New Planning Code Change Summary: Amendments to Planning Code Sections 803.4 and 815: Massage Services in South of Market Residential/Service Mixed Use District.

Code Change: To allow a business operating as a full-service spa in the RSD to

provide massage services with a Conditional Use authorization.

Case Number: Board File No. 08-1504 (0049-09 adopted Ordinance)

Initiated By: Supervisor Daly & Dufty, November 25, 2008

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The Way It Was:

Planning Code Section 803.4 lists uses which are specifically not permitted in South of Market Districts. This list previously included massage establishments subject to Section 218.1 of the Planning Code.

The Way It Is Now:

The adopted Ordinance now allows massage only when offered in conjunction with a principally permitted "full-service spa". This massage use would only be allowed through Conditional Use authorization where the business demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Planning Commission that massage is truly being provided in conjunction with a principally permitted full-service spa. Conditional Use review as regulated by Planning Code Section 303 affords the Commission the opportunity to consider the project as a whole and determine whether the project is "necessary or desirable" as well as "compatible with" the existing community.

Please Note:

Supervisor Dufty has responded to a request from the Board Land Use Committee to further define "full-service spa" in trailing legislation. This proposed legislation [Board File No. 090321] is scheduled to be considered by the Planning Commission on May 14, 2009.

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