The Commission may, by resolution, declare certain types of open space  
20 ineligible throughout C-3 Districts, or in certain defined areas, if it determines that a  
21 disproportionate number of certain types of open space, or that an insufficient number of  
22 parks and plazas, is being provided in order to meet the public need for open space and  
23 recreational uses. Such resolution may exempt from its application projects whose permit  
24 applications are on file with the Department of City Planning. Over time, no more than 20

1 percent of the space provided under this Section shall be indoor space and at least 80 percent  
2 shall be outdoor space. Once an indoor space has been approved, another such feature may  
3 not be approved until the total square footage of outdoor open space features approved under  
4 this Section exceeds 80 percent of the total square footage of all open spaces approved  
5 under this Section.

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

18 (g) **Nonresidential/Residential Open Space.** In mixed nonresidential/residential  
19 projects, open space which meets the requirements of Section 135 regarding common usable  
20 open space for residential uses, and the requirements of Section 138 regarding open space  
21 for nonresidential uses, may be counted against the open space requirements of both  
22 Sections 135 and 138.

23 (h) **Maintenance.** Open spaces shall be maintained at no public expense.  
24 Conditions intended to assure continued maintenance of the open space for the actual lifetime

1 of the building giving rise to the open space requirement may be imposed in accordance with  
2 the provisions of Section 309.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15           **SEC. 151.1. SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES IN**  
16 **SPECIFIED DISTRICTS.**

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

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

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

1 In C-3, Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, and South of Market Mixed Use  
 2 Districts, off-street freight loading spaces shall be provided in the minimum quantities  
 3 specified in the following Table 152.1, except as otherwise provided in Sections 153(a)(6),  
 4 161, and as stated below in this Section. Notwithstanding the requirements of this Section,  
 5 including Table 152.1, no building in the C-3-O(SD) district shall be required to provide more than six  
 6 off-street freight loading or service vehicle spaces in total. The measurement of gross floor area  
 7 shall be as defined in this Code, except that non-accessory parking spaces and driveways  
 8 and maneuvering areas incidental thereto shall not be counted.

9 For projects in the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts that are subject to  
 10 Section 329, the Planning Commission may waive these requirements per the procedures of  
 11 Section 329 if it finds that the design of the project, particularly ground floor frontages, would  
 12 be improved and that such loading could be sufficiently accommodated on adjacent streets  
 13 and alleys. For projects in the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts that are not subject  
 14 to Section 329, the Zoning Administrator may administratively waive these requirements  
 15 pursuant to Section 307(h) and the criteria identified above which apply to projects subject to  
 16 Section 329.

17 Table 152.1

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

Use or Activity	Gross Floor Area of Structure or Use (sq. ft.)	Number of Off-Street Freight Loading Spaces Required
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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.
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**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.

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

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

(1) For residential uses, independently accessible off-street parking spaces shall include spaces accessed by automated garages, or car elevators, lifts or other space-

1 efficient parking as defined in Section 154(a)(4) and Section 154(a)(5) provided that no more  
2 than one car needs to be moved under its own power to access any one space.

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

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

23 (f) In a C-3, Eastern Neighborhood Mixed Use District or South of Market Mixed  
24 Use District, whenever off-street freight loading spaces are provided, freight elevators

1 immediately accessible from the loading dock shall be provided to all floors which contain  
2 uses that are included in the calculation of required number of freight loading spaces. If freight  
3 loading facilities are subterranean, the location and operation of freight elevators shall be  
4 designed, where feasible, to discourage use of freight elevators for deliveries from the ground  
5 floor. Directories of building tenants shall be provided at all freight elevators. A raised loading  
6 dock or receiving area shall be provided with sufficient dimensions to provide for short-term  
7 storage of goods. All required freight loading and service vehicle spaces shall be made  
8 available only to those vehicles at all times, and provision shall be made to minimize  
9 interference between freight loading and service operations, and garbage dumpster  
10 operations and storage.

11 (g) In order to discourage long-term commuter parking, any off-street parking  
12 spaces provided for a structure or use other than residential or hotel in a C-3, C-M, DTR, SLR,  
13 SSO, SPD, MUG, MUR, or MUO District, whether classified as an accessory or conditional  
14 use, which are otherwise available for use for long-term parking by downtown workers shall  
15 maintain a rate or fee structure for their use such that the rate charge for four hours of parking  
16 duration is no more than four times the rate charge for the first hour, and the rate charge for  
17 eight or more hours of parking duration is no less than 10 times the rate charge for the first  
18 hour. Additionally, no discounted parking rate shall be permitted for weekly, monthly or similar  
19 time-specific periods.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (o) No area credited as all or part of a required off-street parking space shall also be  
18 credited as all or part of a required off-street loading space, or used as all or part of an  
19 unrequired off-street loading space. No area credited as all or part of a required off-street  
20 loading space shall also be credited as all or part of a required off-street parking space, or  
21 used as all or part of an unrequired off-street parking space.

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

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

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

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

10 (2) Not permitted:

11 (A) The entire portion of Market Street from The Embarcadero to Castro  
12 Street,

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

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

16 (D) Mission Street from The Embarcadero to Annie Street and from 10th Street  
17 to Division Street,

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

19 (F) Embarcadero in the DTR Districts,

20 (G) 22nd Street between 3rd Street and Minnesota Streets within the NCT-2  
21 District,

22 (H) Valencia Street between 15th and 23rd Streets in the Valencia Street  
23 NCT District,

24 (I) Mission Street for the entirety of the Mission Street NCT District,

- 1 (J) 24th Street for the entirety of the 24th Street-Mission NCT,  
2 (K) 16th Street between Guerrero and Capp Streets within the Valencia  
3 Street NCT and Mission Street NCT Districts,  
4 (L) 16th Street between Kansas and Mississippi Streets in the UMU and  
5 PDR-1-D Districts,  
6 (M) 6th Street for its entirety within the SoMa NCT District,  
7 (N) 3rd Street, in the UMU districts for 100 feet north and south of Mariposa  
8 and 100 feet north and south of 20th Streets, and 4th Street between Bryant and Townsend in  
9 the SLI and MUO District,  
10 (O) Ocean Avenue within the Ocean Avenue NCT District,  
11 (P) Geneva Avenue from I-280 to San Jose Avenue within the NCT-2  
12 District,  
13 (Q) Columbus Avenue between Washington and North Point Streets.,  
14 (R) Broadway from the Embarcadero on the east to Polk Street on the west,  
15 and  
16 (S) All alleyways in the Chinatown Mixed Use Districts.  
17 (T) Natoma Street from 300 feet westerly of 1st Street to 2nd Street.  
18 (U) Ecker Alley in its entirety.  
19 (V) Shaw Alley in its entirety.  
20 (W) 2nd Street from Market to Folsom Streets.  
21 (3) Not permitted except with a Conditional Use authorization, except that in the C-  
22 3-O(SD) District, the Planning Commission may grant such permission as an exception pursuant to  
23 Section 309 in lieu of a Conditional Use authorization where the amount of parking proposed does not  
24 exceed the amounts permitted as accessory according to Section 151.1.

- 1 (A) The entire portion of California Street, The Embarcadero, Folsom Street,  
2 Geary Street, Mission Street, Powell Street and Stockton Street in the C-3 Districts,  
3 (B) Grant Avenue from Market Street to Bush Street,  
4 (C) Montgomery Street from Market Street to Columbus Avenue,  
5 (D) Haight Street from Market Street to Webster Street,  
6 (E) Church Street and 16th Street in the RTO District,  
7 (F) Duboce Street from Noe Street to Market Street,  
8 (G) Duboce Street from Noe Street to Market Street, and  
9 (H) Octavia Street from Fell Street to Market Street.  
10 (I) 1st, Fremont and Beale Streets from Market to Folsom Street.

11 (4) In C-3, NCT and RTO Districts, no curb cuts accessing off-street parking or  
12 loading shall be created or utilized on street frontages identified along any Transit Preferential,  
13 Citywide Pedestrian Network or Neighborhood Commercial Streets as designated in the  
14 Transportation Element of the General Plan or official City bicycle routes or bicycle lanes,  
15 where an alternative frontage is available. For bicycle lanes, the prohibition on curb cuts  
16 applies to the side or sides of the street where bicycle lanes are located; for one-way bicycle  
17 routes or lanes, the prohibition on curb cuts shall apply to the right side of the street only,  
18 unless the officially adopted alignment is along the left side of the street. Where an alternative  
19 frontage is not available, parking or loading access along any Transit Preferential, Citywide  
20 Pedestrian Network or Neighborhood Commercial Streets as designated in the Transportation  
21 Element of the General Plan or official City bicycle lane or bicycle route, may be allowed on  
22 streets not listed in subsection (2) above as an exception in the manner provided in Section  
23 309 for C-3 Districts and in Section 303 for NCT and RTO Districts in cases where it can be  
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1 clearly demonstrated that the final design of the parking access minimizes negative impacts to  
2 transit movement and to the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists to the fullest extent feasible.

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

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

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

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

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

23 (i) Where a non-accessory off-street parking garage permitted under Section  
24 223(m) - (p) is located in the Mid-Market area described below in subsection 155(s)(3)(B) and

1 fronts more than one street of less than 45 feet in width, a conditional use may be granted in  
2 accordance with Section 303 that allows an exception to this requirement for one of the street  
3 frontages. The above provision authorizing such conditional use shall sunset eight years from  
4 the effective date of the ordinance enacting this subsection 155(s)(1)(A)(i).

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

13 (2) Residential accessory parking. For residential accessory off-street parking in C-  
14 3 Districts, two additional floors of above-grade parking beyond the at-grade parking allowed  
15 by Section 155(s)(1), to a maximum ceiling height of 35 feet from grade, may be permitted  
16 subject to the provisions of subsections 155(s)(2)(A) or 155(s)(2)(B) below:

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

1 Block 3510, Lot 1; Block 3701, Lots 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 20 through 24, 53, 59, 60, 63 and 64;  
2 Block 3702, Lots 1, 2, 37, 38, 39, 44, 44A, 45, 46, 47, 48, 48A, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56; Block 3703,  
3 Lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 11, 12, 25, 26, 33, 40, 41, 50, 53, 56 through 68, 70, 74, 75, 76, 78 through  
4 81, 84, 85 and 86; Block 3704, Lots 1, 3, 6, 9 through 13, 15, 17 through 22, 24, 35, 38, 39,  
5 42, 43, 45, 62 and 67 through 79, Block 3725, Lot 78, 82, 86 through 91 and 93; Block 3727,  
6 Lot 1, 91, 94, 96, 97, 109, 117, 118, 120, 134, 168 and 173; Block 3728, Lot 1, 72, 75, 76, 81,  
7 82, 83, 89, 103 and 105; and Block 0351, Lots 1, 22, 32, 33, 37, 39, 41, 43, 46, 47, 49, 50 and  
8 51 This subsection 155(s)(3)(B) shall sunset on July 22, 2014.

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

12 (5) Parking and Loading Access.

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

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

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

1 (a) **Definitions.**

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

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

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

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

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

20 (d) **Bicycle Parking Spaces - Professional Services.** *Except in the C-3-O(SD)*  
21 *district, ~~F~~for* new commercial buildings and commercial buildings with major renovations,  
22 including individual buildings of large, multiple-building developments, whose primary use  
23 consists of medical or other professional services, general business offices, financial services,  
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1 general business services, business and trade schools, colleges and universities, research  
2 and development or manufacturing, the following schedule of required bicycle parking applies:

3 (1) Where the gross square footage of the floor area exceeds 10,000 square  
4 feet but is no greater than 20,000 feet, 3 bicycle spaces are required.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 **SEC. 156. PARKING LOTS.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 (h) No permanent parking lot shall be permitted in C-3-O, C-3-O(SD), C-3-R, C-3-  
14 G and NCT Districts; temporary parking lots may be approved as conditional uses, except in C-  
15 3-O(SD) district, pursuant to the provisions of Section 303 for a period not to exceed two years  
16 from the date of approval; permanent parking lots in C-3-S Districts shall be permitted only as  
17 a conditional use. No new parking lots may be approved in the C-3-O(SD) district, however  
18 conditional use approval for a two-year extension of existing parking lots in the C-3-O(SD) district may  
19 be approved pursuant to this Subsection provided that they meet the requirements of subsection (l).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 **SEC. 163. TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS AND**  
23 **TRANSPORTATION BROKERAGE SERVICES IN C-3, EASTERN NEIGHBORHOODS**  
24 **MIXED USE, AND SOUTH OF MARKET MIXED USE DISTRICTS.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 the project sponsor shall be required to provide on-site transportation brokerage services for  
23 the actual lifetime of the project, as provided in this Subsection. Prior to the issuance of a  
24 temporary permit of occupancy (for this purpose Section 149(d) shall apply), the project

1 sponsor shall execute an agreement with the Planning Department for the provision of on-site  
2 transportation brokerage services and preparation of a transportation management program  
3 to be approved by the Director of Planning and implemented by the provider of transportation  
4 brokerage services. The transportation management program and transportation brokerage  
5 services shall be designed:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Commercial Districts</b>	
C-1	Neighborhood Shopping Districts
C-2	Community Business Districts
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

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

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

21 **C-3-O District:** Downtown Office. This district, playing a leading national role in  
22 finance, corporate headquarters and service industries, and serving as an employment center  
23 for the region, consists primarily of high-quality office development. The intensity of building  
24 development is the greatest in the City, resulting in a notable skyline symbolizing the area's

1 strength and vitality. The district is served by City and regional transit reaching its central  
2 portions and by automobile parking at peripheral locations. Intensity and compactness permit  
3 face-to-face business contacts to be made conveniently by travel on foot. Office development  
4 is supported by some related retail and service uses within the area, with inappropriate uses  
5 excluded in order to conserve the supply of land in the core and its expansion areas for further  
6 development of major office buildings.

