

1 [Planning Code - Affordable Housing Bonus Programs]

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3 **Ordinance amending Planning Code, Section 206, to amend the 100 Percent Affordable**  
4 **Housing Bonus Program to add the ~~Local Affordable Housing Bonus~~ HOME-SF**  
5 **Program, the Analyzed State Density Bonus Program, and the Individually Requested**  
6 **State Density Bonus Program, to provide for development bonuses and zoning**  
7 **modifications for increased affordable housing, in compliance with, and above those**  
8 **required by the State Density Bonus Law, Government Code, Section 65915, et seq.; to**  
9 **establish the procedures in which the ~~Local Affordable Housing Bonus~~ HOME-SF**  
10 **Program shall be reviewed and approved; adding a fee for applications under the**  
11 **Programs; affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California**  
12 **Environmental Quality Act; making findings of public convenience, necessity, and**  
13 **welfare under Planning Code, Section 302; and making findings of consistency with the**  
14 **General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

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21 subsections or parts of tables.

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

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22 Section 1.

23 (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this  
24 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources  
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1 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
2 Supervisors in File No. 150969 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms  
3 this determination.

4 (b) On ~~February 25, 2016 and June 30, 2016~~April 27, 2017, the Planning Commission,  
5 in Resolution Nos. ~~19578 and 19686~~19903, adopted findings that the actions contemplated in  
6 this ordinance are consistent, on balance, with the City's General Plan and eight priority  
7 policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The Board adopts these findings as its own. A copy  
8 of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 150969, and  
9 is incorporated herein by reference.

10 (c) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board finds that this Planning Code  
11 Amendment will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth  
12 in Planning Commission Resolution Nos. ~~19578, and 19686~~and 19903, and the Board  
13 incorporates such reasons herein by reference.

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15 Section 2. The Planning Code is hereby amended by revising Section 206, to read as  
16 follows:

17 **SEC. 206. THE ~~100 PERCENT~~ AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONUS PROGRAMS.**

18 ~~*This Section 206 and Sections 206.1 through 206.4 shall be known as the 100 Percent*~~  
19 ~~*Affordable Housing Bonus Program. References to "Section 206" shall include Sections 206.1 through*~~  
20 ~~*206.4. This section shall be known as the Affordable Housing Bonus Programs, which include the*~~  
21 ~~*Local Affordable Housing Bonus HOME-SF Program, the 100 Percent Affordable Housing Bonus*~~  
22 ~~*Program, the Analyzed State Density Bonus Program and the Individually Requested State Density*~~  
23 ~~*Bonus Program.*~~

24 **SEC. 206.1. PURPOSE AND FINDINGS.**

1 (a) The purpose of the ~~100-Percent~~ Affordable Housing Bonus Program<sub>2</sub> is to facilitate  
2 the development and construction of affordable housing in San Francisco. Affordable housing  
3 is of paramount statewide concern, and the Legislature has declared that local and state  
4 governments have a responsibility to use the powers vested in them to facilitate the  
5 improvement and development of housing to make adequate provision for the housing needs  
6 of all economic segments of the community, especially families. The Legislature has found  
7 that local governments must encourage the development of a variety of types of housing for  
8 all income levels, including multifamily rental housing and assist in the development of  
9 adequate housing to meet the needs of low-and moderate-income households.

10 (b) Affordable housing is an especially paramount concern in San Francisco. San  
11 Francisco has one of the highest housing costs in the nation, but San Francisco's economy  
12 and culture rely on a diverse workforce at all income levels. It is the policy of the City to  
13 enable these workers to afford housing in San Francisco and ensure that they pay a  
14 reasonably proportionate share of their incomes to live in adequate housing and to not have to  
15 commute ever-increasing distances to their jobs. The Association of Bay Area Governments  
16 determined that San Francisco's share of the Regional Housing Need for January 2015 to  
17 June 2022 was the provision of 28,870 new housing units, with 6,234 (or 21.6%) as very low,  
18 4,639 (or 16.1%) as low, and 5,460 (or 18.9%) as moderate income units.

19 (c) The Board of Supervisors, and the voters in San Francisco, have long recognized  
20 the need for the production of affordable housing. The voters, in some cases, and the Board  
21 in others, have adopted measures to address this need, such as mandatory Inclusionary  
22 Affordable Housing Ordinance in Planning Code Section 415; the San Francisco Housing  
23 Trust Fund, adopted in 2012, which established a fund to create, support and rehabilitate  
24 affordable housing, and set aside \$20 million in its first year, with increasing allocations to  
25 reach \$50 million a year for affordable housing; the adoption of Proposition K in November

1 2014, which established as City policy that the City, by 2020, will help construct or rehabilitate  
2 at least 30,000 homes, with more than 50% of the housing affordable for middle-income  
3 households, and at least 33% as affordable for low-and moderate income households; and  
4 the multiple programs that rely on Federal, State and local funding sources as identified in the  
5 Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development Comprehensive Plan. These  
6 programs enable the City to work towards the voter-mandated affordable housing goals.

7 (d) Historically, in the United States and San Francisco, affordable housing requires high  
8 levels of public subsidy, including public investment and reliance on public dollars. Costs to subsidize  
9 an affordable housing unit vary greatly depending on a number of factors, such as household income of  
10 the residents, the type of housing, and the cost to acquire land acquisition. Currently, MOHCD  
11 estimates that the level of subsidy for an affordable housing unit is approximately \$~~250~~350,000 per  
12 unit. Given this high cost per unit, San Francisco can only meet its affordable housing goals through a  
13 combination of increased public dollars dedicated to affordable housing and other tools that do not  
14 rely on public money.

15 (e) Development ~~bonuses~~ incentives are a long standing zoning tool that enable cities to  
16 encourage private development projects to provide public benefits including affordable housing. By  
17 offering increased development potential, a project sponsor can offset the expenses necessary to  
18 provide additional public benefits. In 1979, the State of California adopted the Density Bonus Law,  
19 Government Code section 65915 et seq, which requires that density bonuses and other concessions and  
20 incentives be offered to projects that provide a minimum amount of on-site affordable housing.

21 (f) In recognition of the City's affordable housing goals, including the need to produce  
22 more affordable housing without the need for public subsidies, the Planning Department contracted  
23 with David Baker Architects and Seifel Consulting to determine a menu of zoning  
24 modifications and development bonuses that could offset a private developer's costs of  
25 providing various levels of additional on-site affordable housing. These experts analyzed various

1 parcels in San Francisco, to determine the conditions in which a zoning accommodation  
2 would be necessary to achieve additional density. The analysis modeled various zoning  
3 districts and lot size configurations, consistent with current market conditions and the City's  
4 stated policy goals, including to achieve a mix of unit types, including larger units that can  
5 accommodate larger households. These reports are on file in Board of Supervisors File No.  
6 160687.

7 (eg) Based on these reports, the Planning Department developed ~~a~~ four programs to  
8 provide ~~an~~ options by which developers ~~of 100% affordable housing projects~~ can include  
9 additional affordable units on-site ~~in~~ through increased density and other zoning or design  
10 modifications. These programs are the Local Affordable Housing Bonus HOME- SF Program, the  
11 100 Percent Affordable Housing Bonus Program, the Analyzed State Density Bonus Program and the  
12 Individually Requested Bonus Program. This program is the 100 Percent Affordable Housing Bonus  
13 Program, which provides additional incentives for developers of 100% affordable housing projects,  
14 thereby reducing the overall cost of such developments on a per unit basis.

15 (h) The goal of the Local Affordable Housing HOME-SF Program is to increase affordable  
16 housing production, especially housing affordable to Middle Income middle income households.  
17 Housing for Middle Income Households middle income households in San Francisco is necessary  
18 to stabilize San Francisco's households and families, ensure income and household diversity in the  
19 long term population of San Francisco, and reduce transportation impacts of middle income  
20 households working in San Francisco. Middle income Middle Income households do not  
21 traditionally benefit from public subsidies.

22 (i) The 100 Percent Affordable Housing Bonus Program provides additional incentives for  
23 developers of 100% affordable housing projects, thereby reducing the overall cost of such  
24 developments on a per unit basis.

1           (j) The Affordable Housing Bonus Program also establishes a clear local process for all  
2 projects seeking the density bonuses guaranteed through the State Density Bonus Law. The State  
3 Analyzed Program provides an expedited process for projects that comply with a pre-determined menu  
4 of incentives, concessions and waivers of development standards that the Department has  
5 determined, in consultation with David Baker Architects and Seifel Consulting can appropriately  
6 respond to neighborhood context without causing adverse impacts on public health and safety, and  
7 provide affordable units through the City's already-established Inclusionary Housing Program.  
8 Projects requesting density or concessions, incentives and waivers outside of the City's preferred menu  
9 may seek a density bonus consistent with State law in the Individually Requested Density Bonus  
10 Program.

11           (k) San Francisco's small business community is an integral part of San Francisco's  
12 neighborhood commercial corridors, local economy, and rich culture. San Francisco is  
13 committed to maintaining small businesses in its neighborhoods. For this reason, the  
14 Affordable Housing Bonus HOME-SF Program acknowledges the need for general assistance  
15 and support for any business that might be impacted. Developments using the Affordable  
16 Housing Bonus Program will generally produce additional commercial spaces which may  
17 enhance existing commercial corridors. The Office of Economic and Workforce Development  
18 (OEWD), in coordination with the Office of Small Business, currently coordinate on referrals to  
19 and deployment of a range of services to small businesses including but not limited to; small  
20 business consulting, lease negotiation assistance, small business loans, ADA Certified  
21 Access Specialists (CASp) inspection services, legacy business registry, facade improvement  
22 assistance, commercial corridor management, grants and assessments, relocation and broker  
23 services for production, distribution and repair (PDR) businesses, business permit assistance,  
24 and coordination with city agencies.

1           (l) In fiscal year 2016 - 2017 the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce  
2 Development, OEWD and the Office of Small Business will initiate and coordinate the  
3 implementation of a citywide small business retention and relocation program. This program  
4 will provide additional small business consulting and case management, real estate readiness  
5 assessment, relocation assistance, broker services, real estate acquisition assistance,  
6 succession planning, legacy business grants and technical assistance, and restaurant sector  
7 permit coordination and assistance.

8           **SEC. 206.2. DEFINITIONS.**

9           The definitions of Section 102 and the definitions in Section 401 for "Area Median  
10 Income" or "AMI," "First Construction Document," "Housing Project," "Life of the Project," ~~and~~  
11 "MOHCD," "On-site Unit," "Off-site Unit," "Principal Project," and "Procedures Manual" shall  
12 generally apply to Section 206. The following definitions shall also apply, and shall prevail if  
13 there is a conflict with other sections of the Planning Code.

14           "100 Percent Affordable Housing Project" shall be a project where all of the dwelling  
15 units with the exception of the manager's unit are "Affordable Units" as that term is defined in  
16 Section 406(b).

17           "Affordable to a Household of Lower, Very Low, or Moderate Income shall mean, at a  
18 minimum (1) a maximum purchase price that is affordable to a Household of Lower, Very Low, or  
19 Moderate Income, adjusted for the household size, assuming an annual payment for all housing costs of  
20 33 percent of the combined household annual gross income, a down payment recommended by the  
21 Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development and set forth in the Procedures Manual, and  
22 available financing; and (2) an affordable rent as defined in Section 50053 of the Health and Safety  
23 Code sufficient to ensure continued affordability of all very low and low-income rental units that  
24 qualified the applicant for the award of the density bonus for 55 years or a longer period of time if  
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1 required by the construction or mortgage financing assistance program, mortgage insurance program,  
2 or rental subsidy program.

3 "Affordable to a Household of Middle Income" shall mean, at a minimum, (1) a  
4 maximum purchase price that is affordable to a Household of Middle Income at 140% of Area  
5 Median Income, adjusted for the household size, assuming an annual payment for all housing  
6 costs of 33 percent of the combined household annual gross income, a down payment  
7 recommended by the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development and set forth in  
8 the Procedures Manual, and available financing; and (2) the maximum annual rent for an  
9 affordable housing unit shall be no more than 30% of the annual gross income for a  
10 Household of Middle Income at an Area Median Income of 120%, as adjusted for the  
11 household size, as of the first date of the tenancy.

12 "Base Density" is lot area divided by the maximum lot area per unit permitted under existing  
13 density regulations (e.g 1 unit per 200, 400, 600, 800, or 1000 square feet of lot area). Calculations  
14 that result in a decimal point of 0.5 and above are rounded to the next whole number. In the Fillmore  
15 Neighborhood Commercial Transit District and the Divisadero Neighborhood Commercial  
16 Transit District, "Base Density" shall mean 1 unit per 600 square feet of lot area.

17 "Density Bonus" means a density increase over the Maximum Allowable Gross Residential  
18 Density granted pursuant to Government Code Section 65915 and Section 206 et seq.

19 "Density Bonus Units" means those market rate dwelling units granted pursuant to the  
20 provisions of ~~this~~ Sections 206.3, 206.5 and 206.6 that exceed the otherwise Maximum Allowable  
21 Gross Residential Density for the development site.

