

Legislative Review: BOS File #240411 – Polk Street Neighborhood Commercial District

Sponsor: Peskin

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Scheduled for BOS Committee: Land Use and Transportation Commission

Legislative Overview: This legislation would allow Legacy Businesses that are Limited Restaurant uses to relocate to larger spaces without requiring a Conditional Use Authorization within the Polk Street Neighborhood Commercial District (NCD). It would also allow Limited Restaurant Legacy Businesses to merge storefronts.

Amendments to Current Law: Currently, non-residential uses larger than 2,000 sq. feet require a Conditional Use Authorization in the Polk Street NCD. This ordinance would exempt Legacy Businesses that are Limited Restaurants and are relocating within the Polk Street NCD from that requirement. Additionally, this legislation would allow Legacy Businesses that are Limited Restaurants and are relocating within the Polk Street NCD to merge storefronts, which is currently not permitted.

Background, Issues, and Considerations

Who benefits from or will be burdened by your proposal (geographically, ethnically, linguistically)? What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?

This legislation addresses a concern of a current Limited Restaurant Legacy Business within the Polk Street NCD who needs to relocate and found a large space which would require a storefront merge. This may help other Legacy Businesses in similar situations in the future.

What was the development process of this proposal? Whose input have you sought out? What feedback did you hear and did you incorporate it into this proposal? If not, why not?

This proposal directly addresses feedback from the small business community.

Is this proposal punitive or enforcement based? What are the other alternatives for proactive compliance?

N/A