7 **C-3-O(SD) District: Downtown Office Special Development.** This area south of Market Street  
8 and east of 3rd Street comprises the southern side of the core central business district, and is similar to  
9 and generally indistinguishable from the C-3-O District in terms of uses and character. The area is  
10 centered on the Transbay Transit Center. This district permits densities that exceed those in the C-3-O  
11 district and contains the tallest height limits in the City, reflecting its unparalleled public  
12 transportation access and geographically central position in the downtown.

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

22 **C-3-G District: Downtown General Commercial.** This district covers the western  
23 portions of downtown and is composed of a variety of uses: Retail, offices, hotels,  
24 entertainment, clubs and institutions, and high-density residential. Many of these uses have a

1 Citywide or regional function, although the intensity of development is lower here than in the  
 2 downtown core area. As in the case of other downtown districts, no off-street parking is  
 3 required for individual commercial buildings. In the vicinity of Market Street, the configuration  
 4 of this district reflects easy accessibility by rapid transit.

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

12 **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











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														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 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 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

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														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 psychological disorders.	
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P under 5,000 gsf, C above	P under 5,000 gsf, C above	P under 7,500 sf	P under 5,000 sf	(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	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d) Social

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P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	C	P	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				P under 20,000 gsf if no housing	P under 20,000 sf if no housing		(f) Elementary school, either public or private. Such institution may include employee or student dormitories and other housing operated by and affiliated with the institution.
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P				P under 20,000 sf if no housing	P under 20,000 sf if no housing		(g) Secondary school, either public or private, other than a school having industrial arts as its primary



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										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.
														(a) Requirements . MCDs must meet the following requirements:
														1. the parcel containing the MCD cannot be located within 1,000 feet from a parcel containing:
														a. a public or













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														of this Code.	
P	NA	NA	<u>NA</u>	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	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 when including equipment and space for weightlifting and cardiovascular	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 when including equipment and space for weightlifting and cardiovascular	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, and not restricted to sale of new commodities.

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														*Subject to the limitations of Section 121.8.

**SEC. 218.1. MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS.**

C-1	C-2	C-3-O	<u>C-3-O</u> <i>(SD)</i>	C-3-R	C-3-R	C-3-G	C-3-S	C-M	M-1	PDR-1	PDR-2	
												<b>SEC. 218.1 MESSAGES ESTABLISHMENTS.</b>
C	C	C	<u>C</u>	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	Message establishments, as defined by Section 1900 of the San Francisco Health Code, except a use that is a sole proprietorship, as defined in California Business and Professions Code Section 4612(b)(1), and where the sole proprietor is certified pursuant to the California Business and Professions Code Section 4600 et seq., or one that employs or uses only persons certified by the state's Massage Therapy Organization, pursuant to the California Business and Professions Code Section 4600 et seq., provided that the massage establishment has first obtained a permit from the

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												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 use does not meet the requirements of (a) or (b), above, then the massage use shall obtain a conditional use

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												<p>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 devoted to entrances to commercially used space or windows at the pedestrian eye-level; ii) windows</p>

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												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 discouraged. These include (but are not limited to) foyers equipped with

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															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 5,000 gross square feet in size and

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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 buildings.

**SEC. 220. LAUNDERING, CLEANING AND PRESSING.**

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	PD R-1-D	PDR-1-B	PDR-2	
														<b>SEC. 220. LAUNDERING, CLEANING AND PRESSING.</b>
P	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(a) Automatic laundry, as defined in Part II, Chapter V (Health Code) of the San Francisco Municipal Code.
	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	NA	NA	P	P	P	P	(b) Establishment for hand-ironing only, not employing more than five persons.
P	NA	NA	<u>NA</u>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	P	P	P under 2,500 gsf	P	(c) 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



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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

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														done by the 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



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

C-1	C-2	C-3-O	C-3- <u>OS</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. 221. ASSEMBLY AND ENTERTAINMENT.</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 screens	(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

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														adequate soundproofing or other device, and (2) that no portion of a 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	P	(g) Private noncommercial recreational open use.
	P*						NA	NA	NA	P	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

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							C	P	P	P	C		C			excess of five acres.
							C	P	P	P	C		C			(i) Commercial open-air sports stadium or arena, if conducted on premises not less than 200 feet from any R District.
							C	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			(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

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															(ii) Adult theater, as defined by Section 791 of Part II, Chapter VIII of the San Francisco Municipal Code (Police Code);
															(iii) Encounter studios, as defined by Section 1072.1 of Part II, Chapter VIII of the San Francisco Municipal Code (Police Code). [See Section 212(a)]

**SEC. 222. HOME AND BUSINESS 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. 222. HOME AND BUSINESS SERVICES.</b>
														The term "shop" as used in this section shall include only the establishments of artisans dealing at retail directly with the consumer and concerned primarily with custom trade.
	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(a) Household repair shop.

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	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(b) Interior decorating shop.
	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(c) Upholstering shop.
	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(d) Sign-painting shop.
	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 under 5,000 gsf	P	(g) Catering establishment.
	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P under 5,000 gsf	P	(h) Printing shop.
	P	P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P under	P	(i) Newspaper publication.

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	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 supply operations.

**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	<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	
													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.
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													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 lubricating oil directly into motor vehicles. The following activities shall be permitted at such a service station if normally 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) The sale and dispensing of greases and brake fluids, including motor vehicle lubrication; and the sale or installation of tires, batteries and other accessories;
													(2) Miscellaneous minor servicing and adjusting, which may include brakes, electrical

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													equipment, fan belt, headlamps, sparkplugs, air filter, distributor points, carburetor, and generator charging rate;
													(3) Installation of lamp globes, 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.

1	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 building having no openings other than fixed windows or exits required by law within 50 feet on any R District:
2														(1) Tuneup, including the repair or replacement of distributors, sparkplugs and carburetors;
3														(2) Brake repair;
4														(3) Shock absorber replacement;
5														(4) Muffler exchange, with no open flame or torch;
6														(5) Wheel balancing and alignment;
7														(6) Wheel bearing and seals replacement;
8														(7) Replacement of universal joints;
9														(8) Radiator mounting and
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2													(9) Clutch adjustments;
3													(10) Repair or replacement of water pumps;
4													(11) Repair or replacement of generators, alternators and voltage regulators;
5													(12) Repair or replacement of starters;
6													(13) Repair or replacement of fuel pumps;
7													(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.
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20	P				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	(h) Repair garage for minor automobile repairs, limited to those repairs and other activities permitted at an automobile service station
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													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 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

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													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;
													(3) 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,
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													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 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	(m) Storage garage open to the public for passenger automobiles, as regulated in Sections 155, 156 and 157

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													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.
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,

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													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) 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

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													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 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.**

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														<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 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

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															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	P		(e) Cat boarding.

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

**HANDLING OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT.**

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. 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

1															building, not including a storage warehouse.
2						P	P	P	P	P	P				(c) Wholesale storage warehouse, except for storage of inflammables.
3												P under 5,000 gsf	P		(c) Wholesale storage warehouse, except for storage of inflammables.
4															(c) Wholesale storage warehouse, except for storage of inflammables.
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6									P					C	(d) Bulk storage of inflammable or highly combustible materials, if conducted not less than 500 feet from any R or NC District.
7															(d) Bulk storage of inflammable or highly combustible materials, if conducted not less than 500 feet from any R or NC District.
8															(d) Bulk storage of inflammable or highly combustible materials, if conducted not less than 500 feet from any R or NC District.
9															(d) Bulk storage of inflammable or highly combustible materials, if conducted not less than 500 feet from any R or NC District.
10									C					C	(e) Bulk storage of explosives, if conducted not less than 500 feet from any R or NC District.
11															(e) Bulk storage of explosives, if conducted not less than 500 feet from any R or NC District.
12															(e) Bulk storage of explosives, if conducted not less than 500 feet from any R or NC District.
13								P	P	P				P	(f) Cold storage 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.
14															(f) Cold storage 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.
15															(f) Cold storage 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.
16															(f) Cold storage 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.
17															(f) Cold storage 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.
18															(f) Cold storage 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.
19															(f) Cold storage 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.
20															(f) Cold storage 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.
21															(f) Cold storage 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.
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														provision is made for off-street parking of all vehicles used and all operations including loading and unloading are conducted entirely within an enclosed building. (See also Section 226.) <input type="checkbox"/>
							P	P	P	P			P under 5,000 gsf	P (i) Lot for sale of new or used merchandise, not including any use first specifically listed below.
							P	P	P	P	P		P under 5,000 gsf	P (j) Service yard for public utility, or public use of a similar character, if conducted entirely within an area completely enclosed by a wall or concealing fence not less than six feet high.
								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

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9								P	P	P		P	P	(m) Stone or monument yard, if conducted within an area enclosed by a wall or a concealing fence not less than six feet high.
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14								P	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.
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								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 premises not less than 200 feet from any R District.
								P	P	C	C		C	(h) Any of the following uses, 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:
														(1) Automobile









1           (a) ~~Purpose. In order to provide for an orderly expansion of the financial district in a way~~  
2 ~~that will maintain a compact downtown core, and to create an area in which to direct unused~~  
3 ~~development potential of lots containing Significant or certain Contributory Buildings, there shall be a~~  
4 ~~special use district known as the "Downtown Office Special Development District" (also referred to as~~  
5 ~~the "C-3-O (SD) District") as designated on Sectional Map No. 1 of the Zoning Map. Development at~~  
6 ~~densities above the base floor area ratio in this area is appropriate only if there is a commensurate~~  
7 ~~reduction in the allowable density of development on other sites in the downtown by the transfer of~~  
8 ~~development rights from eligible sites as provided in Section 128.~~

9           (b) ~~Requirements. The basic floor area ratio within the C-3-O (SD) District shall be 6.0 to 1.~~  
10 ~~All other provisions of this Code applicable to the C-3-O District shall apply in the C-3-O (SD)~~  
11 ~~District.~~

12           A Special Use District entitled the "Transit Center C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use  
13 District" is hereby established for a portion of the C-3-O(SD) district in the downtown area around the  
14 Transbay Transit Center within the City and County of San Francisco, the boundaries of which are  
15 designated on Sectional Map No. 1 SU of the Zoning Maps of the City and County of San Francisco.  
16 The following provisions shall apply within the Special Use District:

17           (a) Purpose. There are limited remaining development sites in the core of the downtown  
18 large enough to be feasibly developed with workplace-oriented uses, particularly adjacent to the  
19 region's premier concentration of regional and local public transit infrastructure, such as the Transbay  
20 Transit Center, BART, Muni Metro, and the Ferry Building. Significant areas surrounding and within  
21 walking distance of the downtown, including Rincon Hill and Zone 1 of the Transbay Redevelopment  
22 Area along Folsom Street, have been zoned and planned almost exclusively for residential  
23 neighborhoods to the exclusion of major commercial uses. Many academic studies have shown that  
24 locating jobs immediately proximate to regional transit is a greater influence on use of public transit

1 than is proximity of housing to regional transit, and decentralization of jobs is one of the leading  
2 factors increasing auto commuting in the Bay Area. Further, very few districts outside of the C-3  
3 district allow high-density job uses, so it is important to ensure that the few sites large enough for high-  
4 density workplace uses in the Transit Center area are preserved primarily for that purpose.

5 (b) **Definitions.**

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

10 (c) **Controls.**

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

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

17 (1) That the development consists of multiple buildings on a single lot or adjacent lots that are  
18 entitled as a single development project pursuant to Section 309, and that commercial uses account for  
19 greater than 50% of the project's aggregate total gross floor area for all buildings and where the  
20 project sponsor demonstrates that it is infeasible or impractical to construct commercial uses on the  
21 footprint of the portion of the site dedicated to dwellings and/or other housing uses due to the size and  
22 configuration of that portion of the lot; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

22           TABLE 260  
23           HEIGHT MEASUREMENT  
24           ON LATERAL SLOPES WHERE

1                   **HEIGHT LIMIT IS 65 FEET OR LESS**

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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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8                   NOTE TO EDITOR: Retain graphic.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 The Zoning Administrator may, after conducting a public hearing, grant a  
22 further height exemption for an elevator penthouse for a building with a height limit of more  
23 than 65 feet but only to the extent that the Zoning Administrator determines that such an  
24 exemption is required to meet state or federal laws or regulations. All requests for height

1 exemptions for elevator penthouses located in Residential or Neighborhood Commercial  
2 Districts shall be subject to the neighborhood notification requirements of Sections 311 and  
3 312 of this Code.