22 "Development Standard" shall mean a site or construction condition, including, but not  
23 limited to, a height limitation, a setback requirement, a floor area ratio, an onsite open space  
24 requirement, or an accessory parking ratio that applies to a residential development pursuant  
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1 to any ordinance, general plan element, specific plan, charter, or other local condition, law,  
2 policy, resolution or regulation.

3 "HOME-SF Unit" shall mean on-site income restricted residential units provided within a  
4 HOME-SF project that a-meets the requirements set forth in Planning Code Section 206.3.

5 ~~"Household of Middle Income" shall mean a household whose combined annual gross~~  
6 ~~income for all members does not exceed 140% of AMI to qualify for ownership housing and~~  
7 ~~120% of AMI to qualify for rental housing.~~

8 "Inclusionary Units" shall mean on-site income-restricted residential units provided within a  
9 development that meet the requirements of the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Program, Planning  
10 Code Section 415 et seq.

11 ~~"Lower, or Very Low, or Moderate Income"~~ means annual income of a household that  
12 does not exceed the maximum income limits for the income category, as adjusted for  
13 household size, applicable to San Francisco, as published and periodically updated by the  
14 State Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to Sections 50079.5, ~~or~~  
15 50105 or 50093 of the California Health and Safety Code. Very Low Income is currently  
16 defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 50105 as 50% of area median income.  
17 Lower Income is currently defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 50079.5 as  
18 80% of area median income. Moderate Income is currently defined in California Health and Safety  
19 Code Section 50093 as 120% of area median income. If the State law definitions of these terms  
20 change, the definitions under Section 206 shall mirror the State law changes.

21 "Maximum Allowable Gross Residential Density" means the maximum number of dwelling  
22 units per square foot of lot area in zoning districts that have such a measurement, or, in zoning  
23 districts without such a density measurement, the maximum number of dwelling units that could be  
24 developed on a property while also meting all other applicable Planning Code requirements and  
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1 ~~design guidelines, and without obtaining an exception, modification, variance, or waiver from~~  
2 ~~the Zoning Administrator or Planning Commission for any Planning Code requirement.~~

3 "Middle Income Unit" shall mean a residential unit affordable to a Household of Middle  
4 Income.

5 "Qualifying Resident" means senior citizens or other persons eligible to reside in a Senior  
6 Citizen Housing Development.

7 "Regulatory Agreement" means a recorded and legally binding agreement between an applicant  
8 and the City to ensure that the requirements of this Chapter are satisfied. The Regulatory Agreement,  
9 among other things, shall establish: the number of Restricted Affordable Units, their size, location,  
10 terms and conditions of affordability, and production schedule.

11 "Restricted Affordable Unit" means a dwelling unit within a Housing Project which will be  
12 Affordable to Very Low, Lower or Moderate Income Households, as defined in this Section 206.2 for a  
13 minimum of 55 years. Restricted Affordable Units shall meet all of the requirements of Government  
14 Code 65915, except that Restricted Affordable Units that are ownership units shall not be restricted  
15 using an equity sharing agreement."

16 "Senior Citizen Housing Development" has the meaning in California Civil Code Section  
17 51.3.

18 **SEC. 206.3. HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MEAN EQUITY – SAN FRANCISCO**

19 **Housing Opportunities Mean Equity – San Francisco LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING**  
20 **BONUS PROGRAM.**

21 (a) Purpose. This Section sets forth the HOME-SF Local Affordable Housing Bonus  
22 Program. The Local Affordable Housing Bonus HOME-SF Program or "HOME-SF" "Local  
23 Program" provides benefits to project sponsors of housing projects that set aside a total of 30% of  
24 residential units onsite at below market rate rent or sales price, including a percentage of units  
25 affordable to low and moderate income households consistent with Section 415, the

1 ~~Inclusionary Housing Program, and the remaining percentage affordable to a range of~~  
2 ~~incomes as described in Section 206.3(c)(2). Household of Middle Income. The purpose of the~~  
3 ~~Local Affordable Housing Bonus Program of HOME-SF is to expand the number of Inclusionary~~  
4 ~~Units below market rate units produced in San Francisco and provide housing opportunities to a~~  
5 ~~wider range of incomes than traditional affordable housing programs, such as the City's~~  
6 ~~Inclusionary Affordable Housing Program, Planning Code sSection 415 et seq, which typically~~  
7 ~~provide housing only for very low, low or moderate income households. The purpose of HOME-SF~~  
8 ~~also is to provide an alternative method of complying with the on-site inclusionary option set~~  
9 ~~forth in Section 415.6. The Local Program HOME-SF allows market-rate projects to match the~~  
10 ~~City's shared Proposition K housing goals that 50% of new housing constructed or rehabilitated in the~~  
11 ~~City by 2020 be within the reach of working middle class San Franciscans, and at least 33% affordable~~  
12 ~~for low and moderate income households.~~

13 (b) Applicability. A Local Affordable Housing Bonus HOME-SF Project or "Local  
14 Project" under this Section 206.3 shall be a project that:

15 (1) contains three or more residential units, as defined in Section 102, not including any  
16 Group Housing as defined in Section 102, efficiency dwelling units with reduced square footage defined  
17 in Section 318, and Density Bonus Units permitted through this Section 206.3, or any other density  
18 bonus;

19 (2) is located in any zoning district that: (A) is not designated as an RH-1 or RH-2  
20 Zoning Districts; and (B) establishes a maximum dwelling unit density through a ratio of number of  
21 units to lot area, including RH-3, RM, RC, C-2, Neighborhood Commercial, Named Neighborhood  
22 Commercial, Chinatown Mixed Use Districts, and SoMa Mixed Use Districts; but only if the SoMa  
23 Mixed Use District has a density measured by a maximum number of dwelling units per square foot of  
24 lot area; (C) is in the Fillmore Neighborhood Commercial Transit District and Divisadero  
25 Neighborhood Commercial Transit District; and (DC) is not in the North of Market Residential

1 Special Use District, Planning Code Section 249.5 until the Affordable Housing Incentive Study is  
2 completed at which time the Board will review whether the North of Market Residential Special Use  
3 District should continue to be excluded from this Program. The Study will explore opportunities to  
4 support and encourage the provision of housing at the low, moderate, and middle income range in  
5 neighborhoods where density controls have been eliminated. The goal of this analysis is to incentivize  
6 increased affordable housing production levels at deeper and wider ranges of AMI and larger unit sizes  
7 in these areas through 100% affordable housing development as well as below market rate units within  
8 market rate developments; and (ED) is not located within the boundaries of the Northeastern  
9 Waterfront Area Plan south of the centerline of Broadway; and (FE) is not located on property  
10 under the jurisdiction of the Port of San Francisco; and,  
11 (3) is not seeking and receiving a density or development bonus under the provisions of  
12 California Government Code Section 65915 et seq, Planning Code Section 207, Section 124(f), Section  
13 202.2(f), 304, or any other State or local program that provides development bonuses;  
14 (4) includes at least 135% of the Base Density as calculated under Planning Code  
15 Section 206.5;  
16 (5) in Neighborhood Commercial Districts is not a project that involves merging lots  
17 that result in more than 125 feet in lot frontage for projects located; and  
18 (6) consists only of new construction, and excluding any project that includes an  
19 addition to an existing structure;  
20 (7) is not located within the boundaries of the Northeastern Waterfront Area  
21 Plan south of the centerline of Broadway;  
22 (8) complies with the on-site Inclusionary Affordable Housing option set forth in  
23 Planning Code Section 415.6; provided however, that the percentage of affordable units and  
24 the required affordable sales price or affordable rents set forth in Section 415.6(a) shall be as  
25 provided in this Section 206.3; and,

1           (98) if any retail use is demolished or removed, does not include a Formula  
2 Retail use, as defined in Section 303.1, unless the retail use demolished or removed was also  
3 a Formula Retail Use, or was one of the following uses: Gas Stations, Private or Public  
4 Parking Lots, Financial Services, Fringe Financial Services, Self Storage, Motel, Automobile  
5 Sales or Rental, Automotive Wash, Mortuaries, Adult Business, Massage Establishment,  
6 Medical Cannabis Dispensary, and Tobacco Paraphernalia Establishment, as those uses are  
7 defined in Planning Code Section 102; and-

8           (9) if located north of the centerline of Post Street and east of the centerline of  
9 Van Ness Avenue, all otherwise eligible HOME-SF Projects shall only be permitted on:

10                   (A) lots containing no existing buildings; or

11                   (B) lots equal to or greater than 12,500 square feet where existing  
12 buildings are developed to less than 20% of the lot's principally permitted buildable gross floor  
13 area as determined by height limits, rear yard requirements and required setbacks; or

14                   (C) lots occupied by Gas Stations, Private or Public Parking Lots,  
15 Financial Services, Fringe Financial Services, Formula Retail, Self Storage, Motel, Automobile  
16 Sales or Rental, Automotive Wash, Mortuaries, Adult Business, Massage Establishment,  
17 Medical Cannabis Dispensary, and Tobacco Paraphernalia Establishment, as those uses are  
18 defined in Planning Code Section 102.

19           (c) Local Affordable Housing Bonus HOME-SF Project Eligibility Requirements. To  
20 receive the development bonuses granted under this Section, a Local HOME-SF Project must meet all  
21 of the following requirements:

22                   (1) Comply with the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Program, Section 415 of  
23 this Code, by providing the applicable number of units on-site under Section 415.6. For  
24 projects not subject to the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Program, the applicable number of  
25 on-site units under this section shall be zero. If the Dial Alternative currently proposed in an

1 ordinance in Board of Supervisors File No. 150911 is adopted and permits a project sponsor  
2 to provide more Inclusionary Units at higher AMIs than currently required (referred to as  
3 “dialing up”), a project sponsor may dial up and meet the requirements of this subsection (D).  
4 If the Dial Alternative of the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Program is ever amended to  
5 allow a project sponsor to provide fewer Inclusionary Units at lower AMIs than currently  
6 required (referred to as “dialing down”), then a Project cannot qualify for this Section 206.5 if it  
7 elects to dial down;

8 (21) Provide 30% of units in the an additional percentage of affordable units in  
9 the Local HOME-SF Project as Middle Income HOME-SF Units, as defined herein, such that the  
10 total percentage of Inclusionary Units and Middle Income HOME-SF Units equals 30%. The  
11 Middle Income HOME-SF Units shall be restricted for the Life of the Project and shall comply with  
12 all of the requirements of the Procedures Manual authorized in Section 415 except as otherwise  
13 provided herein. Any unit required to satisfy requirements of Section 415 shall be affordable to  
14 a household in the income categories specified in Section 415. Additional Ten Twelve  
15 percent of HOME-SF Units that are Owned Units shall have an average affordable purchase  
16 price set at 120% of Area Median Income, with units equally distributed at 90 80% of Area  
17 Median Income; 409% shall have an average affordable purchase price set at 120 105% of  
18 Area Median Income; and 409% shall have an average affordable purchase price set at 140  
19 130% of Area Median Income. Ten Twelve percent of HOME-SF Units that are rental units  
20 shall have an average affordable rent set at 55% of Area Median Income; 409% shall have an  
21 average affordable rent set at 80% of Area Median Income; and 409% shall have an average  
22 affordable rent set at 110% of Area Median Income. , 120% of Area Median Income and  
23 140% of Area Median Income. Additional HOME-SF Units that are Rental Units shall have an  
24 average affordable rent set at 80% or less of Area Median Income, with units equally  
25 distributed among households earning 55% of Area Median Income, 80% of Area Median

1 ~~Income, and 110% of Area Median Income. All HOME-SF Units must be marketed at a price~~  
2 ~~that is at least 20% less than the current market rate for that unit size and neighborhood, and~~  
3 ~~MOHCD shall reduce the Area Median Income levels set forth herein in order to maintain such~~  
4 ~~pricing. As provided for in subsection (e), the Planning Department and MOHCD shall amend the~~  
5 ~~Procedures Manual to provide policies and procedures for the implementation, including monitoring~~  
6 ~~and enforcement, of the Middle Income units HOME-SF Units:~~

7 ~~(32) Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Environmental Review Officer that the~~  
8 ~~HOME-SF Local Project does not:~~

9 ~~(A) cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historic~~  
10 ~~resource as defined by California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15064.5;~~

11 ~~(B) create new shadow in a manner that substantially affects outdoor recreation~~  
12 ~~facilities or other public areas; and~~

13 ~~(C) alter wind in a manner that substantially affects public areas;~~

14 ~~(43) All HOME-SF units shall be no smaller than the minimum unit sizes set~~  
15 ~~forth by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee as of May 16, 2017. In addition,~~  
16 ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, Inclusive of Inclusionary Units and Middle~~  
17 ~~Income Units HOME-SF projects shall provide a minimum dwelling unit mix of (A) at least 40%~~  
18 ~~two and three bedroom units, including at least 10% three bedroom units, , provides either (A)~~  
19 ~~a minimum unit mix of at least 40% of all units as two bedroom units or larger; or (B) any unit~~  
20 ~~mix which includes some three bedroom or larger units such that 50% of all bedrooms within the~~  
21 ~~Local HOME-SF Project are provided in units with more than one bedroom. Larger units should be~~  
22 ~~distributed on all floors, and prioritized in spaces adjacent to open spaces or play yards.~~  
23 ~~Projects that include Units with two or three bedrooms units are encouraged to incorporate~~  
24 ~~family friendly amenities. Family friendly amenities shall include, but are not limited to,~~  
25 ~~bathtubs, dedicated cargo bicycle parking, dedicated stroller storage, open space and yards~~

1 designed for use by children. Local HOME-SF Projects are not eligible to modify this requirement  
2 under Planning Code Section 303(t), 328, or any other provision of this Code; and,

3 ~~(5) Provides replacement units for any units demolished or removed that are~~  
4 ~~subject to the San Francisco Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance, San Francisco~~  
5 ~~Administrative Code Section 37, or are units qualifying for replacement as units being~~  
6 ~~occupied by households of Low or Very Low Income, consistent with the requirements of~~  
7 ~~Government Code section 65915(c)(3).~~

8 (54) Does not demolish, remove or convert any residential units; and

9 (65) Includes at the ground floor level active uses, as defined in Section 145.1,  
10 at the same square footages as any neighborhood commercial uses demolished or removed,  
11 unless the Planning Commission has granted an exception under Section 303(st)(2)(G).

