Ordinance amending the Housing Code to revise the requirements for heating in residential rental units; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

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

Section 1. Findings.

(a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 191017 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms this determination.

(b) On November 20, 2019, the Building Inspection Commission considered this ordinance at a duly noticed public hearing pursuant to Charter Section D3.750-5.

Section 2. The Housing Code is hereby amended by revising Chapter 7, Section 701, to read as follows:

SEC. 701. HEATING AND VENTILATION.
(a) **Minimum Heat Requirements in Residential Rental Units.**

(1) Dwelling units, guest rooms and congregate residences of one habitable room other than the kitchen, heat capable of maintaining a room temperature of 70 degrees Fahrenheit at a point midway between the heating unit and the farthest wall and which point is four feet six inches above the floor, shall be made available to such habitable room for 11 hours between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight.

(2) Dwelling units, guest rooms and congregate residences containing two or more habitable rooms, heat capable of maintaining a room temperature of 70 degrees Fahrenheit at a point midway between the heating unit and the farthest wall and which point is four feet six inches above the floor in the habitable rooms, shall be made available to the main room which is the room to which the other habitable rooms circulate for 11 hours between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight.

(13) In every guest room except as specified in Section 707(e), Except as provided in Section 701(c), every dwelling unit, guest room, and congregate residence heat shall be provided with heating facilities as herein above required for a dwelling unit with only one habitable room capable of maintaining a minimum room temperature of 70 degrees Fahrenheit (21.1 degrees Centigrade) at a point three feet above the floor in all habitable rooms.

(24) Heat shall be furnished, within the dwelling unit, guest room, or congregate residence or dwelling unit by heating units located within the dwelling unit, guest room, or congregate residence or dwelling unit or from ductwork openings in the walls, floor, or ceiling of said dwelling unit, guest rooms, or congregate residences or dwelling units. No direct openings for the entrance of heat shall be permitted between the exit corridor and the dwelling unit, guest room, or congregate residences or dwelling unit.

(35) The cost of maintaining heat as herein above required by this subsection (a) shall be a matter of agreement between the landlord and tenant thereof.
(46) Such heating facilities shall be installed and maintained in a safe condition and in accordance with the Building Code and all other applicable laws.

(b) **No-Portable Requirements for Heaters.** All individual heaters installed in dwelling units, guest rooms, and guest room suites must be permanently attached and properly wired. Wiring for heaters shall conform to the San Francisco Electrical Code.

(c) **Minimum Heat Requirements in for Apartment Houses and Hotels.**

(i) Apartment houses and hotels shall comply with the requirements set forth in Section 701(a) and (b), above except that heat heating facilities capable of maintaining a room temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit (20 degrees Centigrade) at a point midway between the heating unit and the furthest wall and which point is three feet above the floor, shall be made available to each occupied habitable room for a total of 13 hours between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

(d) **Buildings in Which the Heating System Is Not Under the Control of the Tenant or Occupant.** In every building in which the heating system is not under the control of the tenant or occupant, a locking or nontamperable temperature-sensing device with a ±1½-degree Fahrenheit (0.8 degree Centigrade) tolerance shall be centrally located within the building in a habitable room to which heat is provided, whether occupied or unoccupied. The nontamperable device shall not be installed in a manager's unit or an owner's unit (except in an owner-occupied residential condominium). This device shall cause the heating system to cease heat production when the habitable room temperature exceeds the temperature required by subsection (a) or (c), as applicable, 68 degrees Fahrenheit (20 degrees Centigrade) and reactivate the system when the habitable room temperature drops below the temperature required by subsection (a) or (c) 68 degrees Fahrenheit (20 degrees Centigrade).

(A-3) A timeclock set to provide the amount and hours of heat required in this Section 701 shall be installed at or near the heating source (boiler, furnace, etc.) to control the
heating system. A thermostat bypass switch wired in parallel with the thermostat shall be provided to allow testing of the boiler operation. This switch shall be located at or near the heating source.

(2-4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (d), remotely located switches which override timeclock operation shall be prohibited.

(6-4) **Electrical Equipment.** All electrical fixtures, wiring, and appurtenances thereto and their maintenance shall comply with the San Francisco Electrical Code and all other applicable sections of the laws of the State of California and the Municipal Code.

(6-e) **Mechanical Ventilation.** The provisions and requirements of the San Francisco Mechanical Code shall govern the installation and operation of mechanical ventilation systems and equipment.

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:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By:
JUDITH A. BOYAJIAN
Deputy City Attorney
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December 09, 2019 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

December 10, 2019 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING
Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

December 17, 2019 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED
Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 12/17/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed
Mayor

Date Approved