4 (C) Stage and scenery lofts.

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

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

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

20 (G) In any C-3 District except as otherwise allowed in the S-2 Bulk district  
21 according to subsection (M) below, vertical extensions to buildings, such as spires, which  
22 enhance the visual appearance of the structure and are not used for human occupancy may  
23 be allowed, pursuant to the provisions of Section 309, up to 75 feet above the height  
24 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  
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1 any exempt features times 10 where the height limit is 65 feet or less or times 16 where the  
2 height limit is more than 65 feet.

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

5 (L) [Reserved.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1                   (2)   **Lower Tower.**

2                   (A)   **Dimensions.** Bulk controls for the lower tower apply to that portion of  
3 the building height above the base as shown on Chart B. For buildings of less than 160 feet in  
4 height, the lower tower controls are the only bulk controls above the base of the building. The  
5 bulk controls for the lower tower are a maximum length of 160 feet, a maximum floor size of  
6 20,000 square feet, and a maximum diagonal dimension of 190 feet.

7                   NOTE TO EDITOR: Retain existing Chart B BULK LIMITS

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

13                   (3)   **Upper Tower.**

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

1 (B) **Volume Reduction.** When the average floor size of the lower tower  
2 exceeds 5,000 square feet, the volume of the upper tower shall be reduced to a percentage of  
3 the volume that would occur if the average floor size of the lower tower were extended to the  
4 proposed building height. The percentage varies with the bulk of the lower tower and with  
5 whether or not a height extension is employed pursuant to Section 263.7 and is shown on  
6 Chart C. In achieving the required volume reduction, a setback or change in profile at a  
7 specific elevation is not required.

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

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

14 (4) **Buildings Taller than 650 Feet in the S-2 Bulk District.** For buildings taller than 650 feet  
15 in height in the S-2 Bulk District, the following controls shall apply in lieu of the controls of subsections

16 (1)-(3):

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

20 (B) **Upper Tower.** The average floor size of the upper tower shall not exceed 75 percent  
21 of the average floor size of the lower tower, and the average diagonal dimension shall not exceed 87  
22 percent of the average diagonal dimension of the lower tower.

23 (i) In determining the average floor size and average diagonal of the upper tower,  
24 unoccupied architectural elements permitted according to Section 260(b)(1)(M), except for levels

1 consisting of singular spires with a diagonal in cross-section of less than 18 feet, may be included in  
2 the calculations if the Planning Commission determines, according to the procedures of Section 309,  
3 that such unoccupied architectural elements produce a distinct visual tapering of the building as  
4 intended by the controls of subsection (B) and create an elegant profile for the upper tower from key  
5 public vantage points throughout the City and beyond. In calculating the floor size and diagonal of  
6 such architectural elements, a cross section floor proscribed by the most distant outside points of all  
7 elements shall be assumed at 12.5-foot intervals.

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

12 (1) There are no bulk limits below the podium height as described in Section  
13 263.19, except for the lot coverage limitations and setback requirements described in  
14 Sections 825 and 827.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (H) The procedures for granting special exceptions to bulk limits described  
21 in Section 271 shall not apply; exceptions may be granted pursuant to Sections 270(e)(3) and  
22 270(e)(4).

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

1                   (3) **Exceptions to tower spacing and upper tower sculpting requirements**  
2 **in Rincon Hill DTR.** An exception to the 115 feet tower spacing requirement and the upper  
3 tower sculpting requirement described in (F) and (G) above may be granted to a project only  
4 on Block 3747 on a lot formed by the merger of part or all of Lots 001E, 002 and 006,  
5 pursuant to the procedures described in 309.1 of this Code provided that projects meet the  
6 following criteria:

7                   (i) Applications for environmental review and conditional use related to a  
8 building above 85 feet in height on the subject lot have been filed with the Department prior to  
9 March 1, 2003 and February 1, 2005, respectively;

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

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

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

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

19                  (vi) For the purposes of subsection (iv) above, the term "gross square feet"  
20 shall be the sum of the gross areas of all floors of a building or buildings above street grade  
21 measured from the exterior faces of exterior walls or from the center lines of walls separating  
22 two buildings, excluding area below street grade. Where columns are outside and separated  
23 from an exterior wall (curtain wall) which encloses the building space or are otherwise so  
24 arranged that the curtain wall is clearly separated from the structural members, the exterior

1 face of the curtain wall shall be the line of measurement, and the area of the columns  
2 themselves at each floor shall also be counted.

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

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

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

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

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18 NOTE TO EDITOR: Retain existing Chart C:

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20 (f) **Van Ness and Market Downtown Residential Special Use District.** In Bulk  
21 District R-2 (Van Ness and Market Downtown Special Use District), bulk limitations are as  
22 follows:

23 (1) **Tower Bulk and Spacing.** In height districts 120/200-R-2, 120/300-R-2,  
24 120/320-R-2, and 120/400-R-2, there are no bulk limitations below 120 feet in 7 height, and

1 structures above 120 feet in height shall meet the bulk limitations described in subsection  
2 (e)(2)(A)-(F). In height district 85/250-R-2 there are no bulk limitations below 85 feet in height,  
3 and structures above 85 feet in height shall meet the bulk limitations described in subsections  
4 (e)(2)(A) - (F).

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

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

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

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

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

23 (2) Development of a building or structure with widespread public service  
24 benefits and significance to the community at large, where compelling functional requirements

1 of the specific building or structure make necessary such a deviation; and provided further  
2 that all of the following criteria are met:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 (B) Either maintenance of an overall height similar to that of surrounding  
6 development or a sensitive transition, where appropriate, to development of a dissimilar  
7 character,

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

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

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

14 **SEC. 303. CONDITIONAL USES.**

15 (a) **General.** The City Planning Commission shall hear and make determinations  
16 regarding applications for the authorization of conditional uses in the specific situations in  
17 which such authorization is provided for elsewhere in this Code. The procedures for  
18 conditional uses shall be as specified in this Section and in Sections 306 through 306.6,  
19 except that Planned Unit Developments shall in addition be subject to Section 304, medical  
20 institutions and post-secondary educational institutions shall in addition be subject to the  
21 institutional master plan requirements of Section 304.5, and conditional use and Planned Unit  
22 Development applications filed pursuant to Article 7, or otherwise required by this Code for  
23 uses or features in Neighborhood Commercial Districts, and conditional use applications  
24 within South of Market Districts, shall be subject to the provisions set forth in Sections 316

1 through 316.8 of this Code, in lieu of those provided for in Sections 306.2 and 306.3 of this  
2 Code, with respect to scheduling and notice of hearings, and in addition to those provided for  
3 in Sections 306.4 and 306.5 of this Code, with respect to conduct of hearings and  
4 reconsideration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (5) (A)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 (d) Conditions. When considering an application for a conditional use as provided  
10 herein with respect to applications for development of "dwellings" as defined in Chapter 87 of  
11 the San Francisco Administrative Code, the Commission shall comply with that Chapter which  
12 requires, among other things, that the Commission not base any decision regarding the  
13 development of "dwellings" in which "protected class" members are likely to reside on  
14 information which may be discriminatory to any member of a "protected class" (as all such  
15 terms are defined in Chapter 87 of the San Francisco Administrative Code). In addition, when  
16 authorizing a conditional use as provided herein, the City Planning Commission, or the Board  
17 of Supervisors on appeal, shall prescribe such additional conditions, beyond those specified in  
18 this Code, as are in its opinion necessary to secure the objectives of the Code. Once any  
19 portion of the conditional use authorization is utilized, all such conditions pertaining to such  
20 authorization shall become immediately operative. The violation of any condition so imposed  
21 shall constitute a violation of this Code and may constitute grounds for revocation of the  
22 conditional use authorization. Such conditions may include time limits for exercise of the  
23 conditional use authorization; otherwise, any exercise of such authorization must commence  
24 within a reasonable time.

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

6 (f) **Conditional Use Abatement.** The Planning Commission may consider the  
7 possible revocation of a conditional use or the possible modification of or placement of  
8 additional conditions on a conditional use when the Planning Commission determines, based  
9 upon substantial evidence, that the applicant for the conditional use had submitted false or  
10 misleading information in the application process that could have reasonably had a substantial  
11 effect upon the decision of the Commission or the conditional use is not in compliance with a  
12 condition of approval, is in violation of law if the violation is within the subject matter  
13 jurisdiction of the Planning Commission or operates in such a manner as to create hazardous,  
14 noxious or offensive conditions enumerated in Section 202(c) if the violation is within the  
15 subject matter jurisdiction of the Planning Commission and these circumstances have not  
16 been abated through administrative action of the Director, the Zoning Administrator or other  
17 City authority. Such consideration shall be the subject of a public hearing before the Planning  
18 Commission but no fee shall be required of the applicant or the subject conditional use  
19 operator.

20 (1) The Director of Planning or the Planning Commission may seek a public  
21 hearing on conditional use abatement when the Director or Commission has substantial  
22 evidence submitted within one year of the effective date of the Conditional Use authorization  
23 that the applicant for the conditional use had submitted false or misleading information in the  
24 application process that could have reasonably had a substantial effect upon the decision of

1 the Commission or substantial evidence of a violation of conditions of approval, a violation of  
2 law, or operation which creates hazardous, noxious or offensive conditions enumerated in  
3 Section 202(c).

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

8 (3) In considering a conditional use revocation, the Commission shall consider  
9 whether and how the false or misleading information submitted by the applicant could have  
10 reasonably had a substantial effect upon the decision of the Commission, or the Board of  
11 Supervisors on appeal, to authorize the conditional use, substantial evidence of how any  
12 required condition has been violated or not implemented or how the conditional use is in  
13 violation of the law if the violation is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Planning  
14 Commission or operates in such a manner as to create hazardous, noxious or offensive  
15 conditions enumerated in Section 202(c) if the violation is within the subject matter jurisdiction  
16 of the Planning Commission. As an alternative to revocation, the Commission may consider  
17 how the use can be required to meet the law or the conditions of approval, how the  
18 hazardous, noxious or offensive conditions can be abated, or how the criteria of Section  
19 303(c) can be met by modifying existing conditions or by adding new conditions which could  
20 remedy a violation.

21 (4) **Appeals.** A decision by the Planning Commission to revoke a conditional  
22 use, to modify conditions or to place additional conditions on a conditional use or a decision  
23 by the Planning Commission refusing to revoke or amend a conditional use, may be appealed  
24 to the Board of Supervisors within 30 days after the date of action by the Planning

1 Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 308.1(b) The Board of Supervisors may  
2 disapprove the action of the Planning Commission in an abatement matter by the same vote  
3 necessary to overturn the Commission's approval or denial of a conditional use. The Planning  
4 Commission's action on a conditional use abatement issue shall take effect when the appeal  
5 period is over or, upon appeal, when there is final action on the appeal.

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

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

14 (B) There is substantial new evidence about the same conditional use  
15 abatement issue considered in the earlier abatement proceeding, this new evidence was not  
16 or could not be reasonably available at the time of the earlier abatement proceeding, and that  
17 new evidence indicates that the Commission's decision in the earlier proceeding ha l not  
18 been implemented within a reasonable time or raises significant new issues not previously  
19 considered by the Planning Commission. The decision of the Director of Planning regarding  
20 the sufficiency and adequacy of evidence to allow the reconsideration of a conditional use  
21 abatement issue within a period of one year from the effective date of final action on the  
22 earlier abatement proceeding shall be final.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 (2) As a condition of approval, and so long as the use remains an Internet  
15 Services Exchange, the project sponsor shall submit to the Planning Department on an  
16 annual basis power use statements for the previous twelve-month period as provided by all  
17 suppliers of utilities and shall submit a written annual report to the Department of Environment  
18 and the Planning Department which shall state: (a) the annual energy consumption and fuel  
19 consumption of all tenants and occupants of the Internet Services Exchange; (b) the number  
20 of all diesel generators located at the site and the hours of usage, including usage for testing  
21 purposes; (c) evidence that diesel generators at the site are in compliance with all applicable  
22 local, regional, state and federal permits, regulations and laws; and (d) such other information  
23 as the Planning Commission may require.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (B) All Mixed Use-General Districts in Article 8;

24 (C) All Urban Mixed Use Districts in Article 8;

- 1 (D) RC-3 and RC-4 zoned parcels along Van Ness Avenue;
- 2 (E) Japantown Special Use District as defined in Section 249.31;
- 3 (F) Chinatown Community Business District as defined in Section 810;
- 4 (G) Chinatown Residential/Neighborhood Commercial District as defined in
- 5 812;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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;

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

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

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

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

8 (1) With respect to a change in use or demolition of a movie theater use as set  
9 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  
10 the criteria set forth in Subsections (c) and (d) above, the Commission shall make the  
11 following findings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 (D) Obtained a permit to demolish the sign structure at the existing  
12 location.