12 (d) **Development Bonuses.** Any Local HOME-SF Project shall, at the project sponsor's  
13 request, receive any or all of the following:

14 (1) **Form based density.** Notwithstanding any zoning designation to the contrary,  
15 density of a Local HOME-SF Project shall not be limited by lot area but rather by the applicable  
16 requirements and limitations set forth elsewhere in this Code. Such requirements and limitations  
17 include, but are not limited to, height, including any additional height allowed by subsection (d)(2),  
18 Bulk, Setbacks, Required Open Space, Exposure and unit mix as well as applicable design guidelines,  
19 elements and area plans of the General Plan and design review, including consistency with the  
20 Affordable Housing Bonus Program Design Guidelines, referenced in Section 328, as determined by  
21 the Planning Department.

22 (2) **Height.** Up to 20 additional feet above the height authorized for the Local HOME-  
23 SF Project under the Height Map of the Zoning Map. This additional height may only be used to  
24 provide up to two additional 10-foot stories to the project, or one additional story of no more than 10  
25



1 feet in height. Building features exempted from height controls under Planning Code Section 260(b)  
2 shall be measured from the roof level of the highest story provided under this section.

3 (3) **Ground Floor Ceiling Height.** In addition to the permitted height allowed under  
4 (d)(2), ~~Local HOME-SF~~ Projects with active uses on the ground floor as defined in Section  
5 145.1(b)(2) shall receive up to a maximum of **five** additional feet in height above the height limit, in  
6 addition to the additional 20 feet granted in subsection (2) above. However, the additional **five** feet  
7 may only be applied at the ground floor to provide a 14-foot (floor to ceiling) ceiling height for  
8 nonresidential uses, and to allow walk-up dwelling units to be consistent with the Ground Floor  
9 Residential Design Guidelines. This additional **five** feet shall not be granted to projects that already  
10 receive such a height increase under Planning Code Section 263.20.

11 (4) **Zoning Modifications.** ~~HOME-SF Local Affordable Housing Bonus~~ Projects  
12 may select up to three of the following zoning modifications:

13 (A) **Rear yard:** The required rear yard per Section 134 or any applicable  
14 special use district may be reduced to no less than **20% percent** of the lot depth, or 15 feet, whichever  
15 is greater. Corner properties may provide **20% percent** of the lot area at the interior corner of the  
16 property to meet the minimum rear yard requirement, provided that each horizontal dimension of the  
17 open area is a minimum of 15 feet; and that the open area is wholly or partially contiguous to the  
18 existing midblock open space, if any, formed by the rear yards of adjacent properties.

19 (B) **Dwelling Unit Exposure:** The dwelling unit exposure requirements of  
20 Section 140(a)(2) may be satisfied through qualifying windows facing an unobstructed open area that  
21 is no less than 25 feet in every horizontal dimension, and such open area is not required to expand in  
22 every horizontal dimension at each subsequent floor.

23 (C) **Off-Street Loading:** Off-street loading spaces per Section 152 shall not be  
24 required.

1 (D) Automobile Parking: Up to a 75% reduction in the residential and  
2 commercial parking requirements in Section 151 or any applicable special use district.

3 (E) Open Space: Up to a 5% reduction in common open space if provided  
4 under Section 135 or any applicable special use district.

5 (F) Additional Open Space: Up to an additional 5% reduction in common open  
6 space if provided under Section 135 or any applicable special use district, beyond the 5% provided in  
7 subsection (E) above.

8 (G) Inner Courts as Open Space: In order for an inner court to qualify as  
9 useable common open space, Section 135(g)(2) requires it to be at least 20 feet in every horizontal  
10 dimension, and for the height of the walls and projections above the court on at least three sides (or  
11 75% percent of the perimeter, whichever is greater) to be no higher than one foot for each foot that  
12 such point is horizontally distant from the opposite side of the clear space in the court. HOME-SF  
13 Local Affordable Housing Bonus Projects may instead provide an inner court that is at least 25 feet  
14 in every horizontal dimension, with no restriction on the heights of adjacent walls. All area within such  
15 an inner court shall qualify as common open space under Section 135.

16 (e) Implementation.

17 (1) Application. The following procedures shall govern the processing of a  
18 request for a project to qualify under the Local Program.

19 (A) An application to participate in the HOME-SF Local Program shall be  
20 submitted with the first application for approval of a Housing Project and processed concurrently with  
21 all other applications required for the Housing Project. The application shall be submitted on a form  
22 prescribed by the City and shall include at least the following information:

23 (iA) A full plan set, including a site plan, elevations, sections and floor  
24 plans, showing total number of units, number of and location of Inclusionary Units, and Middle  
25 Income HOME-SF Units; and a draft Regulatory Agreement;

1 (ii) ~~The number of dwelling units which are on the property, or if~~  
2 ~~the dwelling units have been vacated or demolished in the five year period preceding the~~  
3 ~~application, have been and which were subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that~~  
4 ~~restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of lower or very low income; subject~~  
5 ~~to any other form of rent or price control through the City or other public entity's valid exercise~~  
6 ~~of its police power; or occupied by lower or very low income households; and~~

7 (iii) ~~If the property includes a parcel or parcels in which dwelling~~  
8 ~~units under subsection (ii) are located or were located in the five year period preceding the~~  
9 ~~application, the type and size of those units, and the incomes of the persons or families~~  
10 ~~occupying those units.~~

11 ~~(ivB) The requested development bonuses and/or zoning modifications~~  
12 ~~from those listed in subsection (d).~~

13 ~~(C) A list of all on-site family friendly amenities. Family friendly~~  
14 ~~amenities shall include, but are not limited to, dedicated cargo bicycle parking, dedicated~~  
15 ~~stroller storage, open space and yards designed for use by children.~~

16 ~~(BD) Documentation that the applicant has provided written notification~~  
17 ~~to all existing commercial or residential tenants that the applicant intends to develop the property~~  
18 ~~pursuant to this section and has provided any existing commercial tenants with a copy of the~~  
19 ~~Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development's Guide to Small Business Retention~~  
20 ~~and Relocation Support. Any affected commercial tenants shall be given priority processing similar~~  
21 ~~to the Department's Community Business Priority Processing Program, as adopted by the San~~  
22 ~~Francisco Planning Commission on February 12, 2015 under Resolution Number 19323, to support~~  
23 ~~relocation of such business in concert with access to relevant local business support programs.~~

24 ~~(2) **Procedures Manual.** The Planning Department and MOHCD shall amend the~~  
25 ~~Procedures Manual, authorized in Section 415, to include policies and procedures for the~~

1 implementation, including monitoring and enforcement, of the HOME-SF Units. Middle Income  
2 units. As an amendment to the Procedures Manual, such policies and procedures are subject to review  
3 and approval by the Planning Commission under Section 415. Amendments to the Procedures Manual  
4 shall include a requirement that project sponsors in specified areas complete a market survey of the  
5 area before marketing Middle Income Units HOME-SF Units. All HOME-SF Units affordable  
6 units that are affordable to households between 120 and 140% of AMI must be marketed at a  
7 price that is at least 20% less than the current market rate for that unit size and neighborhood,  
8 in addition to any other applicable Program requirements and MOHCD may reduce the Area  
9 Median Income levels set forth in subsection (c)(2) in order maintain such pricing.

10 (3) Notice and Hearing. Local HOME-SF Projects shall comply with Section 328 306  
11 for review and approval.

12 (4) Controls. Local HOME-SF Projects shall be governed by the conditional use  
13 procedures of Section 303. comply with Section 328. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
14 this Code, no conditional use authorization shall be required for a Local Project unless such  
15 conditional use requirement was adopted by the voters.

16 (5) Regulatory Agreements. Recipients of development bonuses a Density Bonus,  
17 Incentive, Concession, waiver, or modification under this Section 206.3 shall enter into a  
18 Regulatory Agreement with the City, as follows.

19 (A) The terms of the agreement shall be acceptable in form and content to the  
20 Planning Director, the Director of MOHCD, and the City Attorney. The Planning Director shall have  
21 the authority to execute such agreements.

22 (B) Following execution of the agreement by all parties, the completed Density  
23 Bonus Regulatory Agreement, or memorandum thereof, shall be recorded and the conditions filed  
24 and recorded on the Housing Project.

1                                    (C) The approval and recordation of the Regulatory Agreement shall take place  
2 prior to the issuance of the First Construction Document. The Regulatory Agreement shall be binding  
3 to all future owners and successors in interest.

4                                    (D) The Regulatory Agreement shall be consistent with the guidelines of the  
5 City's Inclusionary Housing Program and shall include at a minimum the following:

6                                    (i) The total number of dwelling units approved for the Housing Project,  
7 including the number of ~~Restricted Affordable Units, Inclusionary Units, HOME-SF Units~~ Middle  
8 ~~Income Units~~ or other restricted units;

9                                    (ii) A description of the household income group to be accommodated by  
10 the ~~Restricted Affordable Units, Inclusionary Units and HOME-SF Units,~~ and the standards for  
11 determining the corresponding Affordable Rent or Affordable Sales Price. If required by the  
12 Procedures Manual, the ~~The~~ project sponsor must commit to completing a market survey of the  
13 area before marketing ~~Middle Income~~ HOME-SF Units. All affordable units that are affordable to  
14 households between 120 and 140% of AMI HOME-SF Units must be marketed at a price  
15 that is at least 20% less than the current market rate for that unit size and neighborhood, in  
16 addition to any other applicable Program requirements and MOHCD may reduce the Area  
17 Median Income levels set forth in subsection (c)(21) in order maintain such pricing;

18                                    (iii) The location, dwelling unit sizes (in square feet), and number of  
19 bedrooms of the ~~Inclusionary Units and HOME-SF Units~~ Restricted Affordable Units;

20                                    (iv) Term of use restrictions for the life of the project. ~~Restricted~~  
21 ~~Affordable Units~~ of at least 55 years for Moderate Income units and at least 55 years for Low  
22 and Very Low units;

23                                    (v) A schedule for completion and occupancy of ~~Inclusionary Units and~~  
24 HOME-SF Units ~~Restricted Affordable Units;~~

1 (vi) A description of any Concession, Incentive, waiver, or modification,  
2 if any, being provided by the City;

3 (vii) A description of remedies for breach of the agreement (the City may  
4 identify tenants or qualified purchasers as third party beneficiaries under the agreement); and

5 (viii) Other provisions to ensure implementation and compliance with  
6 this Section.

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8 **SEC. ~~206.3~~206.4. THE 100 PERCENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONUS**  
9 **PROGRAM.**

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11 (d) Implementation.

12 (1) Application. The following procedures shall govern the processing of a request  
13 for a project to qualify under the 100 Percent Affordable Housing Bonus Program.

14 (A) An application to participate in the 100 Percent Affordable Housing Bonus  
15 Program shall be submitted with the first application for approval of a Housing Project and  
16 processed concurrently with all other applications required for the Housing Project. The  
17 application shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the City and shall include at least the  
18 following information:

19 \* \* \* \*

20 (iv) Documentation that the applicant has provided written notification to all existing  
21 commercial tenants that the applicant intends to develop the property pursuant to this section  
22 206.34. Any affected commercial tenants shall be given priority processing similar to the  
23 Department's Community Business Priority Processing Program, as adopted by the Planning  
24 Commission on February 12, 2015 under Resolution Number 19323 to support relocation of  
25 such business in concert with access to relevant local business support programs. In no case

1 may an applicant receive a site permit or any demolition permit prior to 18 months from the  
2 date of written notification required by this subsection 206.34(d)(1)(B); and

3 \* \* \* \*

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5 **SEC. 206.5. STATE RESIDENTIAL DENSITY BONUS PROGRAM: ANALYZED**

6 (a) Purpose. Sections 206.5, 206.6, and 206.7 shall be referred to as the San Francisco State  
7 Residential Density Bonus Program or the State Density Bonus Program. First, the Analyzed State  
8 Density Bonus Program in Section 206.5 offers an expedited process for projects that seek a density  
9 bonus that is consistent with the pre-vetted menu of incentives, concessions and waivers that the  
10 Planning Department and its consultants have already determined are feasible, result in actual cost  
11 reductions, and do not have specific adverse impacts upon public health and safety of the physical  
12 environment. Second the Individually Requested State Density Bonus Program in Section 206.6 details  
13 the review, analysis and approval process for any project seeking a density bonus that is consistent  
14 with State Law, but is not consistent with the requirements for the Analyzed State Density Bonus  
15 Program established in Section 206.5. Third, Section 206.7 describes density bonuses available  
16 under the State code for the provision of childcare facilities.

