[Environment Code - Revising the Urban Forestry Council Composition and Meeting Requirements]

Ordinance amending the Environment Code to revise the composition and meeting schedule requirements for the Urban Forestry Council.

NOTE: Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain Arial font. Additions to Codes are in single-underline italics Times New Roman font. Deletions to Codes are in strikethrough italics Times New Roman font. Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font. Board amendment deletions are in strikethrough Arial font. Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

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

Section 1. Background.

(a) The Urban Forestry Council was established by Ordinance No. 171-03 to serve as an advisory body to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on urban forestry issues. The Council is comprised of members representing the full range of urban forest stakeholders, including City departments, non-profit organizations, educators, community members, and industry professionals.

(b) Section 1202 currently provides that the Urban Forestry Council shall be composed of eleven voting members. The Board of Supervisors appoints seven voting members; the Mayor appoints two voting members; and the Director of the Department of Public Works and the Director of the Planning Department (or their respective representatives) each are voting members. Section 1202 also provides that the Council shall have advisory members comprised of representatives from the Recreation and Park Department, the Public Utilities Commission, the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.
(c) The San Francisco Redevelopment Agency was dissolved on February 1, 2012. As a result, the advisory member seat dedicated to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency is vacant. To fill the seat left vacant by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, Section 1202 should authorize the Port of San Francisco to appoint a representative as a voting member of the Council.

(d) Under Section 1202(a)(3), the Director of the Department of Public Works and the Director of the Planning Department (or their respective designees) are voting members. However, the representative members from the Recreation and Park Department and Public Utilities Commission are not voting members. To increase the effectiveness of the Urban Forestry Council at carrying out its role in advising the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on critical issues relating to urban forestry, all Council members should have equal standing and be voting members.

(e) Under Section 1202, the Urban Forestry Council is to meet once a month. Between 2009 and 2013, the Council averaged nine meetings per year, which has been sufficient for the Council to effectively and efficiently carry out its general business. In addition to the regular Council meeting, the Landmark Tree Committee and Planning and Funding Committee meet frequently throughout the year, as needed.

Section 2. The Environment Code is hereby amended by revising Section 1202, to read as follows:

SEC. 1202. COUNCIL COMPOSITION AND ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Council members will represent the full range of urban forest stakeholders including City agencies, non-profit organizations, tree management organizations, and community members. The Council shall be composed of eleven fifteen voting members.

(1) The Board of Supervisors shall appoint seven voting members:
(A) One member from an educational organization involved with tree management (University of California Cooperative Extension, etc.);

(B) Two members certified by a professional tree management organization (International Society of Arboriculture, American Society of Consulting Arborists, or American Society of Landscape Architects, etc.);

(C) Two members of non-profit organizations involved in urban forestry or other environmentally-related issues; and

(D) Two members from the community.

(2) The Mayor shall appoint two voting members:

(A) One member from the tree care industry; and

(B) One member at large.

(3) The following departments shall have voting members: The Director or General Manager of each of the following departments, or his or her designee, shall each serve as a voting member:

(A) The Director of the Department of Public Works, or his or her designee; and

(B) The Director of the Planning Department, or his or her designee; and

(b) The Council shall have advisory members comprised of representatives from the following departments:

(1)(C) The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department, and

(2) The Public Utilities Commission. In addition, the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area are invited to send representatives to sit as advisory members of the Council:

(4) The Public Utilities Commission shall appoint one voting member.

(5) The Golden Gate National Recreation Area is invited to appoint one voting member. If the Golden Gate National Recreation Area does not make an appointment within 60 days after the seat
is vacant, the Presidio Trust may appoint one voting member to serve that term. If the Presidio Trust
does not make an appointment within 30 days after it is authorized to do so, the Mayor shall appoint an
at-large member to fill the seat for the duration of that term.

(6) The Port of San Francisco shall appoint one voting member.

(c) Council members shall serve for two years. A Council member can may
serve successive terms if reappointed by the body authority that originally appointed
the Council member. Council members serve at the will pleasure of the body appointing
authority that appoints each Council member, as specified above. The body appointing
authority that appoints Council members also may appoint at-large members to serve any
unfilled Council positions.

(d) The Council shall meet at least six times per year, once each month.

(e) The Council shall establish its own operating procedures, which, at a minimum,
shall meet the public notice, meeting, voting, agenda and other procedural requirements set
forth in local law.

(f) Subcommittees shall be created to adequately address other special areas of
concern on an as needed basis.

(g) The Department of the Environment, with adequate funding to assist the Council
in carrying out its mission, shall provide professional and administrative staff to the Council.

(h) All members of the Council shall serve without compensation.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.
Section 4. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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November 06, 2014 Rules Committee - RECOMMENDED

November 18, 2014 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING
Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee
Excused: 1 - Campos

November 25, 2014 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED
Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee
Excused: 1 - Cohen

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 11/25/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

Date Approved