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

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

23 (4) In addition to applicable criteria set forth in subsection (c) above, the  
24 Planning Commission shall consider the size and visibility of the signs proposed to be located

1 as well as the following factors in determining whether to approve or disapprove a proposed  
2 relocation:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 (vi) There is significant neighborhood opposition to the proposed  
11 relocation site.

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

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

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

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

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

23 (E) The sign has been removed from its former location; or  
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1 (F) The owner of the property upon which the existing sign structure is  
2 erected has not consented in writing to the relocation of the sign.

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

6 (m) General Grocery Store Uses.

7 (1) With respect to a change in use or demolition of general grocery store use  
8 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  
9 use exceeds 5,000 gross square feet, in addition to the criteria set forth in Subsections (c) and  
10 (d) above, the Commission shall make the following findings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (o) **Massage Establishments.**

16 (1) With respect to Massage Establishments, as defined in Sections 218.1,  
17 790.60, and 890.60 of this Code, in addition to the criteria set forth in Subsection (c) above,  
18 the Commission shall make the following findings:

19 (A) Whether the applicant has obtained, and maintains in good standing, a  
20 permit for a Massage Establishment from the Department of Public Health pursuant to Section  
21 1908 of the San Francisco Health Code;

22 (B) Whether the use's facade is transparent and open to the public.  
23 Permanent transparency and openness are preferable. Elements that lend openness and  
24 transparency to a facade include: i) active street frontage of at least 25' in length where 75%

1 of that length is devoted to entrances to commercially used space or windows at the  
2 pedestrian eye-level; ii) windows that use clear, untinted glass, except for decorative or  
3 architectural accent; iii) any decorative railings or decorative grille work, other than wire mesh,  
4 which is placed in front of or behind such windows, should be at least 75 percent open to  
5 perpendicular view and no more than six feet in height above grade;

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

10 (D) Whether the use is reasonably oriented to facilitate public access.  
11 Barriers that make entrance to the use more difficult than to an average service-provider in  
12 the area are to be strongly discouraged. These include (but are not limited to) foyers equipped  
13 with double doors that can be opened only from the inside and security cameras.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3           (1012) Exceptions to the height limits in the 80-130F and 80-130X Height and  
4 Bulk Districts as permitted in Section 263.6 and in the 200-400S Height and Bulk District as  
5 permitted in Section 263.8;

6           (1113) Exceptions to the bulk requirements as permitted in Sections 270 and  
7 272.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 (8) Aspects of the design of the project which have significant adverse  
7 environmental consequences;

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

11 (10) Other aspects of the project for which modifications are justified because  
12 of its unique or unusual location, environment, topography or other circumstances.

13 (c) **Application Process for 309 Review.** Review subject to this Section will be  
14 triggered by submittal of a Section 309 Application or submittal of a building or site permit.

15 (d) **Notice of Proposed Approval.** If, after a review of the Application or building  
16 or site permit, and (1) the Zoning Administrator determines that an application complies with  
17 the provisions of this Code and that no exception is sought as provided in Subsection (a), and  
18 (2) the Director of Planning determines that no additional modifications are warranted as  
19 provided in Subsection (b), and (3) the project meets the open space and streetscape  
20 requirements of the Planning Code or (4) the project sponsor agrees to the modifications as  
21 requested by the Director, the Zoning Administrator shall provide notice of the proposed  
22 approval of the application by mail to all owners of the property immediately adjacent to the  
23 property that is subject of the Application no less than 10 days before final approval, and, in  
24 addition, to any person who has requested such notice in writing. If no request for Planning

1 Commission review pursuant to Subsection (g) is made within 10 days of such notice, the  
2 Zoning Administrator shall approve the application.

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 (1) **Recommendations.** If the Director of Planning determines that  
5 modifications through the imposition of conditions are warranted as provided in Subsection  
6 (b), or that the open space requirements or the streetscape requirements of the Planning  
7 Code have not been complied with, the matter shall be scheduled for hearing before the  
8 Planning Commission. If the Director determines that the open space and streetscape  
9 requirements of the Planning Code have been complied with and the applicant does not  
10 oppose the imposition of conditions which the Director has determined are warranted, the  
11 applicant may waive the right to a hearing before the Commission in writing and agree to the  
12 conditions. The Zoning Administrator shall provide notice of the proposed approval of the  
13 application according to the notice given for applications governed by Subsection (d), so that  
14 any person seeking additional modifications or objecting to the open space or streetscape  
15 requirements determination may make such a request for Planning Commission review as  
16 provided in Subsection (g). If no request is made within 10 days of such notice, the Zoning  
17 Administrator shall approve the application subject to the conditions.

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

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

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

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

14           (2) **Commission Consideration.** The Planning Commission shall consider at  
15 a public hearing each written request for additional modifications and for consideration of the  
16 open space and streetscape requirements of the Planning Code compliance and may, by  
17 majority vote, direct that a hearing be conducted to consider such modifications or  
18 compliance, which hearing may be conducted at the same meeting that the written request is  
19 considered and decided. Notice of such hearing shall be mailed to the project applicant, to  
20 property owners immediately adjacent to the site of the application using for this purpose the  
21 names and addresses as shown on the Citywide Assessment Roll in the Assessor's Office, to  
22 any person who has requested such notice, and to any person who has submitted a request  
23 for additional requirements. In determining whether to conduct such a hearing, the  
24 Commission shall determine whether, based upon a review of the project, reasonable grounds

1 exist justifying a public hearing in order to consider the proposed additional modifications and  
2 the open space and streetscape requirements of the Planning Code compliance.

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

10 (h) **Mandatory Planning Commission Hearing for Projects Over 50,000**  
11 **Square Feet of Gross Floor Area or Over 75 Feet in Height.** The Planning Commission  
12 shall hold a public hearing not otherwise required by this Section on all building and site  
13 permit and Section 309 applications for projects which will result in a net addition of more than  
14 50,000 square feet of gross floor area of space or which will result in a building that is greater  
15 than 75 feet in height. Notice of such hearing shall be mailed not less than 10 days prior to the  
16 date of the hearing to the project applicant, to property owners immediately adjacent to the  
17 site of the application using for this purpose the names and addresses as shown on the  
18 citywide Assessment Roll in the Assessor's Office, and to any person who has requested  
19 such notice.

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

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

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

6 **SEC. 412.1. FINDINGS.**

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

20 **SEC. 427. PAYMENT IN CASES OF VARIANCE OR EXCEPTION FOR REQUIRED**  
21 **OPEN SPACE.**

22 (a) Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts. In the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed  
23 Use Districts, should a Variance from usable open space requirements for residential uses be  
24 granted by the Zoning Administrator, or an exception be granted for those projects subject to

1 the Section 329 process, a fee of \$327 shall be required for each square foot of usable open  
2 space not provided pursuant to that Variance. This fee shall be adjusted in accordance with  
3 Section 423.3 of this Article. This fee shall be paid into the Eastern Neighborhoods Public  
4 Benefits Fund, as described in Section 423 of this Article. Said fee shall be used for the  
5 purpose of acquiring, designing, and improving park land, park facilities, and other open  
6 space resources, which is expected to be used solely or in substantial part by persons who  
7 live, work, shop or otherwise do business in the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts.

8 (b) C-3-O(SD) District. In the C-3-O(SD) District, if a Variance is granted by the Zoning  
9 Administrator to reduce the amount of open space required for any use pursuant to Section 135 or 138  
10 or if a project sponsor chooses to pay the in-lieu fee described in Section 138(j)(4), a fee of \$1,410  
11 shall be required for each square foot of usable open space not provided. This fee shall be adjusted in  
12 accordance with Section XXXX of this Article. This fee shall be paid into the Transit Center District  
13 Open Space Fund, as described in Section 4XX of this Article. Said fee shall be used for the purpose of  
14 acquiring, designing, and improving public open space, recreational facilities, and other open space  
15 resources, which is expected to be used solely or in substantial part by persons who live, work, shop or  
16 otherwise do business in the Transit Center District.

17 **SEC. 4XX. TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT OPEN SPACE IMPACT FEE AND FUND.**

18 Sections 4XX.1 through 4XX.5 set forth the requirements and procedures for the Transit  
19 Center District Open Space Impact Fee and Fund. The effective date of these requirements shall be the  
20 effective date of this Ordinance or the date a subsequent modification, if any, became effective.

21 **SEC. 4XX.1. FINDINGS.**

22 (a) General. Existing public park and recreational facilities located in the downtown area are  
23 at or approaching capacity utilization by the population of the area. There is substantial additional  
24 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.

1           The Planning Department has calculated the fee rate using accepted professional methods  
2 for calculating such fees. The calculations are described fully in the Downtown Open Space Nexus  
3 Study, San Francisco Planning Department, Case No. 2012.XXXXU on file with the Clerk of the Board  
4 in File No. \_\_\_\_\_.

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

15           **SEC. 4XX.2. APPLICATION OF TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT OPEN SPACE IMPACT**  
16 **FEE.**

17           (a) **Application.** Section 4XX.1 et seq. shall apply to any development project located in the  
18 C-3-O(SD) District and meeting the requirements of subsection (b) below.

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

- 22           (1) At least one net new residential unit,  
23           (2) Addition of space to an existing residential unit of more than 800 gross square feet,  
24           (3) At least one net new group housing facility or residential care facility.

1           (4) Addition of space to an existing group housing or residential care facility of more  
2 than 800 gross square feet.

3           (5) New construction of a non-residential use, or

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

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

8           (c) Fee Calculation for the Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fee. For  
9 development projects for which the Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fee is applicable, the  
10 corresponding fee for net addition of gross square feet is listed in Table 4XX.XA. Where development  
11 project includes more than one land use, the overall proportion of each use relative to other uses on the  
12 lot shall be used to calculate the applicable fees regardless of the physical distribution or location of  
13 each use on the lot. Where a project proposes conversion of existing space to a different use, the  
14 Director shall specify the fee amount based on a Guidance Statement or other document establishing  
15 the methodology for calculating fees.

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

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

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

1           **TABLE 4XX.XA**

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

3           **CENTER DISTRICT AREA**

<i>Use</i>	<i>Column A (Base Fee)</i>	<i>Column B (GSF Above 9:1)</i>
<i>Residential</i>	<i>\$2.50/gsf</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Office</i>	<i>\$3.00/gsf</i>	<i>\$7.00/gsf</i>
<i>Retail</i>	<i>\$5.00/gsf</i>	<i>\$4.50/gsf</i>
<i>Hotel</i>	<i>\$4.00/gsf</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Institutional/Cultural/Medical</i>	<i>\$5.00/gsf</i>	<i>\$4.30/gsf</i>
<i>Industrial</i>	<i>\$2.50/gsf</i>	<i>N/A</i>

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8           **(d) Option for In-Kind Provision of Community Improvements and Fee Credits. Project**

9           **sponsors may propose to directly provide community improvements to the City. In such a case, the City**

10           **may enter into an In-Kind Improvements Agreement with the sponsor and issue a fee waiver for the**

11           **Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fee from the Planning Commission, subject to the following**

12           **rules and requirements:**

13           **(1) Approval criteria. The City shall not enter into an In-Kind Agreement unless the**

14           **proposed in-kind improvements meet an identified community need as analyzed in the Transit Center**

15           **District Plan Implementation Program Document and where they substitute for improvements that**

16           **could be provided by the Transit Center District Open Space Fund (as described in Section 4XX.5). The**

17           **City may reject in-kind improvements if they are not consistent with the priorities identified in the**

18           **Transit Center District Plan, by the Interagency Plan Implementation Committee (see Chapter 36 of the**

19           **Administrative Code), or other prioritization processes related to Transit Center District improvements**

20           **programming. No physical improvement or provision of space otherwise required by the Planning**

21           **Code or any other City Code shall be eligible for consideration as part of this In-Kind Improvements**

22           **Agreement.**

23           **For a development project on Assessor's Block 3720 Lot 009, an In-Kind Agreement may be**

24           **approved which credits the project for public open space improvements constructed by either the**

1 sponsor of the development project or by the Transbay Joint Powers Authority, in accordance with the  
2 Transit Center District Plan Implementation Program Document.

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

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

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

18 (4) **Approval Process.** The Planning Commission must approve the material terms of an  
19 In-Kind Agreement. The Planning Commission shall hear and consider the recommendation of the  
20 Interagency Plan Implementation Committee, as established in Chapter 36 of the Administrative Code,  
21 in deciding whether to approve or disapprove any In-Kind Agreement. Prior to the parties executing  
22 the Agreement, the City Attorney must approve the agreement as to form and to substance. The  
23 Director of Planning shall be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City. If the Planning  
24 Commission approves the In-Kind Agreement, it shall waive the amount of the Transit Center District

1 Open Space Impact Fee equivalent to the value of the improvements proposed in the In-Kind  
2 Agreement. No credit shall be made for land value unless ownership of the land is transferred to the  
3 City or a permanent public easement is granted, the acceptance of which is at the sole discretion of the  
4 City. The maximum value of the credit for the improvements proposed in the In-Kind Improvements  
5 Agreement shall not exceed the required Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fee.