17 This Section 206.5 implements the Analyzed State Density Bonus Program or “Analyzed State  
18 Program.” The Analyzed State Program offers an expedited process for projects that seek a density  
19 bonus that is consistent with, among other requirements set forth below, the pre-vetted menu of  
20 incentives, waiver and concessions.

21 **(b) Applicability.**

22 (1) A Housing Project that meets all of the requirements of this subsection (b)(1) or is a  
23 Senior Housing Project meeting the criteria of (b)(2) shall be an Analyzed State Density Bonus Project  
24 or an “Analyzed Project” for purposes of Section 206 et seq. A Housing Project that does not meet all  
25 of the requirements of this subsection (b), but seeks a density bonus under State law may apply for a

1 density bonus under Section 206.6 as an Individually Requested State Density Bonus Project. To  
2 qualify for the Analyzed State Density Bonus Program a Housing Project must meet all of the  
3 following:

4 (A) contain five or more residential units, as defined in Section 102, not  
5 including any Group Housing as defined in Section 102, efficiency dwelling units with reduced square  
6 footage defined in Section 318, and Density Bonus Units permitted through this Section 206.5 or other  
7 density program;

8 (B) is not seeking and receiving a density or development bonus under Section  
9 207; the ~~HOME-SF~~ Local Affordable Housing Bonus Program, Section 206.3; the 100 Percent  
10 Affordable Housing Bonus Program, Section 206.4; or any other local or State density bonus program  
11 that provides development bonuses;

12 (C) for projects located in Neighborhood Commercial Districts is not seeking to  
13 merge lots that result in more than 125 in lot frontage on any one street;

14 (D) is located in any zoning district that: (i) is not designated as an RH-1 or  
15 RH-2 Zoning District; (ii) establishes a maximum dwelling unit density through a ratio of number of  
16 units to lot area, including but not limited to, RH-3, RM, RC, C-2, Neighborhood Commercial, Named  
17 Neighborhood Commercial, Chinatown Mixed Use Districts, and SoMa Mixed Use Districts, but only if  
18 the SoMa Mixed Use District has a density measured by a maximum number of dwelling units per  
19 square foot of lot area; (iii) is in the ~~Fillmore Neighborhood Commercial Transit District and~~  
20 ~~Divisadero Neighborhood Commercial Transit District;~~ and (Diii) is not in the North of Market  
21 Residential Special Use District, Planning Code Section 249.5 until the Affordable Housing Incentive  
22 Study is completed at which time the Board will review whether the North of Market Residential  
23 Special Use District should continue to be excluded from this Program. The Study will explore  
24 opportunities to support and encourage the provision of housing at the low, moderate, and middle  
25 income range in neighborhoods where density controls have been eliminated. The goal of this analysis



1 is to incentivize increased affordable housing production levels at deeper and wider ranges of AMI and  
2 larger unit sizes in these areas through 100% affordable housing development as well as below market  
3 rate units within market rate developments; and (Eiv) is not located within the boundaries of the  
4 Northeastern Waterfront Area Plan south of the centerline of Broadway; and (Fv) is not  
5 located on property under the jurisdiction of the Port of San Francisco;

6 (E) is providing all Inclusionary Units as On-site Units under Section 415.6. If  
7 the Dial Alternative currently proposed in an ordinance in Board of Supervisors File No.  
8 150911 is adopted and permits a project sponsor to provide more Inclusionary Units at higher  
9 AMIs than currently required (referred to as “dialing up”), a project sponsor may dial up and  
10 meet the requirements of this subsection (D). If the Dial Alternative of the Inclusionary  
11 Affordable Housing Program is ever amended to allow a project sponsor to provide fewer  
12 Inclusionary Units at lower AMIs than currently required (referred to as “dialing down”), then a  
13 Project cannot qualify for this Section 206.5 if it elects to dial down;

14 (F) includes a minimum of nine foot ceilings on all residential floors;

15 (G) is seeking only Concessions or Incentives set forth in subsection (c)(4);

16 (H) is seeking height increases only in the form of a waiver as described in  
17 subsection (c)(5); and,

18 (I) Does not demolish, remove, or convert any residential units; and.  
19 provides replacement units for any units demolished or removed that are subject to the San  
20 Francisco Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance, San Francisco  
21 Administrative Code Section 37, or are units qualifying for replacement as units being  
22 occupied by households of low or very low income, consistent with the requirements of  
23 Government Code section 65915(c)(3).

24 (J) consists only of new construction, and excluding any project that  
25 includes an addition to an existing structure;

1 (K) includes at the ground floor level active uses, as defined in Section  
2 145.1 at the same square footages as any neighborhood commercial uses demolished or  
3 removed;

4 (L) if any retail use is demolished or removed, does not include a  
5 Formula Retail use, as defined in Section 303.1, unless the retail use demolished or removed  
6 was also a Formula Retail use, or one of the following uses: Gas Stations, Private or Public  
7 Parking Lots, Financial Services, Fringe Financial Services, Self Storage, Motel, Automobile  
8 Sales or Rental, Automotive Wash, Mortuaries, Adult Business, Massage Establishment,  
9 Medical Cannabis Dispensary, and Tobacco Paraphernalia Establishment, as those uses are  
10 defined in Planning Code Section 102;

11 (M) all on-site income-restricted residential units in the Housing Project  
12 are no smaller than the minimum unit sizes set forth by the California Tax Credit Allocation  
13 Committee as of May 16, 2017; and

14 (N) notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, includes a minimum  
15 dwelling unit mix of at least 40% of all units as two or three bedroom units, including at least  
16 10% of units as three bedroom units. Larger units should be distributed on all floors, and  
17 prioritized in spaces adjacent to open spaces or play yards. Units with two or three bedrooms  
18 should incorporate family friendly amenities, including bathtubs, dedicated cargo bicycle  
19 parking, dedicated stroller storage, and open space and yards designed for use by children.

20 (2) A Senior Housing Project, as defined in Section 102, may qualify as an Analyzed  
21 State Density Bonus Project if it follows all of the procedures and conditions set forth in Planning Code  
22 Section 202.2(f).

23 (3) If located north of the centerline of Post Street and east of the centerline of  
24 Van Ness Avenue, all otherwise eligible Analyzed State Law Density Bonus Projects shall  
25 only be permitted on:

- 1                    (A) lots containing no existing buildings; or
- 2                    (B) lots equal to or greater than 12,500 square feet where existing
- 3 buildings are developed to less than 20% of the lot’s principally permitted buildable gross floor
- 4 area as determined by height limits, rear yard requirements and required setbacks.; or
- 5                    (C) lots occupied by Gas Stations, Private or Public Parking Lots,
- 6 Financial Services, Fringe Financial Services, Formula Retail, Self Storage, Motel, Automobile
- 7 Sales or Rental, Automotive Wash, Mortuaries, Adult Business, Massage Establishment,
- 8 Medical Cannabis Dispensary, and Tobacco Paraphernalia Establishment, as those uses are
- 9 defined in Planning Code Section 102.

10                    (c) **Development Bonuses.** All Analyzed State Law Density Bonus Projects shall receive, at the

11 project sponsor’s written request, any or all of the following:

12                    (1) **Priority Processing.** Analyzed Projects that provide 30% or more of Units as On-

13 site Inclusionary Housing Units or Restricted Affordable Units that meet all of the requirements of for

14 an Inclusionary Housing Unit shall receive Priority Processing.

15                    (2) **Density Bonus.** Analyzed Projects that provide On-site Inclusionary Housing Units

16 or Restricted Affordable Units that meet all of the requirements of for an Inclusionary Housing Unit

17 shall receive a density bonus as described in Table 206.5 A as follows:

18                    Table 206.5A

19                    Density Bonus Summary – Analyzed

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>
<u>Restricted Affordable Units or Category</u>	<u>Minimum Percentage of Restricted Affordable Units</u>	<u>Percentage of Density Bonus Granted</u>	<u>Additional Bonus for Each 1% Increase In Restricted Affordable Units</u>	<u>Percentage of Restricted Units Required for Maximum 35% Density Bonus</u>
<u>Very Low Income</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>2.50%</u>	<u>11%</u>
<u>Lower Income</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>1.50%</u>	<u>20%</u>

1	<u>Moderate Income</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>1%</u>	<u>40%</u>
2	<u>Senior Citizen Housing, as</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>
3	<u>defined in § 102, and meeting</u>				
4	<u>the requirements of</u>				
5	<u>§ 202.2(f).</u>				

6 Note: A density bonus may be selected from more than one category, up to a maximum of 35% of the  
7 Maximum Allowable **GROSS** Residential Density.

8 In calculating density bonuses under this subsection 206.5(c)(2) the following shall apply:

9 (A) When calculating the number of permitted Density Bonus Units or Restricted  
10 Affordable Units, any fractions of units shall be rounded to the next highest number. Analyzed Density  
11 Bonus Program projects must include the minimum percentage of Restricted Affordable Units  
12 identified in Column B of Table 206.5A for at least one income category, but may combine density  
13 bonuses from more than one income category, up to a maximum of 35% of the Maximum Allowable  
14 **Gross** Residential Density.

15 (B) An applicant may elect to receive a Density Bonus that is less than the  
16 amount permitted by this Section; however, the City shall not be required to similarly reduce the  
17 number of Restricted Affordable Units required to be dedicated pursuant to this Section and  
18 Government Code Section 65915(b).

19 (C) In no case shall a Housing Project be entitled to a Density Bonus of more  
20 than 35%, unless it is a Senior Housing Project meeting the requirements of Section 202.2(f).

21 (D) The Density Bonus Units shall not be included when determining the  
22 number of Restricted Affordable Units required to qualify for a Density Bonus. Density bonuses shall  
23 be calculated as a percentage of the Maximum Allowable **GROSS** Residential Density.

24 (E) Any Restricted Affordable Unit provided pursuant to the on-site  
25 requirements of the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Program, Section 415 et seq., shall be included

1 when determining the number of Restricted Affordable Units required to qualify for a Development  
 2 Bonus under this Section 206.5. The payment of the Affordable Housing Fee shall not qualify for a  
 3 Development Bonus under this Section. The provision of Off-site Units shall not qualify the Principal  
 4 Project for a Density Bonus under this Section; however an Off-site Unit may qualify as a Restricted  
 5 Affordable Unit to obtain a density bonus for the Off-site Project.

6 (F) In accordance with state law, neither the granting of a Concession,  
 7 Incentive, waiver, or modification, nor the granting of a Density Bonus, shall be interpreted, in and of  
 8 itself, to require a general plan amendment, zoning change, variance, or other discretionary approval.

9 (3) Concessions and Incentives. Analyzed Projects shall receive concessions or  
 10 incentives, in the amounts specified in Table 206.5B :

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 12 Table 206.5B

13 Concessions and Incentives Summary – Analyzed Projects

<u>Target Group</u>	<u>Restricted Affordable Units</u>		
<u>Very Low Income</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>15%</u>
<u>Lower Income</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>30%</u>
<u>Moderate Income (Common Interest Development)</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>30%</u>
<u>Maximum Incentive(s)/Concession(s)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

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 19 Notes: 1. Concessions or Incentives may be selected from only one category (very low, lower,  
or moderate) 2. Common Interest Development is defined in California Civil Code Section 4100.

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 21 (4) Menu of Concessions and Incentives: In submitting a request for Concessions or  
 22 Incentives, an applicant for an Analyzed State Density Bonus Project may request the specific  
 23 Concessions and Incentives set forth below. The Planning Department, based on Department research  
 24 and a Residential Density Bonus Study prepared by David Baker Architects, Seifel Consulting, and the  
 25 San Francisco Planning Department dated August 2015, on file with the Clerk of the Board of

1 Supervisors in File No. 150969, has determined that the following Concessions and Incentives are  
2 generally consistent with Government Code Section 65915(d) because, in general, they: are required  
3 in order to provide for affordable housing costs; will not be deemed by the Department to have a  
4 specific adverse impact as defined in Government Code Section 65915(d); and are not contrary to State  
5 or Federal law.

6 (A) **Rear yard:** the required rear yard per Section 134 or any applicable special  
7 use district may be reduced to no less than 20% of the lot depth, or 15 feet, whichever is greater.  
8 Corner properties may provide 20% of the lot area at the interior corner of the property to meet the  
9 minimum rear yard requirement, provided that each horizontal dimension of the open area is a  
10 minimum of 15 feet; and that the open area is wholly or partially contiguous to the existing midblock  
11 open space, if any, formed by the rear yards of adjacent properties.

