

1 [Recreation and Park – San Francisco Zoo Policies and Oversight.]

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3 **Ordinance adding Section 5.10 to the San Francisco Park Code to establish the San**  
4 **Francisco Zoo as a facility that primarily houses wildlife, domestic and exotic animals**  
5 **acquired from rescue situations, donations, and/or confiscations by law enforcement**  
6 **authorities; and to establish a Zoo Animal Welfare Oversight advisory committee**  
7 **appointed by the Board of Supervisors to advise the Board on policy priorities for**  
8 **ensuring that the needs of the animals are met.**

9 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;  
10 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.  
11 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

13 Section 1. The San Francisco Park Code is hereby amended by addition Section 5.10,  
14 to read as follows:

15 **Sec. 5.10. San Francisco Zoo.**

16 *(a) It shall be the policy of the City and County of San Francisco that the San Francisco Zoo*  
17 *become an animal rescue facility and that future acquisitions of domestic and exotic animals come from*  
18 *rescue situations, donations, and/or confiscations by law enforcement authorities. Except, the Zoo may*  
19 *participate in the breeding of certain species which the Association of Zoos and Aquariums endorses in*  
20 *its Species Survival Programs. Such certain species shall be limited to Sumatran tigers (*panthera**  
21 *tigris), African lions (*panthera leo*), gorillas (*gorilla gorilla*), giraffes (*giraffe camelopardalis*),*  
22 *mandrills (*mandrillus sphinx*), snow leopards (*panthera uncia*), liontail macaque (*macaca silenus*),*  
23 *ocelot (*felis pardalis*), mountain tapir (*tapirus pinchaque*), and yellow backed duiker (*cephalophus**  
24 *silvicultor). This policy shall become operative and shall bind all City officers and employees once the*  
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1 current San Francisco Zoo Lease and Management Agreement between the City and the San Francisco  
2 Zoological Society (“Zoo Lease”) terminates or is amended.

3 (b) This ordinance creates an advisory committee to be known as the “Zoo Animal Welfare  
4 Oversight Committee” to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the transition of the  
5 Zoo to a primarily animal rescue facility and on matters of animal welfare. The President of the Board  
6 of Supervisors shall nominate Committee members subject to the approval of the Board. Committee  
7 members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and shall hold office for a term on four(4) years,  
8 except at the first meeting of the Committee, the members shall draw lots to determine which two (2)  
9 Commissioners shall hold office for a term of two(2) years. Thereafter, all members shall serve for  
10 four (4) years, or until expiration of this ordinance per subsection(d), below.

11 The Zoo Animal Welfare Oversight Committee shall:

12 1. Consist of five (5) San Francisco residents and include at least one veterinarian; and

13 2. Hold public meetings at least eleven (11) times per calendar year to discuss and hear  
14 public testimony regarding animal welfare, capital improvements, and animal acquisitions and  
15 dispositions; and

16 3. Make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding:

17 (a) the definition of “Rescue Zoo” and a time-line for the orderly transition of the Zoo  
18 to such a facility at the expiration of the current Zoo Lease term, June 30, 2013; and

19 (b) capital improvements, and animal acquisitions and dispositions that advance the  
20 goal of providing the best possible quality of life for animals at the facility, including but not limited to  
21 building spacious, complex enclosures that address species-specific behavior; and

22 4. Present recommendations to the Board of Supervisors no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>,  
23 2009, on proposed amendments to the Zoo Lease that would operationalize the City’s “Rescue Zoo”  
24 policy.

1           (c) No later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, the Recreation and Park Department shall provide a report  
2 to the Board of Supervisors on the progress of negotiations with the San Francisco Zoological Society  
3 to amend the Zoo Lease in order to operationalize the City's "Rescue Zoo" policy. Quarterly reports  
4 shall be made to the Board of Supervisors until such time that "Rescue Zoo" policies are incorporated  
5 into the Zoo Lease. No later than August 2012 the Recreation and Park Department shall report to the  
6 Board of Supervisors on its intent with regard to the extension of the Zoo Lease.

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