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

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

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

17 **SEC. 4XX.3. IMPOSITION OF TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT OPEN SPACE IMPACT**  
18 **FEE.**

19 (a) **Determination of Requirements.** The Department shall determine the applicability of  
20 Section 4XX.1 et seq. to any development project requiring a first construction document and, if Section  
21 4XX.1 et seq. is applicable, the Department shall determine the amount of Transit Center District Open  
22 Space Impact Fees required and shall impose these requirements as a condition of approval for  
23 issuance of the first construction document for the development project. The project sponsor shall  
24 supply any information necessary to assist the Department in this determination.

1           (b) Department Notice to Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI. Prior to the issuance  
2 of a building or site permit for a development project subject to the requirements of Section 4XX.1 et  
3 seq., the Department shall notify the Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI of its final determination  
4 of the amount of Transit Center District Open Space Impact Fees required, including any reductions  
5 calculated for an In-Kind Improvements Agreement, in addition to the other information required by  
6 Section 402(b) of this Article.

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

18           (d) Process for Revisions of Determination of Requirements. In the event that the  
19 Department or the Commission takes action affecting any development project subject to Section 4XX.1  
20 et seq. and such action is subsequently modified, superseded, vacated, or reversed by the Department  
21 or the Commission, Board of Appeals, the Board of Supervisors, or by court action, the procedures of  
22 Section 402(c) of this Article shall be followed.

23           **SEC. 4XX.4. THE TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT OPEN SPACE FUND.**

1           (a) There is hereby established a separate fund set aside for a special purpose entitled the  
2 Transit Center District Open Space Fund ("Fund"). All monies collected by the Development Fee  
3 Collection Unit at DBI pursuant to Section 4XX.3(b) shall be deposited in a special fund maintained by  
4 the Controller. The receipts in the Fund to be used solely to fund Public Benefits subject to the  
5 conditions of this Section.

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

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

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

1           (3) All funds are justified and supported by the Downtown Open Space Nexus Study,  
2 San Francisco Planning Department, Case No. 2012.XXXU. Implementation of the Fee and Fund are  
3 monitored according to the Downtown Plan Monitoring Program required by the Administrative Code  
4 Section 10E.

5           (c) With full participation by the Planning Department and related implementing agencies,  
6 the Controller's Office shall file a report with the Board of Supervisors beginning 180 days after the  
7 last day of the fiscal year of the effective date of Section 4XX.1 et seq. that shall include the following  
8 elements: (1) a description of the type of fee in each account or fund; (2) amount of fee collected; (3)  
9 beginning and ending balance of the accounts or funds including any bond funds held by an outside  
10 trustee; (4) amount of fees collected and interest earned; (5) identification of each public improvement  
11 on which fees or bond funds were expended and amount of each expenditure; (6) an identification of  
12 the approximate date by which the construction of public improvements will commence; (7) a  
13 description of any inter-fund transfer or loan and the public improvement on which the transferred  
14 funds will be expended; and (8) amount of refunds made and any allocations of unexpended fees that  
15 are not refunded.

16           **SEC. 4XX. TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION AND STREET**  
17 **IMPROVEMENT IMPACT FEE AND FUND.**

18           Sections 4XX.1 through 4XX.5 set forth the requirements and procedures for the Transit  
19 Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fee and Fund. The effective date of  
20 these requirements shall be either the effective date of this Ordinance or the date a subsequent  
21 modification, if any, became effective.

22           **SEC. 4XX.1. FINDINGS.**

23           **(a) General.**

1           New development in the Transit Center District Plan area will create substantial new burdens  
2 on existing streets and transportation systems and require the need for new and enhanced  
3 transportation services and improvements to rights-of-way for all modes of transportation. The  
4 downtown is a very dense urban environment with limited roadway capacity and is already  
5 substantially congested and impacted by existing patterns of movement. To accommodate the  
6 substantial growth anticipated in the Transit Center District Plan Area, public transit investments must  
7 be made, circulation patterns adjusted, and limited right-of-way space reallocated such that trips to  
8 and through the area are primarily made by public transit, walking, bicycling, and carpooling and such  
9 that these modes are enabled to maintain or improve efficiency and attractiveness in the face of  
10 increasing traffic congestion. The Transit Center District Plan identified necessary investments and  
11 improvements to achieve these modal objectives and ensure that growth in trips resulting from new  
12 development and population increase in the Plan area does not degrade existing services. The Transit  
13 Center District Plan Transportation Nexus Study, San Francisco Planning Department Case No.  
14 2012.XXXXU on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. \_\_\_\_\_, calculated the proportional  
15 share of the cost of these improvements attributable to new growth based on accepted professional  
16 standards. The investments and improvements identified in the Transit Center District Plan and  
17 allocated in the nexus study are distinct and in addition to improvements and services related to the  
18 Transit Impact Development Fee (TIDF) imposed by Section 411 et seq. Whereas the TIDF funds  
19 improvements to SFMTA Municipal Railway public transit services and facilities to provide sufficient  
20 capacity required to serve new development, the Transit Center District Transportation and Street  
21 Improvement Fee covers impacts of new development in the District on regional transit services and  
22 facilities that are distinct from and in addition to the need for SFMTA public transit services, and that  
23 will not funded by the TIDF, including necessary improvements to area streets to facilitate increases in  
24 all modes of transportation due to development, including walking, bicycling, and carpooling, and to

1 regional transit facilities, including the Downtown Rail Extension and downtown BART stations. The  
2 Board finds that there is no duplication in these two fees. To provide the City and County of San  
3 Francisco and regional transit agencies with the financial resources to provide transportation facilities  
4 and street improvements necessary to serve the burgeoning population of downtown San Francisco, a  
5 Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Fund shall be established as set forth  
6 herein. The Board of Supervisors adopts the findings of the Downtown Open Space Nexus Study in  
7 accordance with the California Mitigation Fee Act, Government Code 66001(a) on file with the Clerk  
8 of the Board in File No. \_\_\_\_\_.

9 (b) Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fee. Development  
10 impact fees are an effective approach to mitigate impacts associated with growth in population. The  
11 proposed Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fee shall be dedicated  
12 to public transportation and public street improvements in the Transit Center District Plan Area and  
13 adjacent downtown areas that will provide direct benefits to the property developed by those who pay  
14 into the fund, by providing necessary transportation and street improvements needed to serve new  
15 development.

16 The fee rate has been calculated by the Planning Department based on accepted professional  
17 methods for the calculation of such fees, and described fully in the Transit Center District  
18 Transportation and Street Improvement Nexus Study, San Francisco Planning Department, Case No.  
19 2012.XXXXU on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. \_\_\_\_\_.

20 The proposed fee established in Section 4XX et seq., is less than the maximum justified fee  
21 amount as calculated by the Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Nexus  
22 Study necessary to provide transportation and street improvements to increasing population in the  
23 area. While no project sponsor would be required to pay more than the maximum amount justified for  
24 that project as calculated in the Nexus Study, the Transit Center District Transportation and Street

1 Improvement Fee is tiered such that denser projects are assessed higher fees because it is economically  
2 feasible for such projects to pay a higher proportion of the maximum justified amount. The proposed  
3 fee covers only the demand for transportation and street improvements created by new development  
4 and is not intended to remedy existing deficiencies. The cost to remedy existing deficiencies will be paid  
5 for by public, community, and other private sources as described in the Transit Center District  
6 Transportation and Street Improvement Nexus Study and the Transit Center District Plan  
7 Implementation Document. Impact fees are only one of many revenue sources necessary to provide  
8 transportation and street improvements in the Plan Area.

9 **SEC. 4XX.2. APPLICATION OF TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION**  
10 **AND STREET IMPROVEMENT IMPACT FEE.**

11 (a) Application. Section 4XX.1 et seq. shall apply to any development project located in the  
12 C-3-O(SD) District and meeting the requirements of subsection (b) below.

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

- 16 (1) At least one net new residential unit,  
17 (2) Addition of space to an existing residential unit of more than 800 gross square feet,  
18 (3) At least one net new group housing facility or residential care facility,  
19 (4) Addition of space to an existing group housing or residential care facility of more  
20 than 800 gross square feet,  
21 (5) New construction of a non-residential use, or  
22 (6) Addition of non-residential space in excess of 800 gross square feet to an existing  
23 structure.

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

3                   (c) **Fee Calculation for the Transit Center District Transportation and Street**  
4 **Improvement Impact Fee.** For development projects for which the Transit Center District  
5 Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fee is applicable the corresponding fee for net addition  
6 of gross square feet is listed in Table 4XX.XA. Where development project includes more than one land  
7 use, the overall proportion of each use relative to other uses on the lot shall be used to calculate the  
8 applicable fees regardless of the physical distribution or location of each use on the lot. If necessary,  
9 the Director shall issue a Guidance Statement clarifying the methodology of calculating fees.

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

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

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

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

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

23                   **TABLE 4XX.XA**

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

2 **CENTER DISTRICT AREA**

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<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>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21           (4) **Approval Process.** The Planning Commission must approve the material terms of an In-  
22 Kind Agreement. The Planning Commission shall hear and consider the recommendation of the  
23 Interagency Plan Implementation Committee, as established in Chapter 36 of the Administrative Code,  
24 in deciding whether to approve or disapprove any In-Kind Agreement. Prior to the parties executing

1 the Agreement, the City Attorney must approve the agreement as to form and to substance. The  
2 Director of Planning shall be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City. If the Planning  
3 Commission approves the In-Kind Agreement, it shall waive the amount of the Transit Center District  
4 Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fee equivalent to the value of the improvements  
5 proposed in the In-Kind Agreement. No credit shall be made for land value unless ownership of the  
6 land is transferred to the City or a permanent public easement is granted, the acceptance of which is at  
7 the sole discretion of the City. The maximum value of the credit for the improvements proposed in the  
8 In-Kind Improvements Agreement shall not exceed the required Transit Center District Transportation  
9 and Street Improvement Impact Fee.

10 (5) **Administrative Costs.** Project sponsors that pursue an In-Kind Improvements  
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12 or any other City entity incurs in negotiating, drafting, and monitoring compliance with the In-Kind  
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14 (e) **Timing of Fee Payments.** The Transit Center District Transportation and Street  
15 Improvement Impact Fee is due and payable to the Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI prior to  
16 issuance of the first construction document, with an option for the project sponsor to defer payment to  
17 prior to issuance of the first certificate of occupancy upon agreeing to pay a deferral surcharge that  
18 would be paid into the appropriate fund in accordance with Section 107A.13.3 of the San Francisco  
19 Building Code.

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

23 **SEC. 4XX.3. IMPOSITION OF TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION AND**  
24 **STREET IMPROVEMENT IMPACT FEE.**

1           (a) **Determination of Requirements.** The Department shall determine the applicability of  
2 Section 4XX.1 et seq. to any development project requiring a first construction document and, if Section  
3 4XX.1 et seq. is applicable, the amount of Transit Center District Transportation and Street  
4 Improvement Impact Fees required and shall impose these requirements as a condition of approval for  
5 issuance of the first construction document for the development project. The project sponsor shall  
6 supply any information necessary to assist the Department in this determination.

7           (b) **Department Notice to Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI.** Prior to the issuance  
8 of a building or site permit for a development project subject to the requirements of Section 4XX.1 et  
9 seq., the Department shall notify the Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI of its final determination  
10 of the amount of Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fees required,  
11 including any reductions calculated for an In-Kind Improvements Agreement, in addition to the other  
12 information required by Section 402(b) of this Article.

13           (c) **Development Fee Collection Unit Notice to Department Prior to Issuance of the First**  
14 **Certificate of Occupancy.** The Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI shall provide notice in writing  
15 or electronically to the Department prior to issuing the first certificate of occupancy for any  
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17 Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Impact Fee requirement with an In-Kind  
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19 satisfied any of the terms of the In-Kind Improvements Agreement, the Director of DBI shall deny any  
20 and all certificates of occupancy until the subject project is brought into compliance with the  
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22 Agreement or payment of the remainder of the Transit Center District Transportation and Street  
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1           (d) **Process for Revisions of Determination of Requirements.** In the event that the  
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3 et seq. and such action is subsequently modified, superseded, vacated, or reversed by the Department  
4 or the Commission, Board of Appeals, the Board of Supervisors, or by court action, the procedures of  
5 Section 402(c) of this Article shall be followed.

6           **SEC. 4XX.4. THE TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION AND STREET**  
7 **IMPROVEMENT FUND.**

8           (a) There is hereby established a separate fund set aside for a special purpose entitled the  
9 Transit Center District Transportation and Street Improvement Fund ("Fund"). All monies collected by  
10 the Development Fee Collection Unit at DBI pursuant to Section 4XX.3(b) shall be deposited in a  
11 special fund maintained by the Controller. The receipts in the Fund to be used solely to fund Public  
12 Benefits subject to the conditions of this Section.