12 (B) **Dwelling Unit Exposure:** the dwelling unit exposure requirements of  
13 Section 140(a)(2) may be satisfied through qualifying windows facing an unobstructed open area that  
14 is no less than 25 feet in every horizontal dimension, and such open area is not required to expand in  
15 every horizontal dimension at each subsequent floor.

16 (C) **Off-Street Loading:** off-street loading spaces under Section 152 shall not  
17 be required.

18 (D) **Parking:** up to a 50% reduction in the residential and commercial parking  
19 requirement, per Section 151 or any applicable special use district.

20 (E) **Open Space:** up to a 5% reduction in required common open space per  
21 Section 135, or any applicable special use district.

22 (F) **Additional Open Space:** up to an additional 5% reduction in required  
23 common open space per Section 135 or any applicable special use district, beyond the 5% provided in  
24 subsection (E) above.

1                    (5) Waiver or Modification of Height Limits. Analyzed Projects may request a waiver  
2 of the applicable height restrictions if the applicable height limitation will have the effect of physically  
3 precluding the construction of a Housing Project at the densities or with the Concessions or Incentives  
4 permitted by ~~this~~ subsection (c)(4). Analyzed Projects may receive a height bonus as of right of up to  
5 twenty feet or two stories, excluding exceptions permitted per Section 260(b), if the applicant  
6 demonstrates that it qualifies for a height waiver through the following formula:

7                    **Step one: Calculate Base Density and Bonus Density Limits**

8                    Calculate Base Density (BD), as defined in Section 206.2.

9                    Bonus Density Limit (BD): ED multiplied by 1.XX where XX is the density bonus  
10 requested per Section 206.5 of this Code (e.g. 7%, 23%, 35%), not to exceed 1.35, the maximum density  
11 bonus available by this Section.

12                    **Step two: Calculate Permitted Envelope (PE).** Buildable envelope available under  
13 existing height and bulk controls.

14                    PE equals lot area multiplied by permitted lot coverage, where lot coverage equals .75,  
15 or .8 if the developer elects to request a rear yard modification under Section 206.5(c)(4)(A), multiplied  
16 by existing height limit (measured in number of stories), minus one story for projects in districts where  
17 non-residential uses are required on the ground floor, and minus any square footage subject to bulk  
18 limitations (for parcels that do not have an X bulk designation).

19                    **Step three: Calculate Bonus Envelope (BE)** Residential envelope necessary to  
20 accommodate additional density (“Bonus envelope” or “BE”)

21                    BE equals Bonus Density multiplied by 1,000 gross square feet

22                    **Step four: Calculate Additional Residential Floors.** Determine the number of stories  
23 required to accommodate bonus:

24                    (A) If BE is less than or equal to PE, the project is not awarded height under  
25 this subsection (c)(5).

1 (B) If BE is greater than PE, the project is awarded height, as follows:

2 (i) If BE minus PE is less than the lot area multiplied by 0.75, project is  
3 allowed ~~4~~one extra story; total gross square footage of building not to exceed BE; or

4 (ii) If BE minus PE is greater than the lot area multiplied by 0.75 (i.e. if  
5 the difference is greater than one story), project is allowed two extra stories; total gross square footage  
6 of building not to exceed BE.

7 (d) **Application.** An application for an Analyzed State Density Bonus Project under this  
8 Section 206.5 shall be submitted with the first application for approval of a Housing Project and shall  
9 be processed concurrently with all other applications required for the Housing Project. The  
10 application shall be on a form prescribed by the City and, in addition to any information required for  
11 other applications, shall include the following information:

12 (1) A description of the proposed Housing Project, including the total number of  
13 dwelling units, Restricted Affordable Units, and Density Bonus Units proposed;

14 (2) Any zoning district designation, Base Density, assessor's parcel number(s) of the  
15 project site, and a description of any Density Bonus, Concession or Incentive, or waiver requested;

16 (3) A list of the requested Concessions and Incentives from Section 206.5(c)(4);

17 (4) If a waiver or modification of height is requested under Section 206.5(c)(5), a  
18 calculation demonstrating how the project qualifies for such waiver under the formula;

19 (5) A full plan set including site plan, elevations, sections, and floor plans, number of  
20 market-rate units, Restricted Affordable Units, and Density Bonus units within the proposed Housing  
21 Project. The location of all units must be approved by the Planning Department before the issuance of  
22 the building permit;

23 (6) Level of affordability of the Restricted Affordable Units and a draft Regulatory  
24 Agreement; and



1           ~~(7) The number of rental dwelling units which are on the property, or if the~~  
2 ~~dwelling units have been vacated or demolished in the five year period preceding the~~  
3 ~~application, have been and which were subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that~~  
4 ~~restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of lower or very low income; subject~~  
5 ~~to any other form of rent or price control through the City or other public entity's valid exercise~~  
6 ~~of its police power; or occupied by lower or very low income households; and~~

7           ~~(8) If the property includes a parcel or parcels in which dwelling units under~~  
8 ~~subsection (7) are located or were located in the five year period preceding the application,~~  
9 ~~the type and size of those units, and the incomes of the persons or families occupying those~~  
10 ~~units.~~

11           ~~(97) Documentation that the applicant has provided written notification to all existing~~  
12 ~~commercial or residential tenants that the applicant intends to develop the property pursuant to this~~  
13 ~~section. Any affected commercial tenants shall be given priority processing similar to the~~  
14 ~~Department's Community Business Priority Processing Program, as adopted by the San Francisco~~  
15 ~~Planning Commission on February 12, 2015 under Resolution Number 19323 to support relocation of~~  
16 ~~such business in concert with access to relevant local business support programs. In no case may a~~  
17 ~~project receive a site permit or any demolition permit prior to 18 months from the date of~~  
18 ~~written notification required by this Section 206.5(d)(7).~~

19           ~~(e) Review Procedures. An application for an Analyzed State Density Bonus Project, shall be~~  
20 ~~acted upon concurrently with the application for other permits related to the Housing Project.~~

21           ~~(1) Before approving an application for an Analyzed Project, the Planning Department~~  
22 ~~or Commission shall make written findings that the Housing Project is qualified as an Analyzed State~~  
23 ~~Density Bonus Project.~~

24           ~~(2) Analyzed Projects shall be governed by the conditional use procedures of~~  
25 ~~Section 303. The review procedures for an Analyzed Project, including notice, hearings, and~~

1 appeal, shall be the procedures applicable to the Housing Project regardless of whether it is  
2 applying for a State Density Bonus under this Section 206.5. However, any All notices shall  
3 specify that the Housing Project is seeking a Development Bonus and shall provide a description of the  
4 Development Bonuses requested. Analyzed Projects shall also be reviewed for consistency with the  
5 Affordable Housing Bonus Program Design Guidelines.

6 (f) **Regulatory Agreements.** Recipients of a Density Bonus, Incentive, Concession, waiver, or  
7 modification shall enter into a Regulatory Agreement with the City, as follows.

8 (1) The terms of the agreement shall be acceptable in form and content to the  
9 Planning Director, the Director of MOHCD, and the City Attorney. The Planning Director shall have  
10 the authority to execute such agreements.

11 (2) Following execution of the agreement by all parties, the completed Density  
12 Bonus Regulatory Agreement, or memorandum thereof, shall be recorded and the conditions filed and  
13 recorded on the Housing Project.

14 (3) The approval and recordation of the Regulatory Agreement shall take place  
15 prior to the issuance of the First Construction Document. The Regulatory Agreement shall be binding  
16 to all future owners and successors in interest.

17 (4) The Regulatory Agreement shall be consistent with the guidelines of the  
18 City's Inclusionary Housing Program and shall include at a minimum the following: (4) The  
19 Regulatory Agreement shall be consistent with the guidelines of the City's Inclusionary  
20 Housing Program and shall include at a minimum the following:

21 (A) The total number of dwelling units approved for the Housing Project,  
22 including the number of Restricted Affordable Units, Inclusionary Units, HOME-SF Units ~~Middle~~  
23 ~~Income Units~~ or other restricted units;

1 (B) A description of the household income group to be accommodated by  
2 the Restricted Affordable Units, and the standards for determining the corresponding Affordable Rent  
3 or Affordable Sales Price;

4 (C) The location, dwelling unit sizes (in square feet), and number of  
5 bedrooms of the Restricted Affordable Units;

6 (D) Term of use restrictions for Restricted Affordable Units of at least 55  
7 years for Moderate Income units and at least 55 years for Low and Very Low units;

8 (E) A schedule for completion and occupancy of Restricted Affordable  
9 Units;

10 (F) A description of any Concession, Incentive, waiver, or modification,  
11 if any, being provided by the City;

12 (G) A description of remedies for breach of the agreement (the City may  
13 identify tenants or qualified purchasers as third party beneficiaries under the agreement); and

14 (H) A list of all on-site family friendly amenities. Family friendly  
15 amenities shall include, but are not limited to, dedicated cargo bicycle parking, dedicated  
16 stroller storage, and open space and yards designed for use by children; and.

17 (I) Other provisions to ensure implementation and compliance with this  
18 Section.

19  
20 **SEC. 206.6. STATE DENSITY BONUS PROGRAM: INDIVIDUALLY REQUESTED.**

21 (a) Purpose and Findings: This Section 206.6 details the review, analysis and approval  
22 process for any project seeking a density bonus that is consistent with State Law, Government Code  
23 Section 65915 et seq., but is not consistent with the pre-vetted menu of concessions, incentives or  
24 waivers, or other requirements established in Section 206.5 as analyzed by the Planning Department in  
25

1 coordination with David Baker and Seifel Consulting, and shall be known as the Individually Requested  
2 State Density Bonus Program.

3 California State Density Bonus Law allows a housing developer to request parking ratios not to  
4 exceed the ratios set forth in Government Code ~~Section~~ 65915(p)(1), which may further be reduced as  
5 an incentive or concession. Because in most cases San Francisco regulates parking by dwelling unit as  
6 described in Article 1.5 of this Code, the minimum parking ratios set forth in the Government Code are  
7 greater than those allowed in San Francisco. Given that San Francisco’s parking ratios are already  
8 less than the State ratios, the City finds that the State’s minimum parking ratio requirement does not  
9 apply.

10 (b) **Applicability.** A Housing Project that does not meet any one or more of the criteria of  
11 Section 206.5(b) under the Analyzed State Density Bonus Program, but meets the following  
12 requirements, may apply for a Development Bonus under this Section 206.6 as an “Individually  
13 Requested State Density Bonus Project” or “Individually Requested Project” if it meets all of the  
14 following criteria:

15 (1) contains five or more residential units, as defined in Section 102;

16 (2) is not seeking and receiving a density or development bonus under Section 207; the  
17 ~~HOME-SF Local Affordable Housing Bonus~~ Program, Section 206.3; the 100 Percent Affordable  
18 Housing Bonus Program, Section 206.4; Section 304, or any other local or state bonus program that  
19 provides development bonuses.

20 (3) provides Restricted Affordable Housing Units, including but not limited to  
21 Inclusionary Housing Units, at minimum levels as provided in Table 206.6A; and,

22 (4) provides replacement units for any units demolished or removed that are subject to  
23 the San Francisco Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance, ~~San Francisco~~ Administrative Code  
24 Section 37, or are units qualifying for replacement as units being occupied by households of low or  
25 very low income, consistent with the requirements of Government Code section 65915(c)(3).; and.

1 (5) Is in any zoning district except for RH-1 or RH-2, unless the Code permits the  
2 development of a project of **five** units or more on a site or sites.

3 (c) **Development Bonuses.** Any Individually Requested Density Bonus Project shall, at the  
4 project sponsor's request, receive any or all of the following:

5 (1) **Density Bonus.** Individually Requested Projects that provide On-site Inclusionary  
6 Housing Units or Restricted Affordable Units shall receive a density bonus as described in Table  
7 206.6A as follows:

8 Table 206.6 A

9 Density Bonus Summary – Individually Requested Project

<u>Restricted Affordable Units or Category</u>	<u>Minimum Percentage of Restricted Affordable Units</u>	<u>Percentage of Density Bonus Granted</u>	<u>Additional Bonus for Each 1% Increase In Restricted Affordable Units</u>	<u>Percentage of Restricted Units Required for Maximum 35% Density Bonus</u>
<u>Very Low Income</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>2.50%</u>	<u>11%</u>
<u>Lower Income</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>1.50%</u>	<u>20%</u>
<u>Moderate Income</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>1%</u>	<u>40%</u>
<u>Senior Citizen Housing</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>

17 Note: A density bonus may be selected from only one category up to a maximum of 35% of the  
18 Maximum Allowable **GROSS** Residential Density.

19 In calculating density bonuses under this subsection 206.6(c)(1) the following shall  
20 apply:

21 (A) When calculating the number of permitted Density Bonus Units or Restricted  
22 Affordable Units, any fractions of units shall be rounded to the next highest number.

23 (B) An applicant may elect to receive a Density Bonus that is less than the  
24 amount permitted by this Section; however, the City shall not be required to similarly reduce the

1 number of Restricted Affordable Units required to be dedicated pursuant to this Section and  
2 Government Code Section 65915(b).

