

New Planning Code Summary:

Arcades in the Haight Street NCD

Code Changes: Sections 719.69B, 719.48, 790.4
Case Number: Board File No. 140804 / Enactment No. 223-14

Initiated by: Supervisor Breed

Effective Date: December 8, 2014

The Way It Was:

1. In the Haight Street NCD, Amusement Game Arcades were not permitted on any floor.
2. The Planning Code defines Amusement Game Arcades as a retail use providing 11 or more amusement game devices and further references Police Code to clarify the use. Per ZA interpretation, businesses with 10 or fewer games are considered Other Entertainment.
3. Due to changes in the Police Code, the definition for an Amusement Game Arcade in the Planning Code was not consistent with the definition in the Police Code.

The Way It Is Now:

1. Amusement Game Arcades are permitted on the first and second floor within the Haight Street NCD.
2. A Specific Provision for the Haight Street NCD was added to clarify that, within the Haight Street NCD, businesses with 10 or fewer games are considered an Amusement Game Arcade use instead of an Other Entertainment use.
3. The definition of Amusement Game Arcades was updated to conform to changes in the Police Code.

Link to signed legislation:

<https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=3319481&GUID=67C33B03-662C-4851-A1E2-88D1FE54E829>