Green landscaping law approved

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The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved legislation Tuesday in a second and final vote that establishes new laws for property owners, including how much permeable surface they can have as well as increasing their tree responsibilities.

The legislation was introduced by Mayor Gavin Newsom and sponsored by Supervisor Carmen Chu.

"The Green Landscaping Ordinance is a positive piece of legislation that will help San Francisco move forward with our environmental and aesthetic goals," said Chu in a recent statement. "Having additional permeable areas helps our city to absorb more rainwater and to address some of the problems that we have with our sewer system."

When it comes to trees, property owners will have to do a lot more to ensure they remain thriving or face penalties.

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