3 (C) Each Housing Project is entitled to only one Density Bonus, which shall be  
4 selected by the applicant based on the percentage of Very Low Income Restricted Affordable Units,  
5 Lower Income Restricted Affordable Units, or Moderate Income Restricted Affordable Units, or the  
6 Housing Project's status as a Senior Citizen Housing Development. Density bonuses from more than  
7 one category may not be combined. In no case shall a Housing Project be entitled to a Density Bonus  
8 of more than thirty five percent (35%), unless it is a Senior Housing Project meeting the requirements  
9 of Section 202.2(f).

10 (D) The Density Bonus Units shall not be included when determining the  
11 number of Restricted Affordable Units required to qualify for a Density Bonus. Density bonuses shall  
12 be calculated as a percentage of the Maximum Allowable GROSS Residential Density.

13 (E) Any Restricted Affordable Unit provided pursuant to the on-site  
14 requirements of the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Program, Section 415 et seq., shall be included  
15 when determining the number of Restricted Affordable Units required to qualify for a Development  
16 Bonus under this Section 206.6. The payment of the Affordable Housing Fee shall not qualify for a  
17 Development Bonus under this Section. The provision of Off-site Units shall not qualify the Principal  
18 Project for a Density Bonus under this Section; however an Off-site Unit may qualify as a Restricted  
19 Affordable Unit to obtain a density bonus for the Off-site Project.

20 (F) In accordance with state law, neither the granting of a Concession,  
21 Incentive, waiver, or modification, nor the granting of a Density Bonus, shall be interpreted, in and of  
22 itself, to require a general plan amendment, zoning change, variance, or other discretionary approval.

23 (G) No additional Density Bonus shall be authorized for a Senior Citizen  
24 Development beyond the Density Bonus authorized by subsection (c)(1) of this Section.

1 (H) Certain other types of development activities are specifically eligible for a  
 2 development bonuses pursuant to State law, including land donation under Government Code Section  
 3 65915(g), condominium conversions under Government Code ~~Section~~ 65915.5 and qualifying mobile  
 4 home parks under Government Code ~~Section~~ 65915(b)(1)(C). Such projects shall be considered  
 5 Individually Requested State Density Bonus Projects.

6 (2) Concessions and Incentives. This Section includes provisions for providing  
 7 Concessions or Incentives pursuant to Government Code Section 65915 et seq, as set forth in Table  
 8 206.6B. For purposes of this Section 206.6, Concessions and Incentives as used interchangeably shall  
 9 mean such regulatory concessions as specified in Government Code Section 65915(k) to include:

10 (A) A reduction of site Development Standards or architectural design  
 11 requirements which exceed the minimum applicable building standards approved by the State  
 12 Building Standards Commission pursuant to Part 2.5 (commencing with Section 18901) of Division 13  
 13 of the Health and Safety Code, including, but not limited to, a reduction in setback, coverage, and/or  
 14 parking requirements which result in identifiable, financially sufficient and actual cost reductions;

15 (B) Allowing mixed use development in conjunction with the proposed  
 16 residential development, if nonresidential land uses will reduce the cost of the residential project and  
 17 the nonresidential land uses are compatible with the residential project and existing or planned  
 18 development in the area where the Housing Project will be located; and

19 (C) Other regulatory incentives or concessions proposed by the developer or the  
 20 City that result in identifiable, ~~financially sufficient,~~ and actual cost reductions.

21 Table 206.6B

22 Concessions and Incentives Summary – Individually Requested Project

<u>Target Group</u>	<u>Restricted Affordable Units</u>		
<u>Very Low Income</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>15%</u>
<u>Lower Income</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>30%</u>



1	<u>Moderate Income (Common Interest Development)</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>30%</u>
2	<u>Maximum Incentive(s)/Concession(s)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

3 Notes: 1. Concessions or Incentives may be selected from only one category (very low, lower, or  
4 moderate). 2. Common Interest Development is defined in California Civil Code Section 4100.

4 (3) Request for Concessions and Incentives. In submitting a request for Concessions or  
5 Incentives that are not specified in Section 206.5(c)(4), an applicant for an Individually Requested  
6 Density Bonus Project must provide documentation described in subsection (d) below in its application.  
7 The Planning Commission shall hold a hearing and shall approve the Concession or Incentive  
8 requested unless it makes written findings, based on substantial evidence that:

9 (A) The Concession or Incentive does not result in identifiable and actual  
10 cost reductions, consistent with Government Code Section 65915(k) is not required in order  
11 to provide for affordable housing costs, as defined in Section 50052.5 of the California Health  
12 and Safety Code, or for rents for the Restricted Affordable Units to be as specified in this  
13 Section 206.6; or

14 (B) The Concession or Incentive would have a specific adverse impact, as  
15 defined in Government Code Section 65589.5(d)(2) upon public health and safety or the physical  
16 environment or any real property that is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources and  
17 for which there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific adverse impact  
18 without rendering the Housing Project unaffordable to low- and moderate-income households; or

19 (C) The Concession or Incentive would be contrary to state or federal law.

20 (4) Waiver or Modification. An applicant may apply for a waiver or modification of  
21 Development Standards that will have the effect of physically precluding the construction of a Housing  
22 Project at the densities or with the Concessions or Incentives permitted by this Section 206.6. The  
23 Planning Commission will not grant a waiver or modification under this Section unless it is necessary  
24 to achieve the additional density or the Concessions or Incentives permitted by this Section 206.6. The  
25 developer must submit sufficient information as determined by the Planning Department demonstrating



1 that Development Standards that are requested to be waived or modified will have the effect of  
2 physically precluding the construction of a Housing Project meeting the criteria of this Section 206.6 at  
3 the densities or with the Concessions or Incentives permitted. The Planning Commission shall hold a  
4 hearing to determine if the project sponsor has demonstrated that the waiver is necessary. The  
5 Planning Commission may deny a waiver if it finds on the basis of substantial evidence that:

6 (A) It is not required to permit the construction of a Housing Project meeting the  
7 density permitted or with the Concessions and Incentives permitted under this Section 206.6;

8 (B) The Waiver is not required in order to provide for affordable housing  
9 costs, as defined in Section 50052.5 of the California Health and Safety Code, or for rents for  
10 the Restricted Affordable Units to be as specified in this Section 206.6;

11 (~~B~~C) The Waiver would have a specific adverse impact, as defined in  
12 Government Code Section 65589.5(d)(2) upon public health and safety or the physical environment or  
13 any real property that is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources and for which there is  
14 no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific adverse impact without rendering the  
15 Housing Project unaffordable to low- and moderate-income households; or,

16 (~~C~~D) The Waiver would be contrary to state or federal law.

17 (5) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require the provision of direct financial  
18 incentives for the Project, including the provision of publicly owned land by the City or the waiver of  
19 fees or dedication requirements.

20 (d) **Application.** An application for a Density Bonus, Incentive, Concession, or waiver under  
21 this Section 206.6 shall be submitted with the first application for approval of a Housing Project and  
22 shall be processed concurrently with all other applications required for the Housing Project. The  
23 application shall be on a form prescribed by the City and, in addition to any information required for  
24 other applications, shall include the following information:

1                   (1) A description of the proposed Project, and a full plan set, including a site plan,  
2 elevations, section and floor plans, with the total number and location of dwelling units, Restricted  
3 Affordable Units, and Density Bonus Units proposed;

4                   (2) A plan set sufficient for the Planning Department to determine the project site's  
5 Maximum Allowable Gross Residential Density. The project sponsor shall submit plans for a base  
6 project that demonstrates a Code complying project on the Housing Project site without ~~use of a~~  
7 ~~modification, Conditional Use Authorization, Variance, Planned Unit Development, or other~~  
8 ~~exception from of~~ the Planning Code. Such plans shall include similar detail to the proposed Housing  
9 Project. The project sponsor shall demonstrate that site constraints do not limit the Maximum  
10 Allowable Gross Residential Density for the base project in practice. If the project sponsor cannot  
11 make such a showing, the Zoning Administrator shall determine whether the Maximum Allowable  
12 Gross Residential Density shall be adjusted for purposes of this Section.

13                   (3) The zoning district designations, Maximum Allowable Gross Residential Density,  
14 assessor's parcel number(s) of the project site, and a description of any Density Bonus, Concession or  
15 Incentive, or waiver requested;

16                   (4) If a Concession or Incentive is requested that is not included within the menu of  
17 Incentives/Concessions set forth in subsection 206.5(c), a submittal including financial information or  
18 other information providing evidence that the requested Concessions and Incentives result in  
19 identifiable, ~~financially sufficient,~~ and actual cost reductions required in order to provide for  
20 affordable housing costs as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50052.5, or for rents for the  
21 Restricted Affordable Units to be provided as required under this Program. The cost of reviewing any  
22 required financial information, including, but not limited to, the cost to the City of hiring a consultant  
23 to review the financial data, shall be borne by the applicant. ~~The financial information shall include~~  
24 ~~all of the following items:~~

1 (A) ~~The actual cost reduction achieved through the Concession or~~  
2 ~~Incentive and;~~

3 (B) ~~Evidence that the cost reduction allows the applicant to provide~~  
4 ~~affordable rents or affordable sales prices; and~~

5 (C) ~~Any other information requested by the Planning Director. The~~  
6 ~~Planning Director may require any financial information including information regarding capital~~  
7 ~~costs, equity investment, debt service, projected revenues, operating expenses, and such~~  
8 ~~other information as is required to evaluate the financial information;~~

9 (5) If a waiver or modification is requested, information sufficient to demonstrate  
10 why a Development Standard would physically preclude the construction of the Development  
11 with the Density Bonus, Incentives, and Concessions requested. a submittal containing the  
12 following information: The cost of reviewing any required information supporting the request for a  
13 waiver, including, but not limited to, the cost to the City of hiring a consultant to review the  
14 architectural information, shall be borne by the applicant;

15 (A) ~~Why the Development Standard would physically preclude the~~  
16 ~~construction of the Development with the Density Bonus, Incentives, and Concessions~~  
17 ~~requested.~~

18 (B) ~~Any other information requested by the Planning Director as is~~  
19 ~~required to evaluate the request;~~

20 (6) Level of affordability of the Restricted Affordable Units and a draft Regulatory  
21 Agreement;

22 (7) The number of residential units which are on the property, or if the residential units  
23 have been vacated or demolished in the five year period preceding the application, have been and  
24 which were subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to  
25 persons and families of lower or very low income; subject to any other form of rent or price control

1 through the City or other public entity's valid exercise of its police power; or occupied by lower or very  
2 low income households;

3 (8) If the property includes a parcel or parcels in which dwelling units under  
4 subsection (d)(7) (6) are located or were located in the five year period preceding the application,  
5 the type and size of those units, the incomes of the persons or families occupying those units;

6 (9) Documentation that the applicant has provided written notification to all existing  
7 commercial or residential tenants that the applicant intends to develop the property pursuant to this  
8 section. Any affected commercial tenants shall be given priority processing similar to the  
9 Department's Community Business Priority Processing Program, as adopted by the San Francisco  
10 Planning Commission on February 12, 2015 under Resolution Number 19323 to support relocation of  
11 such business in concert with access to relevant local business support programs;

12 (10) If a Density Bonus or Concession is requested for a land donation under  
13 Government Code Section 65915(g), the application shall show the location of the land to be dedicated,  
14 provide proof of site control, and provide evidence that all of the requirements and each of the findings  
15 included in Government Code Section 65915(g) can be made;

16 (11) If a density bonus or Concession is requested for a Child Care Facility under  
17 Section 206.7, the application shall show the location and square footage of the child care facilities  
18 and provide evidence that all of the requirements and each of the findings included in Government  
19 Code Section 65915(h) can be made; and

20 (12) If a Density Bonus or Concession is requested for a condominium conversion, the  
21 applicant shall provide evidence that all of the requirements found in Government Code Section  
22 65915.5 can be met.

23 (e) **Review Procedures.** An application for a Density Bonus, Incentive, Concession, or waiver  
24 shall be acted upon concurrently with the application other permits related to the Housing Project.

1                   (1) Before approving an application for a Density Bonus, Incentive, Concession, or  
2 waiver, for any Individually Requested Density Bonus Project, the Planning Commission shall make the  
3 following findings as applicable.

4                   (A) The Housing Project is eligible for the Individually Requested Density  
5 Bonus Program Affordable Housing Bonus Program.

6                   (B) The Housing Project has demonstrated that any Concessions or Incentives  
7 are required in order to provide for affordable reduce actual housing costs, as defined in Section  
8 50052.5 of the California Health and Safety Code, or for rents for the targeted units, based upon the  
9 financial analysis and documentation provided.

10                  (C) If a waiver or modification is requested, a finding that the Development  
11 Standards for which the waiver is requested would have the effect of physically precluding the  
12 construction of the Housing Project with the Density Bonus or Concessions and Incentives permitted.

13                  (D) If the Density Bonus is based all or in part on donation of land, a finding  
14 that all the requirements included in Government Code Section 65915(g) have been met.

