Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to remove the requirement that parking operators certify and report periodically to the City the ratio of their unaccounted parking tickets to total issued tickets for each parking station for the reporting period.

[Business and Tax Regulations Code - Parking Tax Reporting Requirement]

NOTE: Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain Arial font.

Additions to Codes are in <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman font</u>.

Deletions to Codes are in <u>strikethrough italics Times New Roman font</u>.

Board amendment additions are in <u>double-underlined Arial font</u>.

Board amendment deletions are in <u>strikethrough Arial font</u>.

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. Article 9 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended by revising Sections 604 and 607 to read as follows:

## SEC. 604. COLLECTION OF TAX BY OPERATOR; RECEIPT TO OCCUPANT; RULES FOR <u>UNACCOUNTED TICKET RATIO AND</u> COLLECTION SCHEDULES.

(a) Every Operator maintaining a place of business in this City and County as provided in Section 603 of this Article 9 herein, and Renting parking space in a Parking Station in this City and County to an Occupant who is not exempted under Section 606 or Section 608 of this Article or elsewhere in this <u>Business and Tax Regulations</u> Code, shall at the time of collecting the Rent from the Occupant, collect the Parking Tax from the Occupant and on demand shall give to the Occupant a Receipt that meets the requirements of Article 22 of this Code. In all cases in which the Parking Tax is not collected by the Operator, as aforesaid, the Operator

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shall be liable to the Tax Collector of the City and County for the amount of Parking Tax due on the amount of taxable Rent collected from the Occupant under the provisions of this Article the same as though the Parking Tax were paid by the Occupant. In all cases of transactions upon credit or deferred payment, the remittance or payment of Parking Tax to the Tax Collector may be deferred in accordance therewith, and the Operator shall be liable therefore at the time and to the extent that such credits are paid or deferred payments are made in accordance with the rate of tax owing on the amount thereof.

(b) Unless the Operator can provide an explanation or other sufficient proof that the Enforcing Agency in its sole discretion deems to be credible to establish the validity of a claim for a Lost Ticket or an otherwise Unaccounted Ticket (as those terms are defined in Section 2201 of Article 22 of this Code), every Lost Ticket and Unaccounted Ticket shall be considered as a full value Parking Ticket for which the Operator is liable for transmitting to the City the full value of the Parking Tax and surcharge required under this Business and Tax Regulations Code applicable to the highest maximum daily rate charged for any parking space without discount, except that an Operator shall be allowed an Unaccounted Ticket Ratio of 1.5%-percent for each Parking Station that it operates (as that term is defined and used in Article 22 of this Code) in a reporting period, for which the Operator may not be liable for failure to remit the Parking Tax. For purposes of this Section 604, the term "Unaccounted Ticket Ratio" means the ratio of Unaccounted Tickets to Issued Tickets for a given period, expressed as a percentage of Issued Tickets. The Unaccounted Ticket Ratio shall be calculated as follows. The number of Unaccounted Tickets for a reporting period is calculated separately for each Parking Station operated by the Operator as the sum of Inventory at the start of the reporting period and the Issued Tickets for that period, less the Voided Tickets for that period, less the Collected Tickets for that period. The Unaccounted Ticket Ratio is calculated as the number of Unaccounted Tickets for a particular Parking Station for that period divided by the number of Issued Tickets for that period, with the resulting quotient multiplied by

100 and expressed as a percentage of Issued Tickets. The terms used in this subsection (b) shall have the meaning given to them in Section 2201 of Article 22 of this Code to the extent not defined in this Article 9.

## SEC. 607. OPERATOR CERTIFICATION OF REVENUE CONTROL EQUIPMENT, <u>AND</u> RCE RECORD REVIEW, <u>AND UNACCOUNTED TICKET RATIO</u>.

- (a) **Definitions.** The terms used in this Section <u>607</u> shall have the meaning given to them in Section 2201 of this *Business and Tax Regulations* Code.
- (b) **Operator's RCE Certification.** Concurrent with remittance of Parking Taxes to the City pursuant to Business and Tax Regulations Code Section 6.7-1, an Operator shall certify in writing under penalty of perjury that it has utilized RCE that complies with the applicable provisions of Article 22 of this <u>Business and Tax Regulations</u> Code during the period for which the Operator remits the Parking Taxes.
- (c) Operator's RCE Records Review Certification. Concurrent with remittance of Parking Taxes to the City pursuant to Business and Tax Regulations Code Section 6.7-1, an Operator shall also certify in writing under penalty of perjury that it has reviewed the RCE Records, as defined at Section 2201(c) of this <u>Business and Tax Regulations</u> Code, as to amounts of gross revenue, Rent received, Parking Tax collected and remitted, discounts provided, and Unaccounted Ticket Ratio (<u>as defined in Section 604 of this Article 9</u>) for each Parking Station that it operated in the period reported. The Operator shall further certify that it has reconciled those RCE Records with its books and records of accounts of Rent received and Parking Tickets used, such that the Operator's certifications made under this Article are informed and correct.

(d) Operator's Unaccounted Ticket Ratio Certification. Concurrent with remittance of
Parking Taxes to the City pursuant to Business and Tax Regulations Code Section 6.7-1, on a form
provided by the Tax Collector, an Operator shall state the Unaccounted Ticket Ratio for the reporting
period, and shall certify in writing under penalty of perjury that the stated ratio is accurate. The
Unaccounted Ticket Ratio shall be calculated as follows. The number of Unaccounted Tickets for a
reporting period is calculated separately for each Parking Station operated by the Operator as the sum
of Inventory at the start of the reporting period and the Issued Tickets for that period, less the Voided
Tickets for that period, less the Collected Tickets for that period. The Unaccounted Ticket Ratio is
calculated as the number of Unaccounted Tickets for a particular Parking Station for that period
divided by the number of Issued Tickets for that period, with the resulting quotient multiplied by 100
and expressed as a percentage of Issued Tickets.

Section 2. Article 22 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended by revising Section 2201, to read as follows:

SEC. 2201. DEFINITIONS.

(c) Additional Defined Terms. When used in this Article 22, the following terms shall mean:

"Unaccounted Ticket Ratio" means the ratio of Unaccounted Tickets to Issued Tickets for a given period, expressed as a percentage of Issued Tickets.

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, letters, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions or deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

By: /s/
KERNE H. O. MATSUBARA
Deputy City Attorney

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February 24, 2025 Rules Committee - RECOMMENDED

March 04, 2025 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter,

Sherrill and Walton Excused: 1 - Fielder

March 11, 2025 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on

3/11/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the

City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

**Daniel Lurie** Mayor

3.14.25

**Date Approved**