

1 [Administrative Code - Community Opportunity to Purchase Act]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require owners of multifamily**  
4 **residential buildings to provide notice to the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community**  
5 **Development and qualified nonprofit organizations of foreclosure proceedings related**  
6 **to said multifamily residential buildings; and add a deed in lieu of foreclosure in the**  
7 **definition of a "Sale of a Multi-Family Residential Building" as a type of transfer that**  
8 **requires notice to qualified nonprofit organizations, right of first offer, and right of first**  
9 **refusal for a multifamily residential building under the Community Opportunity to**  
10 **Purchase Act.**

11 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
12 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
13 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.  
14 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
15 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
16 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code  
17 subsections or parts of tables.

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

19 Section 1. Chapter 41B of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by revising  
20 Sections 41B.1, 41B.3, and 41B.5, to read as follows:

21 **SEC. 41B.1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

22 (a) The City faces a severe and continuing housing crisis. Many City residents are  
23 unable to obtain or retain affordable housing.

24 (b) This crisis has profoundly negative effects on the City. It causes dislocation,  
25 which frays the social ties that bind our neighborhoods and communities together. It forces  
vulnerable residents to leave their home, the City, for new communities where they are

1 strangers. And it contributes to homelessness—which is itself a severe and continuing crisis in  
2 the City.

3 (c) The City's housing crisis is caused, in large part, by a shortage of affordable  
4 rental housing. The creation and preservation of such housing is therefore of paramount  
5 public concern.

6 (d) Obstacles to the creation and preservation of affordable rental housing include  
7 off-market sales, the transfer of multifamily residential building by foreclosure or deed in lieu of  
8 foreclosure, and rapid turnover in the City's real estate market. Nonprofit organizations seeking  
9 to create and preserve affordable housing may be willing and able to pay market prices to  
10 purchase residential buildings for sale, but nevertheless find themselves *often* unable to  
11 purchase such buildings before they leave the market. Nonprofit organizations serving the  
12 broader public interest must often move more deliberately and borrow purchase money from  
13 non-traditional lenders in such real estate transactions than private entities concerned solely  
14 with profit. Nonprofit organizations may also have access to public funds dedicated to acquire  
15 multifamily residential buildings under the threat of foreclosure or subject to foreclosure proceedings,  
16 but such nonprofit organizations sometimes do not have the benefit of notice that such multifamily  
17 residential buildings are available for purchase.

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19 **SEC. 41B.3. "SALE OF A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING" DEFINED.**

20 (a) General Definition. As used in this Chapter 41B, "Sale of a Multi-Family  
21 Residential Building," or "Sale," means any of the following:

22 (1) The transfer, in exchange for money or any other thing of economic value, of a  
23 present interest in the Multi-Family Residential Building, including beneficial use, where the  
24 value of the present interest is the Fee Interest in the Multi-Family Residential Building, or  
25 substantially equal to the value of that Fee Interest; or

1 (2) If an interest in the Multi-Family Residential Building is held by a trust, the  
2 transfer, in exchange for money or any other thing of economic value, of a beneficial interest  
3 in the trust, where the value of the beneficial interest in the trust is substantially equal to the  
4 value of the Fee Interest of the Multi-Family Residential Building; or

5 (3) If an interest substantially equal to the value of the Fee Interest of the Multi-  
6 Family Residential Building is held by any kind of corporate entity or partnership (including,  
7 but not limited to, a corporation, limited liability company, general partnership, limited  
8 partnership, or limited liability partnership), and if that interest is substantially equal in value to  
9 the total value of assets held by the corporate entity or partnership, the transfer, in exchange  
10 for money or any other thing of economic value, of a controlling interest in the corporate entity  
11 or partnership; or

12 (4) The transfer of the Fee Interest or other beneficial interests of the Multifamily  
13 Residential Building made under a deed in lieu of foreclosure and/or related agreement related to the  
14 repayment of a loan and avoidance of foreclosure.

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16 (c) Exclusions. Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), "Sale of a Multi-Family  
17 Residential Building," or "Sale," does not include any of the following:

18 (1) Any transfer made under a mortgage, or deed of trust, ~~or deed in lieu of~~  
19 ~~foreclosure~~; or

20 (2) Any transfer made in connection with any bankruptcy proceeding (including,  
21 but not limited to, any transfer made by a bankruptcy trustee); or

22 (3) Any transfer of an interest in real property held by the Federal government, by  
23 the State government, or by any special district created by State law (including, but not limited  
24 to, any transfer of any such interest held because of a taxpayer's nonpayment of tax); or  
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1 (4) Any transfer by devise or intestacy, or any other transfer made in connection  
2 with a bona fide effort to pass an interest in real property to one's devisees or heirs (including,  
3 but not limited to, such transfers made in connection with a living trust); or