15                  (E) If the Density Bonus, Concession or Incentive is based all or in part on the  
16 inclusion of a Child Care Facility, a finding that all the requirements included in Government Code  
17 Section 65915(h) have been met.

18                  (F) If the Concession or Incentive includes mixed-use development, a finding  
19 that all the requirements included in Government Code Section 65915(k)(2) have been met.

20                  (2) If the findings required by subsection (a) of this Section cannot be made, the  
21 Planning Commission may deny an application for a Concession, Incentive, waiver or modification  
22 only if it makes one of the following written findings, supported by substantial evidence:

23                  (A) The Concession, Incentive, waiver or modification is not required to provide  
24 for the affordability levels required for Restricted Affordable Units;

1                    (B) The Concession, Incentive, waiver or modification would have a specific,  
2 adverse impact upon public health or safety or the physical environment or on real property listed in  
3 the California Register of Historic Resources, and there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate  
4 or avoid the specific adverse impact without rendering the Housing Project unaffordable to Low and  
5 Moderate Income households. For the purpose of this subsection, "specific adverse impact" means a  
6 significant, quantifiable, direct, and unavoidable impact, based on objective, identified, written public  
7 health or safety standards, policies, or conditions as they existed on the date that the application for the  
8 Housing Project was deemed complete; or

9                    (C) The Concession, Incentive, waiver or modification is contrary to state or  
10 federal law.

11                    (3) The review procedures for an Individually Requested Density Bonus Project,  
12 including notice, hearings, and appeal, shall be the procedures applicable to the Housing Project  
13 regardless of whether it is applying for a State Density Bonus under this Section 206.6. However, any  
14 notice shall specify that the Housing Project is seeking a Development Bonus and shall provide a  
15 description of the development bonuses requested. Individually Requested Projects shall also be  
16 reviewed for consistency with the Affordable Housing Bonus Program Design Guidelines.

17                    (4) In accordance with state law, neither the granting of a Concession, Incentive,  
18 waiver, or modification, nor the granting of a Density Bonus, shall be interpreted, in and of itself, to  
19 require a general plan amendment, zoning change, variance, or other discretionary approval.

20                    (f) **Regulatory Agreements.** Recipients of a Density Bonus, Incentive, Concession, waiver, or  
21 modification shall enter into a Regulatory Agreement with the City, as follows.

22                    (1) The terms of the agreement shall be acceptable in form and content to the Planning  
23 Director, the Director of MOHCD, and the City Attorney. The Planning Director shall have the  
24 authority to execute such agreements.

1                   (2) Following execution of the agreement by all parties, the completed Density Bonus  
2 Regulatory Agreement, or memorandum thereof, shall be recorded and the conditions filed and  
3 recorded on the Housing Project.

4                   (3) The approval and recordation of the Regulatory Agreement shall take place prior to  
5 the issuance of the First Construction Document. The Regulatory Agreement shall be binding to all  
6 future owners and successors in interest.

7                   (4) The Regulatory Agreement shall be consistent with the guidelines of the City's  
8 Inclusionary Housing Program and shall include at a minimum the following:

9                   (A) The total number of dwelling units approved for the Housing Project,  
10 including the number of Restricted Affordable Units, Inclusionary Units, ~~Middle Income~~HOME-SF  
11 Units or other restricted units;

12                   (B) A description of the household income group to be accommodated by the  
13 Restricted Affordable Units, and the standards for determining the corresponding Affordable Rent or  
14 Affordable Sales Price;

15                   (C) The location, dwelling unit sizes (in square feet), and number of bedrooms  
16 of the Restricted Affordable Units;

17                   (D) Term of use restrictions for Restricted Affordable Units of at least 55 years  
18 for Moderate Income units and at least 55 years for Low and Very Low units;

19                   (E) A schedule for completion and occupancy of Restricted Affordable Units;

20                   (F) A description of any Concession, Incentive, waiver, or modification, if any,  
21 being provided by the City;

22                   (G) A description of remedies for breach of the agreement (the City may identify  
23 tenants or qualified purchasers as third party beneficiaries under the agreement); and

24                   (H) Other provisions to ensure implementation and compliance with this  
25 Section.

1           **SEC. 206.7. CHILD CARE FACILITIES.**

2           (a) For purposes of this Section 206.7, "Child Care Facility" means a child day care facility  
3 other than a family day care home, including, but not limited to, infant centers, preschools, extended  
4 day care facilities, and school age child care centers.

5           (b) When an applicant proposes to construct a Housing Project that is eligible for a Density  
6 Bonus under Section 206.6 and includes a Child Care Facility that will be located on the premises of,  
7 as part of, or adjacent to, the Housing Project, all of the provisions of this Section 206.7 shall apply  
8 and all of the provisions of Section 206.6 shall apply, except as specifically provided in this Section  
9 206.7.

10          (c) When an applicant proposes to construct a Housing Project that is eligible for a Density  
11 Bonus under Section 206.6 and includes a Child Care Facility that will be located on the premises of,  
12 as part of, or adjacent to, the Housing Project, the City shall grant either:

13                 (1) An additional density bonus that is an amount of square feet of residential space  
14 that is equal to or greater than the square footage of the Child Care Facility; or

15                 (2) An additional Concession or Incentive that contributes significantly to the economic  
16 feasibility of the construction of the Child Care Facility.

17          (d) The City shall require, as a condition of approving the Housing Project, that the following  
18 occur:

19                 (1) The Child Care Facility shall remain in operation for a period of time that is as long  
20 as or longer than the period of time during which the Affordable Units are required to remain  
21 affordable. In the event the childcare operations cease to exist, the Zoning Administrator may approve  
22 in writing an alternative community service use for the child care facility.

23                 (2) Of the children who attend the Child Care Facility, the children of Very Low, Lower  
24 and Moderate Income households shall equal a percentage that is equal to or greater than the



1 percentage of Restricted Affordable Units in the Housing Project that are required for Very Low,  
2 Lower and Moderate Income households pursuant to Section 206.6.

3 (e) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) above, the City shall not be required to provide a  
4 density bonus or a Concession or Incentive for a child care facility if it finds, based upon substantial  
5 evidence, that the community has adequate child care facilities.

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7 **SEC. ~~206.4~~ 206.8. ~~100 PERCENT~~ AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONUS PROGRAM**  
8 **EVALUATION.**

9 (a) Within one year from ~~the effective date of Section 206~~ March 22, 2015, the Planning  
10 Department shall provide an informational presentation to the Planning Commission, and any  
11 other City agency at their request, presenting an overview of all projects that request or  
12 receive development bonuses under the HOME-SF Local Affordable Housing Bonus Program,  
13 the 100 Percent Affordable Housing Bonus Program and the Analyzed and Individually Requested  
14 State Density Bonus Program ("the Bonus Program<sub>s</sub>").

15 (b) **Annual Reporting.** The Planning Department, in coordination with MOHCD, shall  
16 include information on projects which request and receive development bonuses under the  
17 Bonus Program<sub>s</sub> in the Housing Inventory Report.

18 (c) **Report Contents.** The Housing Inventory shall include, but not be limited to,  
19 information on the:

20 (1) number of projects utilizing the Bonus Program<sub>s</sub>;

21 (2) number of units approved and constructed under the Bonus Program<sub>s</sub> and  
22 the AMI levels of such units;

23 (3) number of additional affordable units in excess of that otherwise required by Section  
24 415;

1           (34) geographic distribution of projects, including the total number of units in  
2 each project, utilizing the Bonus Program<sub>s</sub>;

3           (45) number of larger unit types, including the number of 3-bedroom units;

4           (56) square feet of units by bedroom count;

5           (67) number of projects with nine or fewer units that participate; and

6           (78) Number of appeals of projects in the Bonus Program and stated reason for  
7 appeal.

8           (d) **Program Evaluation and Update.**

9           (1) **Purpose and Contents.** Every five years, beginning five years from the  
10 ~~effective date of Section 206~~ March 22, 2015, the Department shall prepare a Program  
11 Evaluation and Update. The Program Evaluation and Update shall include an analysis of the  
12 Bonus Program<sub>s</sub>'s effectiveness as it relates to City policy goals including, but not limited to  
13 Proposition K (November 2014) and the Housing Element. The Program Evaluation and  
14 Update shall include a review of all of the following:

15                           (A) Target income levels for the HOME-SF Local Affordable Housing Bonus  
16 Program in relation to market values and assessed affordable housing needs.

17                           (B) Feasibility of the Local Affordable Housing Bonus HOME-SF Program,  
18 in relation to housing policy goals, program production, and current market conditions.

19                           (AC) Requested and granted concessions and incentives, including  
20 consideration of whether the menu of zoning modification or concessions and incentives set  
21 forth in Section 206.3(d)(4)(e)(5), 206.4(c)(5) and 206.5(c)(4) respond to the needs of projects  
22 seeking approvals under the Bonus Program<sub>s</sub>; consideration of whether the elected zoning  
23 modifications or incentives and concessions result in a residential project that responds to the  
24 surrounding neighborhood context; and review and recommendation for additions or  
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1 modifications to the list of zoning modifications or concessions and incentives in  
2 ~~206.3(d)(4)(e)(5), 206.4(c)(5) and 206.5(c)(4).~~

3 (~~BD~~) Geography and neighborhood specific considerations. Review and  
4 analysis of where Bonus Program projects are proposed and approved, including an analysis  
5 of land values, zoning, height controls, and neighborhood support.

6 (~~CE~~) Review of the process for considering projects under the Bonus  
7 Program, including a review of Section 328, the appeal process, Section 303(t) and other  
8 relevant process considerations.

9 (~~F~~) ~~Review and recommendations for additional provisions regarding the~~  
10 ~~protection of neighborhood-serving small businesses, including feasibility of providing~~  
11 ~~relocation assistance and requiring rights of first refusal to displaced tenants.~~

12 (2) **Public Hearing.** The Program Evaluation and Update shall be prepared no  
13 less than every five years, beginning five years from ~~the effective date of Section 206~~March  
14 22, 2015, and may be completed as a series of reports and in coordination with ongoing  
15 monitoring of affordable housing policies, or feasibility analyses. The Planning Commission  
16 shall hold a hearing on the Program Evaluation and Update and any recommendations for  
17 modification to any of the Bonus Program.

18 (e) **Program Expansion Report.** The Board of Supervisors directs the Planning  
19 Department and MOHCD to research, analyze and provide recommendations for further  
20 density and development bonuses for 100% affordable or mixed-income developments. The  
21 Program Expansion Report shall be published within one year of ~~the effective date of Section~~  
22 206March 22, 2015.

23 (~~f~~) ~~By January 1, 2017, the Planning Department, in consultation with the Office of~~  
24 ~~Economic and Workforce Development, the Office of Small Business, and the Mayor's Office~~  
25 ~~of Housing and Community Development, non-profit housing developers, and the small~~

1 ~~business community, shall report on best practices around small business relocation,~~  
2 ~~including but not limited to developing a small business relocation fee or program to provide~~  
3 ~~relocation services and support for all projects entitled under the 100 Percent Affordable~~  
4 ~~Housing Bonus Program.~~

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6 Section 3. The Planning Code is hereby amended by adding revising Sections 328, to  
7 read as follows:

8 **SEC. 328. 100 PERCENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONUS PROJECT**  
9 **AUTHORIZATION.**

10 (a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Section 328 is to ensure that all 100 Percent  
11 Affordable Housing Bonus projects under Section ~~206.3~~ 206.4 are reviewed in coordination  
12 with priority processing available for certain projects with 100 Percent affordable housing.  
13 While most projects in the 100 Percent Affordable Housing Program will likely be somewhat  
14 larger than their surroundings in order to facilitate higher levels of affordable housing, the  
15 Planning Commission and Department shall ensure that each project is consistent with the  
16 Affordable Housing Bonus Design Guidelines and any other applicable design guidelines, as  
17 adopted and periodically amended by the Planning Commission, so that projects respond to  
18 their surrounding context, while still meeting the City's affordable housing goals.

19 (b) **Applicability.** This Section 328 applies to all qualifying 100 Percent Affordable  
20 Housing Bonus Projects that meet the requirements described in Planning Code Section ~~206.3~~  
21 206.4.

22 (c) **Planning Commission Design Review:** The Planning Commission shall review  
23 and evaluate all physical aspects of a 100 Percent Affordable Housing Bonus Project at a  
24 public hearing. The Planning Commission recognizes that most qualifying projects will need to  
25 be larger in height and mass than surrounding buildings in order to achieve the 100%

1 Affordable Housing Bonus Program’s affordable housing goals. However, the Planning  
2 Commission may, consistent with the ~~100%~~ Affordable Housing Bonus Program Design  
3 Guidelines, and any other applicable design guidelines, and upon recommendation from the  
4 Planning Director, make minor modifications to a project to reduce the impacts of such  
5 differences in scale. The Planning Commission, upon recommendation of the Planning  
6 Director, may also apply the standards of Section 261.1 to bonus floors for all projects on  
7 narrow streets and alleys in order to ensure that these streets do not become overshadowed,  
8 including potential upper story setbacks, and special consideration for the southern side of  
9 East-West streets, and Mid-block passages, as long as such setbacks do not result in a  
10 smaller number of residential units.

