

FILE NO. 011101

ORDINANCE NO. 167-01

[Ordinance to Amend Appendix A of Planning Code Article 10 to Designate City Lights Bookstore As a Landmark.]

Ordinance amending Appendix A of Planning Code Article 10 to designate 261-271 Columbus Avenue, City Lights Bookstore, as Landmark No. 228.

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deletions are ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~.
Board amendment additions are double underlined.
Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

Section 1. Findings

The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that 261-271 Columbus Avenue, City Lights Bookstore, Lot 18 in Assessor's Block 162, has a special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value, and that its designation as a Landmark will further the purposes of, and conform to the standards set forth in Article 10 of the City Planning Code.

(a) This designation has been fully approved by Resolution No. 533 of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board and Resolution No. 16156 of the Planning Commission, which Resolutions are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. 011101 and which Resolutions are incorporated herein and made part hereof as though fully set forth.

(b) Priority Policy Findings.

Pursuant to Section 101.1 of the Planning Code, the Board of Supervisors makes the following findings:

Planning Commission, Supervisor *Peskin, Newsom, Gonzalez, LENO, ANNEBOND*
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1 (1) The designation is in conformity with the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section
2 101.1 and with the General Plan as set forth in the letter dated June 8, 2001 from the Director
3 of Planning. Such letter is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 011101.

4 (2) The Board of Supervisors finds that this ordinance is in conformity with the Priority
5 Policies of Section 101.1 of the Planning Code and with the General Plan, and hereby adopts
6 the findings set forth in the letter dated June 8, 2001 from the Director of Planning and
7 incorporates such findings by reference as if fully set forth herein.

8 (c) Required Data:

9 (1) The description, location and boundary of the Landmark site is Lot 18, in
10 Assessor's Block 162.

11 (2) The characteristics of the Landmark which justify its designation are described
12 and shown in the Landmark Designation Case Report adopted by the Landmarks
13 Preservation Advisory Board on March 21, 2001 and other supporting materials contained in
14 Planning Department Docket No. 2000.507L. Said Landmark Designation Case Report is
15 hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. The characteristics of the
16 landmark which justify its designation are summarized as follows:

17 (A) Association with major developments in post-World War II literature as publisher
18 of Beat Generation writers, the defense of Allen Ginsberg's *Howl and Other Poems* in a
19 landmark test of First Amendment protections, and with the building's early tenants who were
20 important to the Italian community of North Beach.

21 (B) Association with persons important in the literary and cultural development of
22 San Francisco and the nation, including Lawrence Ferlinghetti, co-founder and current owner
23 of City Lights and first Poet Laureate of San Francisco; poets Allen Ginsberg, Gregory Corso,
24 Diane di Prima, Kenneth Patchen, Philip Lamantia, Michael McClure, Gary Snyder; novelists
25 Jack Kerouac, William Burroughs and Herbert Gold; performance artists Lord Buckley and

1 Lenny Bruce; and philosophers/advisors/elder statesmen of the Beats such as Kenneth
2 Rexroth and Alan Watts.

3 (C) Distinctive characteristics typical of small commercial buildings constructed
4 following the 1906 earthquake and fire and is a fairly rare survivor of a once common building
5 type of its period.

6 (3) The particular exterior features that should be preserved, or replaced in-kind as
7 determined necessary, are those generally shown in the photographs and described in the
8 Landmark Designation Case Report, both of which can be found in the case docket
9 2000.507L. The description of the particular features that should be preserved are the
10 exterior storefronts and original entrances, the row of clerestory windows at the mezzanine
11 level, the second story windows, and the upper and belt cornices. The building envelope and
12 the small scale of the building in its location in a compact, low rise streetscape are also
13 defining characteristics that should be preserved.

14 Section 2. ~~Additional Controls~~ and Procedures

15 The property shall be subject to all of the following ~~further~~ controls and procedures,
16 applicable to Landmarks as set forth in ~~pursuant to this Ordinance and Planning Code Article~~
17 10 of the Planning Code. ~~except~~

18 ~~Prior to issuance of any permit for construction, alteration, removal or demolition~~
19 ~~affecting the Landmark beyond ordinary maintenance and repairs, as defined in Article 10 of~~
20 ~~the Planning Code, any property owner of 261-271 Columbus Avenue shall apply for and~~
21 ~~obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness as required by Article 10 of the Planning Code, except~~
22 that the mural located on the ground floor wall on the south elevation of the building (along
23 Jack Kerouac Street/formerly Adler Alley) may be changed from time to time at the discretion
24 of the owners of City Lights Bookstore without applying for and obtaining a Certificate of
25 Appropriateness as required by Article 10 of the Planning Code, provided that any such mural

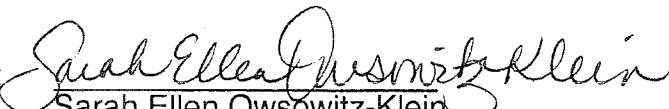
1 shall be painted on said wall, shall be non-commercial in content and shall not be a business
2 sign, a general advertising sign or an identifying sign as such terms are defined in Article 6 of
3 the Planning Code.

4 Section 3. Amendment of Appendix A of Planning Code Article 10 to add: City Lights
5 Bookstore 261-271 Columbus Avenue 162/18.

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7 RECOMMENDED:
8 PLANNING COMMISSION

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10 By: _____
11 Gerald G. Green
12 Director of Planning

13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
14 LOUISE H. RENNE, City Attorney

15 By: 
16 Sarah Ellen Owsowitz-Klein
17 Deputy City Attorney
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Date Passed:

Ordinance amending Appendix A of Planning Code Article 10 to designate 261-271 Columbus Avenue, City Lights Bookstore, as Landmark No. 228.

July 9, 2001 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

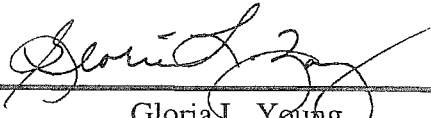
July 9, 2001 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING AS AMENDED
Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

July 16, 2001 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on July 16, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

JUL 27 2001

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.