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

15           (1) All monies deposited in the Fund shall be used to study, design, engineer, develop  
16 and implement transportation infrastructure, facilities, equipment, services and programs as well as  
17 improvements to public streets, in the Transit Center District Plan Area and the greater downtown as  
18 established in the Transit Center District Plan and the Transit Center District Implementation Program  
19 Document and supported by the findings of the Transit Center District Plan Transportation and Street  
20 Improvement Nexus Study. Fees paid pursuant to the Transit Delay Mitigation Fee required by Section  
21 4XX.2(c)(1) must be held in a separate account for use for the mitigation purposes defined in the Final  
22 Transit Center District Plan Environmental Impact Report, San Francisco Planning Department Case  
23 Number 2007.0558E.

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

13           (3) All funds are justified and supported by the Transit Center District Plan  
14 Transportation and Street Improvement Nexus Study, San Francisco Planning Department, Case No.  
15 2012.XXXXU. Implementation of the Fee and Fund shall be monitored according to the Downtown  
16 Plan Monitoring Program required by the Administrative Code Section 10E.

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18 the Controller's Office shall file a report with the Board of Supervisors beginning 180 days after the  
19 last day of the fiscal year of the effective date of Section 4XX.1 et seq. that shall include the following  
20 elements: (1) a description of the type of fee in each account or fund; (2) amount of fee collected; (3)  
21 beginning and ending balance of the accounts or funds including any bond funds held by an outside  
22 trustee; (4) amount of fees collected and interest earned; (5) identification of each public improvement  
23 on which fees or bond funds were expended and amount of each expenditure; (6) an identification of  
24 the approximate date by which the construction of public improvements will commence; (7) a

1 description of any interfund transfer or loan and the public improvement on which the transferred  
2 funds will be expended; and (8) amount of refunds made and any allocations of unexpended fees that  
3 are not refunded.

4 **4XX. TRANSIT CENTER DISTRICT MELLO ROOS COMMUNITY FACILITIES**  
5 **DISTRICT PROGRAM.**

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

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

21 (c) Applicability. A development on any lot in the C-3-O(SD) District meeting any one of the  
22 following criteria shall be subject to the requirements of this Section 4XX.

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

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

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

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.**

1 It is hereby found that the area known and described in this appendix as the New  
2 Montgomery-Mission-Second Street area is a subarea within the C-3 District, that possesses  
3 concentrations of buildings that together create a subarea of architectural and environmental  
4 quality and importance which contributes to the beauty and attractiveness of the City. It is  
5 further found that the area meets the standards for designation of a Conservation District as  
6 set forth in Section 1103 of Article 11 and that the designation of said area as a Conservation  
7 District will be in furtherance of and in conformance with the purposes of Article 11 of the City  
8 Planning Code.

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

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

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

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

## 21 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

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

1           **SEC. 3. LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES.**

2           The location and boundaries of the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street  
3 Conservation District shall be as designated on the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street  
4 Conservation District Map, the original of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
5 Supervisors under File 223-84-4, which Map is hereby incorporated herein as though fully set  
6 forth, and a facsimile of which is reproduced herein below.

7           **SEC. 4. RELATION TO CITY PLANNING CODE.**

8           (a) Article 11 of the City Planning Code is the basic law governing preservation  
9 of buildings and districts of architectural importance in the C-3 District of the City and County  
10 of San Francisco. This Appendix is subject to and in addition to the provisions thereof.

11           (b) Except as may be specifically provided to the contrary, nothing in this  
12 Appendix shall supersede, impair or modify any City Planning Code provisions applicable to  
13 property in the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street Conservation District including, but  
14 not limited to, regulations controlling uses, height, bulk, coverage, floor area ratio, required  
15 open space, off-street parking and signs.

16           **SEC. 5. JUSTIFICATION.**

17           The characteristics of the Conservation District justifying its designation are as  
18 follows:

19           (a)   **History of the District.** The core of the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street  
20 Conservation District is a product of the post-1906 reconstruction of downtown San Francisco. Rebuilt  
21 between 1906 and 1933 this district represents a collection of masonry commercial loft buildings that  
22 exhibit a high level of historic architectural integrity and create a cohesive district of two-to-eight story  
23 masonry buildings of similar scale, massing, setback, materials, fenestration pattern, style, and  
24 architectural detailing.

1           This area forms one of the earliest attempts to extend the uses of the financial and  
2 retail districts to the South of Market area. Since Montgomery Street was the most important  
3 commercial street in the 1870's, New Montgomery Street was planned as a southern  
4 extension from Market Street to the Bay. Opposition from landowners south of Howard Street,  
5 however, prevented the street from reaching its original bayside destination. William Ralston,  
6 who was instrumental in the development of the new street, built the Grand Hotel and later the  
7 Palace Hotel at its Market Street intersection. A wall of large hotels on Market Street actually  
8 hindered the growth of New Montgomery Street and few retail stores and offices ventured  
9 south of Market Street. The unusually wide width of Market Street acted as a barrier between  
10 areas to the north and south for many years.

11           A small number of office buildings were built on New Montgomery Street as far  
12 south as Atom Alley (now Natoma Street) after the fire. Many buildings were completed in  
13 1907, and most of the street assumed its present character by 1914. At 74 New Montgomery  
14 Street, the Call newspaper established its first headquarters. A noteworthy addition to the  
15 streetscape was the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Building. At the time of its completion in  
16 1925, it was the largest building on the West Coast devoted to the exclusive use of one firm.  
17 Until the 1960's, the office district on New Montgomery Street was the furthest extension of  
18 the financial district into the South of Market area. More characteristic were warehouses and  
19 businesses which supported the nearby office district. For example, the Furniture Exchange at  
20 the northwest corner of New Montgomery and Howard Streets, completed in 1920, was  
21 oriented to other wholesale and showroom uses along Howard Street.

22           One block to the east, Second Street had a different history from New  
23 Montgomery Street. The future of Second Street as an extension of the downtown depended  
24 upon the southward extension of the street through the hill south of Howard Street. At one

1 time there was even a proposal to extend Second Street north in order to connect with  
2 Montgomery Street. The decision to extend Montgomery Street south rather than Second  
3 Street north due to the high cost of the Second Street Cut, however, discouraged retail and  
4 office growth on the street. As a result, by the 1880's Second Street was established as a  
5 wholesaling rather than retail or office area. In the 1920's, Second Street contained a wide  
6 mixture of office support services. These included printers, binderies, a saddlery, a wholesale  
7 pharmaceutical outlet, and a variety of other retail stores and smaller offices. Industrial uses  
8 were commonly located on the alleyways such as Minna and Natoma and on Second Street,  
9 south of Howard Street.

10 Howard Street between 1st and 3rd Street became a popular and convenient extension for retail  
11 and wholesale dealers after 1906. As with Mission Street, the area still contains a number of smaller  
12 commercial loft structures that represent some of the best examples within the district, such as the  
13 Volker Building at 625 Howard Street, the Crellin Building at 583 Howard Street, and the Sharon  
14 Estate Building at 667 Howard Street.

15 The transformation of much of the area within the boundaries of the New Montgomery-Mission-  
16 Second Street Conservation District into a southerly extension of downtown was reflected in the large  
17 number of multi-story structures built along both Mission and Market streets. The intersection of 3rd  
18 and Mission evolved into the most important intersections in the survey area, bracketed on three  
19 corners by important early skyscrapers, including the rebuilt Aronson Building on the northwest  
20 corner, the Williams Buildings on the southeast corner, and the Gunst Building (demolished) on the  
21 southwest corner.

22 (b) **Basic Nature of the District.** New Montgomery Street is characterized by large  
23 buildings that often occupy an entire section of a block defined by streets and alleys or a  
24 major portion of these subblocks. The buildings are of a variety of heights, but the heights of

1 most of the buildings range from five to eight stories. Second Street is characterized by  
2 smaller, less architecturally significant buildings, but, because of their continuous streetwall,  
3 they form a more coherent streetscape. Without some sort of protection for the less significant  
4 buildings, the quality of the district would be lost due to pressure from the expanding office  
5 core.

6 (c) **Architectural Character.** Most of the contributing buildings are designed in the  
7 American Commercial Style and feature facades divided into a tripartite arrangement consisting of a  
8 base, shaft, and capital. Although the scale and size of the structures on New Montgomery  
9 Street are somewhat monumental, the area remains attractive for pedestrians. The street has  
10 There are a number of outstanding buildings concentrated on New Montgomery, such as the  
11 Palace Hotel, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Building tower, and the Sharon Building.  
12 Ornamentation of district contributors is most often Renaissance-Baroque with later examples of  
13 Spanish, Colonial, Gothic Revival Styles, and Art Deco. Examples of tThe styles range from the  
14 Gothic skyscraper massing and Art Deco detailing of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph  
15 Building to the Renaissance Palazzo style of the Palace Hotel. The primary building materials  
16 are earthtone bricks, stone or terra cotta, with ornamental details executed in a variety of  
17 materials including terra cotta, metal, stucco and stone.

18 With the exceptions of corner buildings, Second Street, Mission and Howard Streets  
19 have has a smaller, more intimate scale. While on New Montgomery Street, buildings typically  
20 occupy an entire subblock, on Second Street, three or four small buildings will occupy the  
21 same area. The buildings are generally mixed-use office and retail structures, two-to-seven  
22 three to five stories in height, with Renaissance-influenced ornament.

1           The two streets are unified by several elements, including an architectural  
2 vocabulary which draws from similar historical sources, similar materials, scale, fenestration,  
3 color, stylistic origins, texture, and ornament.

4           (d)   **Uniqueness and Location.** The District is located close to the central core of  
5 the financial district and is adjacent to an area projected for the future expansion. It is one of  
6 the few architecturally significant areas remaining largely intact in the South of Market area.

7           (e)   **Visual and Functional Unity.** The District has a varied character ranging  
8 from the small and intimate on the alley streets to a more monumental scale on New  
9 Montgomery. In spite of this wide range, the district forms a coherent entity due to the  
10 buildings' common architectural vocabulary and the rhythm of building masses created by the  
11 District's intersecting alleys.

12           (f)   **Dynamic Continuity.** The District is an active part of the downtown area, and  
13 after some years of neglect is undergoing reinvestment, which is visible in the rehabilitation of  
14 the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Building, and the repair and rehabilitation of other  
15 buildings in the District.

16           (g)   **Benefits to the City and Its Residents.** The District is a microcosm of  
17 twentieth century commercial architecture, ranging from low-level speculative office blocks to  
18 the City's premier hotels and executive offices of the time. The District now houses a variety  
19 of uses from inexpensive restaurants and support commercial uses, such as printers, to  
20 executive offices. The area retains a comfortable human scale, which will become  
21 increasingly important as neighboring areas of the South of Market become more densely  
22 developed.

## 23           **SEC. 6. FEATURES.**

1 The exterior architectural features of the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street  
2 District are as follows:

3 (a) **Massing and Composition.** Almost without exception, the buildings in the  
4 New Montgomery-Mission-Second Conservation District are built to the front property line and  
5 occupy the entire site. Most buildings are either square or rectangular in plan, some with interior  
6 light courts to allow sunlight and air into the interiors of buildings. Nearly all cover their entire  
7 parcels, and their primary facades face the street. Building massings along New Montgomery and  
8 Second Streets have different directional orientations. For the most part, the large buildings  
9 on New Montgomery Street are horizontally oriented, since they are built on relatively large  
10 lots, often occupying an entire blockface. Their horizontal width often exceeds their height.  
11 The buildings on Second Street are built on much smaller lots, and hence have a vertical  
12 orientation. An exception on New Montgomery is the tower of the Pacific Telephone and  
13 Telegraph Building, whose soaring verticality is unique for that street.

14 To express the mass and weight of the structure, masonry materials are used on  
15 multi-dimensional wall surfaces with texture and depth, which simulates the qualities  
16 necessary to support the weight of a load-bearing wall.

17 Despite their differing orientation, almost all buildings share a two or three-part  
18 compositional arrangement. In addition, buildings are often divided into bays which establish a  
19 steady rhythm along the streets of the District. The rhythm is the result of fenestration,  
20 structural articulation or other detailing which breaks the facade into discrete segments. A  
21 common compositional device in the District is the emphasis placed upon either the end bays  
22 or the central bay.

