

1 [Domestic Partnership Ceremonies]

2 AMENDING SECTION 62.9 OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO  
3 AUTHORIZE THE PERFORMANCE OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP CEREMONIES BY  
4 ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW TO PERFORM MARRIAGE CEREMONIES.

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

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

7 Section 1. Chapter 62 of the San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by  
8 amending Section 62.9, to read as follows:

9 **SEC. 62.9. CIVIL CEREMONY.** (a) The County Clerk and any other person authorized  
10 by state law to perform marriage ceremonies ((is)) are authorized to perform a civil ceremony  
11 solemnizing the formation of a Domestic Partnership established in accordance with this  
12 Chapter. Persons who either (1) present a signed Declaration of Domestic Partnership for  
13 filing to the County Clerk in accordance with Section 62.3(a)(1), or who (2) present a  
14 certificate issued by the County Clerk in accordance with Section 62.3(a)(1) showing that a  
15 signed Declaration of Domestic Partnership for these persons has been previously filed with  
16 the County Clerk, may request that the County Clerk or any other person authorized by state  
17 law to perform marriage ceremonies perform a ceremony solemnizing the formation of their  
18 Domestic Partnership. Each request for a Domestic Partnership ceremony by the County  
19 Clerk shall be made in writing on a form provided by the County Clerk, and shall be  
20 accompanied by payment of a fee of \$30.

21 (b) Upon completion of the ceremony authorized by Subsection (a), the County  
22 Clerk shall issue a souvenir certificate memorializing the performance of the ceremony. If the  
23 ceremony is performed by a person other than the County Clerk, the persons entering into  
24 Domestic Partnership shall obtain a Ceremony Request Form from the County Clerk prior to  
25 the ceremony and shall return such Ceremony Request Form to the County Clerk within six

1 months following the ceremony. The ((certificate)) Ceremony Request Form shall be signed  
2 by the officiant. The County Clerk shall keep a record of all such ceremonies performed, filed  
3 with the Declaration of Domestic Partnership to which they apply. The County Clerk shall keep  
4 a record of ((applications for)) Domestic Partnership ceremonies ((for a period of two years  
5 from the date of the application)).

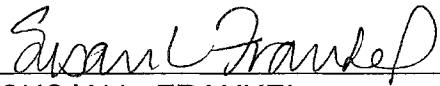
6 (c) The County Clerk is authorized to deputize persons to solemnize Domestic  
7 Partnership ceremonies. Any person 18 years of age or older may apply to be deputized for  
8 this purpose. Approval of applicants and the terms of any such authorization shall be solely  
9 within the discretion of the County Clerk.

10 (d) The ceremony authorized by this Section shall have no legal effect upon the  
11 status of a Domestic Partnership established pursuant to this Chapter.

12 (e) This Section shall become effective 45 days after it is enacted. (Added by Ord.  
13 66-96, App. 2/9/96)

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15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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## Tails Ordinance

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**File Number:** 990996

**Date Passed:**

Ordinance amending Section 62.9 of the Administrative Code to authorize the performance of Domestic Partnership ceremonies by any person authorized by state law to perform marriage ceremonies.

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June 14, 1999 Board of Supervisors — PASSED, ON FIRST READING

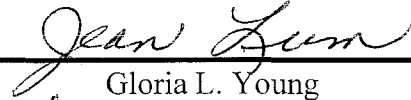
Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

June 21, 1999 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

File No. 990996

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on June 21, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young  
for Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.