11 Additionally, as set forth in subsection (d) below, the Planning Commission may grant  
12 minor exceptions to the provisions of this Code. However, such exceptions should only be  
13 granted to allow building mass to appropriately shift to respond to surrounding context, and  
14 only when such modifications do not substantially reduce or increase the overall building  
15 envelope permitted by the Program under Section ~~206.3~~ 206.4. All modifications and  
16 exceptions should be consistent with the ~~100%~~ Affordable Housing Bonus Program Design  
17 Guidelines and any other applicable design guidelines. In case of a conflict with other  
18 applicable design guidelines, the ~~100%~~ Affordable Housing Bonus Program Design Guidelines  
19 shall prevail.

20 The Planning Commission may require these or other modifications or conditions, or  
21 disapprove a project, in order to achieve the objectives and policies of the ~~100~~-Affordable  
22 Housing Bonus Programs or the purposes of this Code. This review shall be limited to design  
23 issues including the following:

- 24 (1) whether the bulk and massing of the building is consistent with the ~~100%~~  
25 Affordable Housing Bonus Design Guidelines.

1 (2) whether building design elements including, but not limited to architectural  
2 treatments, façade design, and building materials, are consistent with the ~~100%~~ Affordable  
3 Housing Bonus Program Design Guidelines and any other applicable design guidelines.

4 (3) whether the design of lower floors, including building setback areas,  
5 commercial space, townhouses, entries, utilities, and parking and loading access is consistent  
6 with the ~~100%~~ Affordable Housing Bonus Program Design Guidelines, and any other  
7 applicable design guidelines.

8 (4) whether the required streetscape and other public improvements such as  
9 tree planting, street furniture, and lighting are consistent with the Better Streets Plan, and any  
10 other applicable design guidelines.

11 (d) **Exceptions.** As a component of the review process under this Section 328, the  
12 Planning Commission may grant minor exceptions to the provisions of this Code as provided  
13 for below, in addition to the development bonuses granted to the project in Section ~~206.3(e)~~  
14 206.4(c). Such exceptions, however, should only be granted to allow building mass to  
15 appropriately shift to respond to surrounding context, and only when the Planning  
16 Commission finds that such modifications do not substantially reduce or increase the overall  
17 building envelope permitted by the Program under Sections ~~206.3~~206.4 and also are consistent  
18 with the ~~100%~~ Affordable Housing Bonus Design Guidelines. These exceptions may include:

19 (1) Exception from residential usable open space requirements per Section 135,  
20 or any applicable special use district.

21 (2) Exception from satisfaction of loading requirements per Section 152.1, or  
22 any applicable special use district.

23 (3) Exception for rear yards, pursuant to the requirements of Section 134, or  
24 any applicable special use district.

1 (4) Exception from dwelling unit exposure requirements of Section 140, or any  
2 applicable special use district.

3 (5) Exception from satisfaction of accessory parking requirements per Section  
4 152.1, or any applicable special use district.

5 (6) Where not specified elsewhere in this subsection (d), modification of other  
6 Code requirements that could otherwise be modified as a Planned Unit Development (as set  
7 forth in Section 304), irrespective of the zoning district in which the property is located.

8 (e) **Required Findings.** In its review of any project pursuant to this Section 328, the  
9 Planning Commission shall make the following findings:

10 (1) the use as proposed will comply with the applicable provisions of this Code  
11 and is consistent with the General Plan;

12 (2) the use as proposed will provide development that is in conformity with the  
13 stated purposes of the applicable Use District; and,

14 (3) the use as proposed will contribute to the City's affordable housing goals as  
15 stated in the General Plan.

16 (f) If a 100 Percent Affordable Housing Bonus Project otherwise requires a conditional  
17 use authorization due only to (1) a specific land use, (2) use size limit, or (3) requirement  
18 adopted by the voters, then the Planning Commission shall make all findings and consider all  
19 criteria required by this Code for such use or use size as part of this 100 Percent Affordable  
20 Housing Bonus Project Authorization.

21 (g) **Hearing and Decision.**

22 (1) **Hearing.** The Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing for all  
23 projects that are subject to this Section 328.

24 (2) **Notice of Hearing.** Notice of such hearing shall be provided pursuant to the  
25 same requirements for Conditional Use requests, as set forth in Section 306.3 and 306.8.

1                   (3) **Director’s Recommendations on Modifications and Exceptions.** At the  
2 hearing, the Planning Director shall review for the Commission key issues related to the  
3 project based on the review of the project pursuant to subsection (c) and recommend to the  
4 Commission modifications, if any, to the project and conditions for approval as necessary. The  
5 Director shall also make recommendations to the Commission on any proposed exceptions  
6 pursuant to subsection (d).

7                   (4) **Decision and Imposition of Conditions.** The Commission, after public  
8 hearing and, after making appropriate findings, may approve, disapprove or approve subject  
9 to conditions, the project and any associated requests for exceptions. As part of its review and  
10 decision, the Planning Commission may impose additional conditions, requirements,  
11 modifications, and limitations on a proposed project in order to achieve the objectives,  
12 policies, and intent of the General Plan or of this Code.

13                   (5) **Appeal.** The decision of the Planning Commission may be appealed to the  
14 Board of Supervisors by any person aggrieved within 30 days after the date of the decision by  
15 filing a written notice of appeal with the Board of Supervisors, setting forth wherein it is alleged  
16 that there was an error in the interpretation of the provisions of this Section or abuse of  
17 discretion on the part of the Planning Commission. The procedures and requirements for  
18 conditional use appeals in Section 308.1(b) and (c) shall apply to appeals to the Board of  
19 Supervisors under this Section 328.

20                   (6) **Discretionary Review.** No requests for discretionary review shall be  
21 accepted by the Planning Department or heard by the Planning Commission for projects  
22 subject to this Section.

23                   (7) **Change of Conditions.** Once a project is approved, authorization of a  
24 change in any condition previously imposed by the Planning Commission shall require  
25 approval by the Planning Commission subject to the procedures set forth in this Section.



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2 Section 4. The Planning Code is hereby amended by amending Section 303, to read as  
3 follows:

4 **SEC. 303. CONDITIONAL USES.**

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6 (t) Local Affordable Housing Bonus Projects. The purpose of this Section is to ensure  
7 that all Local Affordable Housing Bonus HOME-SF Projects under Section 206.3 and all  
8 Analyzed State Density Bonus Program Projects under Section 206.5 are reviewed in  
9 coordination with priority processing available for certain projects with greater levels of  
10 affordable housing. While most projects in the Program will likely be somewhat larger than  
11 their surroundings in order to facilitate higher levels of affordable housing, the Planning  
12 Commission and Department shall ensure that each project is consistent with the Affordable  
13 Housing Bonus Design Guidelines and any other applicable design guidelines, as adopted  
14 and periodically amended by the Planning Commission, so that projects respond to their  
15 surrounding context, while still meeting the City's affordable housing goals.

16 (1) Planning Commission Design Review: The Planning Commission shall  
17 review and evaluate all physical aspects of a Local Affordable Housing Bonus HOME-SF or  
18 State Analyzed Project at a public hearing. The Planning Commission recognizes that most  
19 qualifying projects will need to be larger in height and mass than surrounding buildings in  
20 order to achieve the Affordable Housing Bonus Program's affordable housing goals.  
21 However, the Planning Commission may, consistent with the Affordable Housing Bonus  
22 Program Design Guidelines, and any other applicable design guidelines, and upon  
23 recommendation from the Planning Director, make minor modifications to a project to reduce  
24 the impacts of such differences in scale. Additionally, as set forth in subsection (2) below, for  
25 HOME-SF Projects the Planning Commission may grant minor exceptions to the provisions of

1 this Code. However, such exceptions should only be granted to allow building mass to  
2 appropriately shift to respond to surrounding context, and only when such modifications do not  
3 substantially reduce or increase the overall building envelope permitted by the Program under  
4 Section 206.3. All modifications and exceptions should be consistent with the Affordable  
5 Housing Bonus Program Design Guidelines and any other applicable design guidelines. In  
6 case of a conflict with other applicable design guidelines, the Affordable Housing Bonus  
7 Program Design Guidelines shall prevail. The Planning Commission may require these or  
8 other modifications or conditions, or disapprove a project, in order to achieve the objectives  
9 and policies of the Affordable Housing Bonus Program or the purposes of this Code. This  
10 review shall be limited to design issues including the following:

11 (A) whether the bulk and massing of the building is consistent with the  
12 Affordable Housing Program Bonus Design Guidelines.

13 (B) whether building design elements including, but not limited to architectural  
14 treatments, façade design, and building materials, are consistent with the Affordable Housing  
15 Bonus Program Design Guidelines and any other applicable design guidelines.

16 (C) whether the design of lower floors, including building setback areas,  
17 commercial space, townhouses, entries, utilities, and parking and loading access is consistent  
18 with the Affordable Housing Bonus Program Design Guidelines, and any other applicable  
19 design guidelines.

20 (D) whether the required streetscape and other public improvements such as  
21 tree planting, street furniture, and lighting are consistent with the Better Streets Plan, and any  
22 other applicable design guidelines.

23 (2) Exceptions. This subsection (t)(2) shall not apply to State Analyzed projects. As a  
24 component of the review process under this Section 328303(t), the Planning Commission may  
25 grant minor exceptions to the provisions of this Code as provided for below, in addition to the

1 development bonuses granted to the project in Section 206.3(d). Such exceptions, however,  
2 should only be granted to allow building mass to appropriately shift to respond to surrounding  
3 context, and only when the Planning Commission finds that such modifications: (1) do not  
4 substantially reduce or increase the overall building envelope permitted by the Program under  
5 Sections 206.3; and (2) are consistent with the Affordable Housing Bonus Design Guidelines.

6 These exceptions may include:

7 (A) Exception from residential usable open space requirements per Section  
8 135, or any applicable special use district.

9 (B) Exception from satisfaction of loading requirements per Section 152.1, or  
10 any applicable special use district.

11 (C) Exception for rear yards, pursuant to the requirements of Section 134, or  
12 any applicable special use district.

13 (D) Exception from dwelling unit exposure requirements of Section 140, or any  
14 applicable special use district.

15 (E) Exception from satisfaction of accessory parking requirements per Section  
16 152.1, or any applicable special use district.

17 (F) Where not specified elsewhere in this subsection (t)(2), modification of other  
18 Code requirements that could otherwise be modified as a Planned Unit Development (as set  
19 forth in Section 304), irrespective of the zoning district in which the property is located.

20 (G) Exception from active ground floor use requirements under 145.1(c)(3).

21 (3) Additional Criteria. In addition to the criteria set forth in subsection (c)(2), the  
22 Planning Commission shall consider the extent to which the following criteria are met:

23 (A) whether the project would require the demolition of an existing building;

24 (B) whether the project would remove existing commercial or retail uses;

1 (C) If the project would remove existing commercial or retail uses, how recently  
2 the commercial or retail uses were occupied by a tenant or tenants;

3 (D) whether the project includes commercial or retail uses;

4 (E) whether there is an adverse impact on the public health, safety, and general  
5 welfare due to the loss of commercial or retail uses in the district where the project is located;  
6 and

7 (F) whether any existing commercial or retail uses has been designated, or is  
8 eligible to be designated, as a Legacy Business under Administrative Code section 2A.242; or  
9 is a formula retail business.-

10 (34) In no case may a project receive a site permit or any demolition permit prior to  
11 18 months from the date of written notification required by 206.3(e)(1)(BD).

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13 Section 5. This section is uncodified.

14 Affordable Housing Bonus Program (Section 206 and following) fees shall be set as  
15 follows. The initial fee amount is not to exceed 50% of the construction cost. A \$120  
16 surcharge shall be added to the fees for a conditional use or planned unit development to  
17 compensate the City for the costs of appeals to the Board of Supervisors.

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Estimated Construction Cost	Initial Fee
No construction cost, excluding extension of hours	\$1,012.00
No construction cost, extension of hours	\$724.00
Wireless Telecommunications Services (WTS)	\$5,061.00
\$1.00 to \$9,999.00	\$724.00
\$10,000.00 to \$999,999.00	\$724.00 plus 0.328% of cost over \$10,000.00
\$1,000,000.00 to \$4,999,999.00	\$4,033.00 plus 0.391% of cost over \$1,000,000.00
\$5,000,000.00 to \$9,999,999.00	\$19,986.00 plus 0.328% of cost over

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\$10,000,000.00 to \$19,999,999.00	\$36,701.00 plus 0.171% of cost over \$10,000,000.00
\$20,000,000.00 or more	\$54,120.00

Section 6. 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. This ordinance applies to projects that the Planning Department or Planning Commission have not approved as of the effective date. For projects that have not yet submitted applications to the Planning Department or other City entity, all of the provisions of the ordinance apply. The Planning Department shall develop a policy to apply the provisions of this ordinance to projects that have already submitted applications, but have not obtained approvals, to permit such projects to amend their applications.

Section 7. 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

1 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under  
2 the official title of the ordinance.

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4 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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8 Deputy City Attorney

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