



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

New Planning Code Summary:

Office Conversion Controls in Landmark Buildings

Code Changes: Sections 219, 219.2, 803.9

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The Way It Was:

Per Planning Code Section 219, office uses were principally permitted in designated Article 10 landmark buildings in PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts. Office uses are otherwise not permitted in PDR districts.

The Way It Is Now:

1. Section 219 (Table 210.3¹) of the Planning Code requires that projects seeking office space in Landmark buildings in PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts receive a Conditional Use Authorization from the Planning Commission.
2. The amount of office space in Landmark buildings in PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts is limited by the floor controls contained in Section 803.9(h).
3. Section 219.2 of the Planning Code establishes a new process for projects seeking office space in Landmark buildings in PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts, including defining the role of the Historic Preservation Commission and adding additional Conditional Use criteria for the Planning Commission to consider.

¹ Article 2 of the SF Planning Code is undergoing a major reorganization. The sections listed in parenthesis are the new Planning Code sections for the stated controls once the Article 2 Reorganization goes into effect.