23 (b) **Scale.** ~~The scale of the District varies from the small buildings on Second Street to~~  
24 ~~medium-scaled structures on New Montgomery Street. On the latter street, More than two-thirds of the~~

1 contributing buildings are three-to-eight story brick or concrete commercial loft buildings constructed  
2 during the five years after the 1906 Earthquake and Fire. The scale of the District varies from the small  
3 buildings on Howard, Mission, Natoma, and Second Streets, such as the Phoenix Desk Company  
4 Building at 666 Mission Street, the Burdette Building at 90 Second Street, and the Emerson Flag  
5 Company Building at 161 Natoma Street; to medium-scaled structures on Mission and New  
6 Montgomery Streets, such as the Veronica Building at 647 Mission Street, and the Standard Building at  
7 111 New Montgomery Street; to large-scale buildings on New Montgomery Street, such as the Pacific  
8 Telephone and Telegraph Building at 140 New Montgomery. On New Montgomery Street, the large  
9 facades are not commonly divided into smaller bays, establishing a medium scale when  
10 combined with the five- to eight-story height of the buildings. Similarly, the use of elaborate  
11 ornament on many of the buildings breaks their large facades into smaller sections and  
12 accordingly reduces their scale. Second Street is characterized by much smaller buildings  
13 with more frequent use of vertical piers whose scale is very intimate for the South of Market  
14 area.

15 (c) **Materials and Color.** Various forms of masonry are the predominant building  
16 materials in the district. A number of buildings on the northern end of New Montgomery use  
17 brown or buff brick. Terra cotta is also used as a facing material, and is frequently glazed to  
18 resemble granite or other stones. On Second and Mission Streets, several many buildings are  
19 faced in stucco or painted masonry. To express the mass and weight of the structure,  
20 masonry materials are often rusticated at the ground and second story to increase the textural  
21 variation and sense of depth. Several buildings along Howard Street are noteworthy because they  
22 are clad in brick in warm earth tones, exhibit fine masonry craftsmanship, and remain unpainted.

1           The materials are generally colored light or medium earth tones, including white,  
2 cream, buff, yellow, and brown. Individual buildings generally use a few different tones of one  
3 color.

4           (d) **Detailing and Ornamentations.** Buildings range from industrial brick and  
5 stucco office/warehouses to ornately decorated office buildings. The details on the latter  
6 buildings are generally of Classical/Renaissance derivation and include projecting cornices  
7 and belt courses, rustication, columns and colonnades, and arches. Industrial commercial  
8 buildings are noted by their utilitarian nature, with limited areas or ornament applied at the  
9 cornice entablature and around windows.

10           **SEC. 7. STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES FOR REVIEW OF NEW CONSTRUCTION**  
11 **AND CERTAIN ALTERATIONS.**

12           (a) Standards. All construction of new buildings and all major alterations, which  
13 are subject to the provisions of Article 11 Sections 1110, 1111 through 1111.6 and 1113, shall  
14 be compatible with the District in general with respect to the building's composition and  
15 massing, scale, materials and colors, and detailing and ornamentation, including those  
16 features described in Section 6 of this Appendix. Emphasis shall be placed on compatibility  
17 with those buildings in the area in which the new or altered building is located. In the case of  
18 major alterations, only those building characteristics that are affected by the proposed  
19 alteration shall be considered in assessing compatibility. Signs on buildings in conservation  
20 districts are subject to the provisions of Article 11 Section 1111.7.

21           The foregoing standards do not require, or even encourage, new buildings to  
22 imitate the styles of the past. Rather, they require the new to be compatible with the old. The  
23 determination of compatibility shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 309.

1 (b) **Guidelines.** The guidelines in this subsection shall be used in assessing  
2 compatibility.

3 (1) **Composition and Massing.** New construction should maintain the  
4 character of surrounding buildings by relating to their prevailing height, mass, proportions,  
5 rhythm and composition.

6 In addition to the consideration of sunlight access for the street, an  
7 appropriate streetwall height is established by reference to the prevailing height of the  
8 buildings on the block and especially that of adjacent buildings. The prevailing height of  
9 buildings on New Montgomery Street is between five and eight stories while buildings on  
10 Second Street commonly range from three to six stories. A setback at the streetwall height  
11 can permit additional height above the setback up to the height limit without breaking the  
12 continuity of the street wall.

13 Almost all existing buildings are built to the property or street line. This  
14 pattern, except in the case of carefully selected open spaces, should not be broken since it  
15 could damage the continuity of building rhythms and the definition of streets.

16 Proportions for new buildings should be established by the prevailing  
17 streetwall height and the width of existing buildings. On New Montgomery Street, the historic  
18 pattern of large lot development permits new buildings to have a horizontal orientation. In  
19 order to ensure that an established set of proportions is maintained on Second Street, new  
20 construction should break up facades into discrete elements that relate to prevailing building  
21 masses. The use of smaller bays and multiple building entrances are ways in which to relate  
22 the proportions of a new building with those of existing buildings.

23 The design of a new structure should repeat the prevailing pattern of two- and  
24 three-part vertical compositions. One-part buildings without bases do not adequately define

1 the pedestrian streetscape and do not relate well to the prevailing two- and three-part  
2 structures.

3 (2) **Scale.** The existing scale can be accomplished in a variety of ways,  
4 including: a consistent use of size and complexity of detailing with regard to surrounding  
5 buildings, continuance of existing bay widths, maintenance of the existing streetwall height,  
6 and the use of a base element (of similar height) to maintain the pedestrian environment.  
7 Large wall surfaces, which increase a building's scale, should be broken up through the use of  
8 vertical piers, detailing and textural variation to reduce the scale of Second Street.

9 Existing fenestration (windows, entrances) and rhythms which have been  
10 established by lot width or bay width should be repeated in new structures. The spacing and  
11 size of window openings should follow the sequence set by historic structures. Large glass  
12 areas should be broken up by mullions so that the scale of glazed areas is compatible with  
13 that of neighboring buildings. Casement and double-hung windows should be used where  
14 possible since most existing buildings use these window types.

15 (3) **Materials and Colors.** The use of masonry and stone materials or  
16 materials that appear similar (such as substituting concrete for stone) can link two disparate  
17 structures, or harmonize the appearance of a new structure with the architectural character of  
18 a Conservation District. The preferred surface materials for this District are brick, stone, terra  
19 cotta and concrete (simulated to look like terra cotta or stone).

20 The texture of surfaces can be treated in a manner so as to emphasize the  
21 bearing function of the material, as is done with rustication on the Rialto Building. Traditional  
22 light colors should be used in order to blend in with the character of the district. Dissimilar  
23 buildings may be made more compatible by using similar or harmonious colors, and to a  
24 lesser extent, by using similar textures.

1 (4) **Detailing and Ornamentation.** A new building should relate to the  
2 surrounding area by picking up elements from surrounding buildings and repeating them or  
3 developing them for new purposes. The new structure should incorporate prevailing cornice  
4 lines or belt courses. A variety of Renaissance/Baroque, Gothic and Moderne ornament in the  
5 District provides sources for detailing in new buildings in order to strengthen their relationship.  
6 Similarly shaped forms can be used as detailing without directly copying historical ornament.

7 **SEC. 8. TDR; ELIGIBILITY OF CATEGORY V BUILDINGS.**

8 Category V Buildings in that portion of the New Montgomery-Mission-Second Street  
9 Conservation District which is in the 150-S Height District as shown on Sectional Map 1H of  
10 the Zoning Map are eligible for the transfer of TDR as provided in Section 1109(c).

11 NOTE TO EDITOR: Delete existing Map in Appendix F and replace with the following  
12 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	Clift 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

1	1049 Howard	3731	74	
	125 Hyde	346	3B	Rulf's File Exchange
2	16 Jessie	3708	22	One Ecker
	1 Jones	349	3	Hibernia Bank
3	25 Kearny	310	4	O'Bear
	49 Kearny	310	2	Rouillier
4	153 Kearny	293	2	Bartlett Doe
	161 Kearny	293	1	Eyre
5	200 Kearny	288	11	
	201 Kearny	287	8	
6	251 Kearny	287	1	Charleston
	333 Kearny	270	2	Macdonough
7	344 Kearny	269	9	Harrigan Weidenmuller
8	346 Kearny	269	27p	
	362 Kearny	269	27p	
9	222 Leidesdorff	228	6	PG&E Station J
	1 Market	3713	6	Southern Pacific
10	215 Market	3711	18	Matson
	245 Market	3711	14A	Pacific Gas & Electric
11	540 Market	291	1	Flatiron
	562 Market	291	5	Chancery
12	576 Market	291	5B	Finance
	582 Market	291	6	Hobart
13	641 Market	3722	69	
	660 Market	311	5	
14	673 Market	3707	51	Monadnock
	691 Market	3707	57	Hearst
15	704 Market	312	10	Citizen's Savings
	722 Market	312	9	Bankers Investment
16	744 Market	312	6	Wells Fargo
	760 Market	328	1	Phelan
17	783 Market	3706	48	Humboldt
	801 Market	3705	1	Pacific
18	835 Market	3705	43	Emporium
	870 Market	329	5	Flood
19	901 Market	3704	1	Hale Brothers
	938 Market	341	5	
20	948 Market	341	6	Mechanics Savings
	982 Market	342	17	Warfield Theater
21	1000 Market	350	1	San Christina
	1072 Market	350	4	Crocker Bank
22	1095 Market	3703	59	Grant
	1100 Market	351	1	Hotel Shaw
23	1182 Market	351	22	Orpheum Theater
	1301 Market	3508	1	Merchandise Mart
24	34 Mason	341	7	Rubyhill Vineyard
25				

1	101 Mason	331	6	Hotel Mason
	120 Mason	330	13	Kowalsky Apts.
	602 Mason	284	12	
2	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	McElroy
	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
10	315 Montgomery	259	21	California Commercial Union
	400 Montgomery	239	9	Kohl
	405 Montgomery	240	3	Financial Center
12	500 Montgomery	228	13	American-Asian Bank
	520 Montgomery	228	15	Paoli's
13	552 Montgomery	228	28, 29	Bank of America
	116 Natoma	3722	6	N. Clark
14	147 Natoma	3722	13	Underwriter Fire
	39 New Montgomery	3707	35	Sharon
15	74 New Montgomery	3707	33	Call
	79 New Montgomery	3707	14	
16	116 New Montgomery	3722	71	Rialto
17	134 New Montgomery	3722	8	Pacific Telephone
18	201 Ninth	3729	82	
	20 O'Farrell	313	10	Kohler-Chase
19	235 O'Farrell	3261	8	Hotel Barclay
20	301 Pine	268	1	Pacific Stock Exchange
21	333 Pine	268	16	Chamber of Commerce
22	348 Pine	260	8	Dividend
	57 Post	311	13	Mechanic's Institute
23	117 Post	310	22	O'Connor Moffat
	126 Post	293	5	Rochat Cordes
24	165 Post	310	20	Rothchild
25	175 Post	310	19	Liebes

1	180 Post	293	7	Hastings
	201 Post	309	1	Head
2	225 Post	309	27	S. Christian
	275 Post	309	22	Lathrop
3	278 Post	294	11	Joseph Fredericks
	340 Post	295	5	Bullock & Jones
4	442 Post	296	8	Chamberlain
	450 Post	296	9	Elk's Club
5	470 Post	296	10	Medico-Dental
	491 Post	307	9	1st Congregational Church
6	524 Post	297	5	Olympic Club
7	600 Post	298	6	Alvarado Hotel
	1 Powell	330	5	Bank of America
8	200 Powell	314	7	Omar Khayyam's
	301 Powell	307	1	St. Francis Hotel
9	432 Powell	295	8	Sir Francis Drake
	433 Powell	296	5	Chancellor Hotel
10	449 Powell	296	1	Foetz
	540 Powell	285	9	Elk's Club Old
11	114 Sansome	267	10	Adam Grant
	155 Sansome	268	1A	Stock Exchange Tower
12	200 Sansome	261	7	American International
13	201 Sansome	260	5	Royal Globe Insurance
14	221 Sansome	260	4	
15	231 Sansome	260	3	TC Kierloff
16	233 Sansome	260	2	Fireman's Fund
	400 Sansome	229	3	Federal Reserve
17	401 Sansome	228	4	Sun
	407 Sansome	228	3	
18	71 - 85 Second	3708	19	Pacific Bell Building
	121 Second	3721	71	Rapp
19	132 Second	3722	3	
	141 Second	3721	50	
20	6 Seventh	3702	1	Odd Fellow's
	106 Sixth	3726	2	
21	201 Sixth	3732	124	Hotel Argonne
	111 Stevenson	3707	44	Palace Garage
22	46 Stockton	328	4	J. Magnin
	101 Stockton	314	2	Macy's
23	234 Stockton	309	20	Schroth's
	600 Stockton	257	12	Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.
24	108 Sutter	288	7	French Bank
25				

1	111 Sutter	292	1	Hunter-Dulin
	130 Sutter	288	27	Hallidie
2	216 Sutter	287	9	Rose
	255 Sutter	293	9	White House
3	256 Sutter	287	11	Sather
	266 Sutter	287	12	Bemiss
4	301 Sutter	294	1	Hammersmith
	312 Sutter	286	7	Nutall
5	391 Sutter	294	15	Galen
	445 Sutter	295	10p	Pacific Gas & Electric
6	447 Sutter	295	10p	Pacific Gas & Electric
	450 Sutter	285	6	Medical-Dental
7	500 Sutter	284	4	Physician's
	609 Sutter	297	1	Marines Memorial
8	620 Sutter	283	4A	
	640 Sutter	283	22	Metropolitan
9	403 Taylor	317	3	Hotel California
	624 Taylor	297	7	Bohemian Club
10	701 Taylor	282	4A	
	2 Turk	340	4	Oxford Hotel
11	11 Van Ness	834	4	Masonic Temple
	<u>700-706 Mission (86 Third)</u>	<u>3706</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>Mercantile or Aronson</u>
12	<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	
<i>657 Howard</i>	<i>3735</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>San Francisco News</i>
<i>667 Howard</i>	<i>3735</i>	<i>39</i>	
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.