4 (5) Any transfer between or among spouses, domestic partners, siblings  
5 (including, but not limited to, half-siblings, step-siblings, and adoptive siblings), parents  
6 (including, but not limited to, step-parents and adoptive parents) or guardians and their  
7 children, grandparents and their grandchildren, aunts or uncles and their nieces or nephews,  
8 great-aunts or great-uncles and their grand-nieces or grand-nephews, or first or second  
9 cousins, or any combination thereof; or

10 (6) Any transfer of an interest in a Multi-Family Residential Building income-  
11 restricted at or below an average of 80% of Area Median Income for a minimum of 10 years, if  
12 such transfer is to an entity controlled by a California public benefit corporation, and that entity  
13 also participates in the management, direction, or control of the Building; or

14 (7) For the purpose of a land dedication under the Planning Code or a  
15 development agreement or similar agreement approved by the Board of Supervisors, any  
16 transfer to the City or its designee of an interest in any privately-owned lot on which the  
17 Planning Code and other applicable laws would permit the construction of three or more  
18 residential rental units.

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20 **SEC. 41B.5. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

21 (a) **First Right to Purchase Conferred.** This Chapter 41B shall be construed to  
22 confer upon each Qualified Nonprofit a first right to purchase any Multi-Family Residential  
23 Building for Sale in the City. This first right to purchase shall consist of both a right of first  
24 offer, as set forth in Section 41B.6, and a right of first refusal, as set forth in Section 41B.7.

1 (b) **Confidential Information Protected.** With the exception of the notice to Sell a  
2 Building under Section 41B.6(b), any information obtained from a Seller by a Qualified  
3 Nonprofit under this Chapter 41B—including, but not limited to, disclosures made under  
4 Section 41B.6(c) and (e), and terms and conditions of an offer of Sale made under Section  
5 41B.7(b)—shall be kept confidential to the extent required by law, except that a Qualified  
6 Nonprofit may, if otherwise permitted by law, share such information with other Qualified  
7 Nonprofits to facilitate Qualified Nonprofits' exercise of the rights conferred by this Chapter.  
8 Nothing in this Chapter permits or requires the disclosure of information where such  
9 disclosure is otherwise prohibited by law.

10 (c) **Preexisting Rights Unaffected.** This Chapter 41B shall not be construed to  
11 impair any contract, or affect any property interest held by anyone other than the Seller of a  
12 Multi-Family Residential Building (including, but not limited to, any interest held under a  
13 mortgage, deed of trust, or other security interest; any option to purchase; or any right of first  
14 offer or right of first refusal), in existence before the effective date of this Chapter.

15 (d) **Notice of Default.** All owners of a Multifamily Residential Building shall provide written  
16 notice to each Qualified Nonprofit and the Agency of a non-judicial foreclosure or a judicial  
17 foreclosure related to an owner's Multifamily Residential Building. Within two business days of receipt  
18 of any of the following documents, an owner of a Multifamily Residential Building shall deliver to each  
19 Qualified Nonprofit and the Agency, via e-mail, a copy of:

20 (1) a notice of default related to such Multifamily Residential Building under California  
21 Civil Code Section 2924b(b), or successor provision;

22 (2) a civil complaint filed in superior court of a judicial foreclosure action related to  
23 such Multifamily Residential Building under the California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 725a –  
24 730.5, or successor provisions;

1                   (3) a notice of sale related to such Multifamily Residential Building under California  
2 Civil Code Section 2924f(b)(4), or successor provision;

3                   (4) a notice of levy related to such Multifamily Residential Building under the Code of  
4 Civil Procedure sections 699.540 and 700.015, or successor provisions;

5                   (5) a notice of sale related to such Multifamily Residential Building under the Code of  
6 Civil Procedure section 701.540;

7                   (6) any other notice of default or notice of sale related to a judicial foreclosure or a non-  
8 judicial foreclosure of such Multifamily Residential Building under California law.

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10                   Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
11 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
12 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
13 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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15                   Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors  
16 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,  
17 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal  
18 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment  
19 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under  
20 the official title of the ordinance.

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22 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
23 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

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25       KEITH NAGAYAMA  
       Deputy City Attorney  
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**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Tails**  
**Ordinance**

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**Date Passed:** April 23, 2024

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require owners of multifamily residential buildings to provide notice to the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development and qualified nonprofit organizations of foreclosure proceedings related to said multifamily residential buildings; and add a deed in lieu of foreclosure in the definition of a "Sale of a Multi-Family Residential Building" as a type of transfer that requires notice to qualified nonprofit organizations, right of first offer, and right of first refusal for a multifamily residential building under the Community Opportunity to Purchase Act.

April 04, 2024 Government Audit and Oversight Committee - RECOMMENDED

April 16, 2024 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING


Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

April 23, 2024 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing  
Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on  
4/23/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the  
City and County of San Francisco.

  
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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board



London N. Breed  
Mayor

5/3/24

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Date Approved