

1 [Small Business Fee Survey and Freeze – Feasibility Study]

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3 **Resolution urging the Controller's Office, Mayor's Office and relevant City agencies to**  
4 **conduct a survey of all fees paid by small business and investigating the feasibility of**  
5 **freezing or reducing these fees for a one-year period to assist small businesses in**  
6 **responding to the current economic crisis.**  
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8 WHEREAS, Nationwide, about 19 percent of all employees work for firms with fewer  
9 than 50 employees and in our three-county region that figure is closer to 40 percent; and,

10 WHEREAS, Small businesses are confronted with numerous operating and licensing  
11 fees which enable relevant City agencies in ensuring proper regulatory oversight; and,

12 WHEREAS, Fees assessed to businesses could have a disproportionate impact on  
13 small businesses in times of economic distress; and,

14 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors would like to investigate all means of assisting  
15 small businesses in San Francisco weather the current economic crisis; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Controller, the Mayor's Office  
17 and all relevant executive agencies to conduct a survey of all fees assessed to small  
18 businesses in San Francisco; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Controller to conduct  
20 a feasibility study of the impact of freezing or, if possible, reducing some of these fees for  
21 businesses with less than 50 employees for a one-year period; and be it

22 FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that this  
23 review and study be completed by November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.  
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October 28, 2008 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, Mirkarimi, Peskin,  
Sandoval

Absent: 2 - Ammiano, McGoldrick

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 28, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calyillo  
Clerk of the Board

11/7/2008

Date Approved

  
Mayor Gavin Newsom