1	658 Mission	3707	20	
	678 Mission	3703	21	Builders' Exchange Building
2	1087 Mission	3726	106	
	615 Sacramento	240	14	Jack's Restaurant
3	343 Sansome	239	2	
	32 Sixth	3703	4	Seneca Hotel
4	83 Stevenson	3708	34	Calif. Farmer
	72 Tehama	3736	91	Brizard and Young
5	1 United Nations Plaza	351	37	J.S. Godau
6	41 Van Ness	834	22p	
7	<u>240 Second</u>	<u>3735</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>Marine Fireman's and Oilers and Watertenders Union Hall</u>
8				
9	<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>
10	<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>
11	<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>
12	<u>589 Howard</u>	<u>3736</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>Lent</u>
	<u>440 Mission</u>	<u>3709</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>C.C. Moore; Terminal Plaza</u>
13				
14	<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>	
15	<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

1	507 Bush	286	1	St. Charles Hotel
	515 Bush	286	22	Terbush
2	553 Clay	228	32	
	559 Clay	228	31	
3	61 Ellis	329	6	John's Grill
	111 Ellis	330	1	Powell
4	120 Ellis	326	5	Misses Butler
	222 Front	236	6	
5	235 Front	237	4	
	236 Front	236	8	Shroeder
6	239 Front	237	2	
	246 Front	236	9	
7	250 Front	236	10	
	66 Geary	310	12	Hotel Graystone
8	88 Geary	310	13 - 15	Cailleau
	100 Geary	309	3	Granat Brothers
9	101 Geary	313	1	Paragon
	129 Geary	313	16	
10	146 Geary	309	7	
	152 Geary	309	8	
11	156 Geary	309	9	
	251 Geary	314	14	Werner
12	347 Geary	315	22	Hotel Stewart
	366 Geary	307	6	Rosebud's English Pub
13				
	381 Geary	315	20A	
14	418 Geary	306	6	Paisley Hotel
	436 Geary	306	7	Somerton Hotel
15	459 Geary	316	18	
	468 Geary	306	8	
16	476 Geary	306	9	Hotel David
	484 Geary	306	11	
17	490 Geary	306	12	Hotel Maryland
	39 Grant	313	5	Fisher
18	59 Grant	313	2	
	100 Grant	310	13	Livingston Brothers
19	166 Grant	310	17	
	251 Grant	294	3	
20	255 Grant	294	2	
	321 Grant	286	3	Hotel Baldwin
21	45 Kearny	310	3	Oscar Luning
	209 Kearny	287	7	
22	215 Kearny	287	6	
	219 Kearny	287	5	
23	227 Kearny	287	4	
	240 Kearny	288	14	Marston
24	246 Kearny	288	25	Hotel Stanford
25				

1	260 Kearny	288	16	
	315 Kearny	270	5	
2	325 Kearny	270	3	
	334 Kearny	269	7	
3	353 Kearny	270	1	Kearny-Pine Building
	358 Kearny	269	11	
4	215 Leidesdorff	228	10	
	118 Maiden Lane	309	16	Lloyd
5	177 Maiden Lane	309	12	
	601 Market	3707	1	Santa Fe
6	609 Market	3707	2A	
	623 Market	3707	59	Metropolis Trust
7	300 Mason	315	16	Hotel Virginia
	334 Mason	315	17	King George Hotel
8	425 Mason	306	2	S. F. Water Dept.
	542 Mason	296	12A	St. Francis Apts.
9	609 Mission	3722	1	Stevenson
	617 Mission	3722	73	Koracorp
10	540 Montgomery	228	24	Bank of America
	111 New Montgomery	3722	72	Standard
11	137 New Montgomery	3722	7	
12	170 New Montgomery	3722	22	Furniture Exchange
13	180 O'Farrell	314	6	St. Moritz Hotel
14	238 O'Farrell	315	10	Spaulding Hotel
	272 O'Farrell	315	14	
15	280 O'Farrell	315	15	
16	340 Pine	260	7	Selsbach and Deans
	358 Pine	260	9	Phoenix
17	369 Pine	268	12	Exchange Block
	485 Pine	269	20	
18	216 Post	294	7	Guggenheim
	228 Post	294	8	Gumps - E. Arden
19	233 Post	309	17	Graff
	251 Post	309	24	Mercedes
20	272 Post	294	10	
	438 Post	296	7	St. Andrew
21	545 Post	306	22	Hotel Cecil
	620 Post	298	7	J. J. Moore Apts.
22	624 Post	298	8	
	45 Powell	330	2	
23	100 Powell	327	12	Hotel Golden State
	111 Powell	326	4	
24	120 Powell	327	13	
25	134 Powell	327	22	Elevated Shops

1	151 Powell	326	2	Hotel Herbert
	201 Powell	315	3, 6 - 9	Manx Hotel
2	207 Powell	315	4	Howard
	226 Powell	314	9	
3	235 Powell	315	2	
	236 Powell	314	10	Hotel Stratford
4	421 Powell	296	6	United Airlines
	435 Powell	296	14p	
5	439 Powell	296	14p	
	445 Powell	296	2	
6	333 Sacramento	237	18	
	558 Sacramento	228	9	
7	560 Sacramento	228	10	
	568 Sacramento	228	11	PG&E Station J
8	576 Sacramento	228	12	Potter
	415 Sansome	228	2	Fugazi Bank
9	20 Second	3707	2	Schwabacher
	36 Second	3707	4	Morgan
10	42 Second	3707	5	
	48 Second	3707	6	Kentfield & Esser
11	52 Second	3707	7	
	60 Second	3707	8	
12	70 Second	3707	9	
	76 Second	3707	10	
13	90 Second	3707	12	
	120 Second	3722	2	
14	133 Second	3721	51	Morton L. Cook
	144 Second	3722	4	
15	149 Second	3721	49	
	156 Second	3722	5	Jackson
16	163 Second	3721	48	Marcus Modry
	165 Second	3721	5	Electrical
17	168 Second	3722	16	
18	182 Second	3722	19	Barker, Knickerbocker & Bostwick
19				
	216 Stockton	309	13	
20	222 Stockton	309	14	A. M. Robertson
	334 Stockton	294	13p	Drake-Wiltshire Hotel Annex
21				
	340 Stockton	294	13p	Drake-Wiltshire Hotel
22	417 Stockton	285	4	All Seasons Hotel
	427 Stockton	285	3	
23	171 Sutter	292	9	
	307 Sutter	294	23	Orpheus
24	310 Sutter	286	6	
25	315 Sutter	294	22	Newbegin

1	323 Sutter	294	21	Hotel Alamo
	345 Sutter	294	19	
2	371 Sutter	294	16	Nathalie Nicoli
	400 Sutter	285	5p	McCloud
3	524 Sutter	284	6	Cartwright
	535 Sutter	296	13C	Westphal
4	540 Sutter	284	8	John Simmons
	547 Sutter	296	13B	Lowell
5	559 Sutter	296	13A	
	575 Sutter	296	13	
6	595 Sutter	296	12B	Francisca Club
	635 Sutter	297	13	Hotel Beresford
7	655 Sutter	297	12	
	679 Sutter	297	10	
8	680 Sutter	283	7	
	690 Sutter	283	8	
9	693 Sutter	297	9	
	701 Sutter	298	1	
10	717 Sutter	298	34	Hotel DeLuxe
	420 Taylor	316	10	NBC/KBHK
11	615 Taylor	298	5	Taylor Hotel
	621 Taylor	298	4	Winterburn Hotel
12	625 Taylor	298	3	Eisenberg Apts.
	627 Taylor	298	2	Hawthorne Apts.
13	<u>125 Third (693 Mission)</u>	<u>3722</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>Williams</u>
14	<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>
15	<u>667 Howard</u>	<u>3735</u>	<u>39</u>	
	<u>163 Jessie</u>	<u>3707</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>California Demokrat; Hess</u>
16	<u>602 Mission</u>	<u>3707</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>Atlas</u>
17	<u>611 Mission</u>	<u>3722</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>Koret</u>
	<u>641 Mission</u>	<u>3722</u>	<u>70</u>	
18	<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>
19	<u>666 Mission</u>	<u>3707</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>California Historical Society; Hundley Hardware</u>
20				
21	<u>161 Natoma</u>	<u>3722</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>Emerson Flag Company</u>
22	<u>142 Minna</u>	<u>3722</u>	<u>058</u>	
23	<u>657 Howard</u>	<u>3735</u>	<u>041</u>	<u>San Francisco News Co.</u>

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Section 3. This Section is uncoded.

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1           (a) **Transit Tower Site In-Kind Agreement and Fees.**

2           (1) The Board of Supervisors specifically recognizes that the Transbay Joint Powers  
3 Authority (the "TJPA") plans to sell property owned by the TJPA adjacent to the new Transbay  
4 Transit Center (Assessor's Block 3720, Lot 009) (the "Tower Property") to a developer (the  
5 "Tower Developer") for the construction of the Transit Tower (the "Tower Project"). The  
6 purchase price the Transit Tower Developer has agreed to pay for the Tower Property will  
7 include amounts that will be applied by the TJPA to the construction of Phase I of the  
8 Transbay Transit Center Project, including the Transit Center and the below-ground train  
9 levels of the Transit Center to accommodate the Downtown Rail Extension, City Park on top  
10 of the Transit Center, and sidewalk and street improvements immediately adjacent to the  
11 Transit Center. In addition to paying the purchase price for the Tower Property to the TJPA,  
12 the discretionary approvals for the Transit Tower will require the Transit Tower Developer to  
13 pay for and build public improvements including, but not limited to, Mission Square, sidewalk  
14 and street improvements adjacent to the Tower Project, and a pedestrian bridge connecting  
15 the Tower Project with City Park.

16           (2) Should the City, in its sole and absolute discretion, issue approvals for the Transit  
17 Tower, a condition of any such approvals shall be that the Planning Director enter into an In-  
18 Kind Agreement, as set forth in this Ordinance, with the Transit Tower Developer to provide  
19 that the Developer may satisfy the requirement for the payment of the Transit Center District  
20 Plan Open Space Fee and Transportation and Street Improvement Fee set forth in this  
21 Ordinance (the "TCDP Impact Fees") by constructing or causing to be constructed identified  
22 public improvements in the TCDP Area. Except as provided below, the fee offset shall be the  
23 full amount of the TCDP Impact Fees. Public improvements that should be considered for this  
24 Agreement are contributions from the Tower Property purchase price that the TJPA applies

1 toward Natoma Street pedestrian plaza, Mission Street streetscape and transit improvements  
2 across the full right-of-way between First and Fremont Streets, signalized midblock pedestrian  
3 crossings on Fremont and First Streets, the Downtown Rail Extension (including the build-out  
4 of the train box for the Downtown Rail Extension), and City Park. Notwithstanding the fee  
5 offset described above, the portion of the Transit Center District Plan Transportation and  
6 Street Improvement Fee dedicated to addressing Transit Delay Mitigation and \$2 (two) million  
7 of the Transit Center District Plan Open Space Fee shall not be eligible for in-kind credit  
8 against TCDP Impact Fees payments. Further, the Board hereby requires, as a condition of  
9 the In-Kind Agreement, that the City Planning Director enter into an Agreement with the TJPA  
10 that stipulates that if the TJPA does not allocate and obligate the Tower Developer's TCDP  
11 Impact Fees to the improvements as set forth above and identified in the Agreement, the City  
12 shall allocate the amount of Impact Fee revenue equivalent to the unallocated and  
13 unobligated amount so that such revenues are available for other improvements consistent  
14 with the purposes of the respective Impact Fees, or, as determined by the Planning  
15 Commission based on recommendation by the Interagency Plan Implementation Committee,  
16 used by the TJPA to fund alternative improvements consistent with the purposes of the Impact  
17 Fees.

18 (b) **Previously Entitled Projects.** Notwithstanding Section 123 as proposed for  
19 amendment, any unbuilt project that obtained Planning Commission approval January 1, 2012  
20 may apply Transferrable Development Rights (TDR) to exceed a floor area ratio of 9.0:1 and  
21 shall be eligible for partial waiver of certain impact fees as described in Section 4XX.2(c)(3)  
22 and 4XX.2(c)(5).

23 Section 4. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the  
24 date of passage.

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1 Section 5. This section is uncodified. In enacting this Ordinance, the Board intends to  
2 amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers,  
3 punctuation, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent part of the Planning Code that are  
4 explicitly shown in this legislation as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and  
5 Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title  
6 of the legislation.

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