AMENDING SECTION 2.74 OF ARTICLE VIII OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL CODE (ADMINISTRATIVE CODE) TO GIVE THE RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT OR COMMISSION AUTHORITY TO GRANT PERMITS FOR RECREATIONAL AND FIRST AMENDMENT ACTIVITY IN HALLIDIE PLAZA AND RESERVING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT PERMITS FOR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY AND TO HEAR APPEALS FROM DENIALS OF PERMITS BY THE RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT OR COMMISSION.

Note: Additions are underlined; deletions are in ((double parentheses)).

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

Section 1. Part II of the San Francisco Municipal Code (Administrative Code) is hereby amended by amending Section 2.74 of Article VIII of Chapter 2 to read as follows:

SEC. 2.74. PERMITS FOR USE OF UNITED NATIONS PLAZA AND HALLIDIE PLAZA FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES TO BE ISSUED BY THE RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT OR COMMISSION. (a) The area of the City and County of San Francisco referred to in this section as the United Nations Plaza is comprised of Fulton Street between Hyde and Market streets and Leavenworth Street between McAllister and Fulton streets, previously closed to vehicular traffic by the Board of Supervisors. The area of the City and County referred to in this section as Hallidie Plaza is comprised of the area bounded by the northwesterly line of Market Street, the southerly line of Eddy Street and the westerly line of Lot 13, Assessor’s Block 341.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 2.70, permits for the use of United Nations Plaza and Hallidie Plaza shall be issued by the Recreation and Park Department or the Recreation and Park Commission according to the procedures and standards established for the issuance of

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permits for the use of property under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission; provided, however, that the Recreation and Park Department and the Recreation and Park Commission shall only issue permits for activities which are recreational in nature or which are engaged in primarily for the purpose of espousing or advocating causes or ideas which activities are generally recognized as protected by the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. Permits to engage in any other type of activity in United Nations or Hallidie Plaza shall be issued by the Board of Supervisors.

(c) An appeal from the denial of a permit application by the Recreation and Park Department or the Recreation and Park Commission for the use of United Nations Plaza or Hallidie Plaza shall be made to the Board of Supervisors. An appropriate committee of the Board of Supervisors shall consider the appeal before it goes to the full Board, unless there is insufficient time before the date of the proposed event for committee review. If a quorum of the full Board cannot be convened in time to consider the appeal before the date of the proposed event, the procedure to be followed shall be that established in the Park Code or by Commission resolution for the appeal of the denial of a permit application by the Recreation and Park Department when a quorum of the Recreation and Park Commission cannot be convened in a timely manner to consider the appeal. In the event that neither the Code nor a Commission resolution contains such a procedure, the decision of the Recreation and Park Department shall be final.

(d) All procedures and standards, other than procedures for appeal of the denial of a permit application, shall be the same for permits issued by the Recreation and Park Department for the use of United Nations Plaza and Hallidie Plaza as they are for permits issued for the use of park property. If a permittee uses United Nations Plaza or Hallidie Plaza and damages it, or fails to clean up after the permitted event, or otherwise leaves the property in a manner that occasions the expenditure of labor or money to restore
the Plaza, the Recreation and Park Department may bill the permittee pursuant to its usual procedures and otherwise seek any remedy normally sought when the property involved is property under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission.

(e) Nothing in this action shall be construed as evidence of an intent to dedicate the United Nations Plaza or Hallidie Plaza as a park or to place the United Nations Plaza or Hallidie Plaza under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Nor shall anything in this section be construed as evidence of an intent that any of the provisions of the San Francisco Charter pertaining to park property are to be applicable to the United Nations Plaza or Hallidie Plaza.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LOUISE H. RENNE, City Attorney

By: MARIAM MORLEY
Deputy City Attorney

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Ordinance amending Administrative Code Section 2.74 to give the Recreation and Park Department or Commission authority to grant permits for recreational and first amendment activity in Hallidie Plaza and reserving to the Board of Supervisors the authority to grant permits for any other activity and to hear appeals from denials of permits by the Recreation and Park Department or Commission.

January 25, 1999 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING
Ayes: 8 - Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki
Noes: 3 - Bierman, Yee, Ammiano

February 1, 1999 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED
Ayes: 7 - Becerril, Brown, Katz, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki
Noes: 3 - Bierman, Yee, Ammiano
Absent: 1 - Kaufman
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on February 1, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

FEB 12 1999

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.