

**SANITATION AND STREETS COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-0004

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Sanitation and Streets Commission is mandated by the San Francisco City Charter, Section 4.139(c)(2) to establish minimum standards of cleanliness for the public right of way; and,

WHEREAS, The Commission has worked with San Francisco Public Works staff to understand the complexity of keeping San Francisco clean and the considerations of establishing standards of cleanliness; and

WHEREAS, The Commission heard reports from Department staff regarding the development of standards of cleanliness on September 22, 2022, February 13, 2023, July 17, 2023, and April 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Department formulated these standards to comply with and be informed by the San Francisco City Charter, existing Departmental policies and procedures, service level agreements with 311, and standards set by the American Public Works Association; and

WHEREAS, The Commission considered these standards for San Francisco in context with comparisons to other public works departments in peer cities across California; and

WHEREAS, The following are standards of cleanliness for the eleven types of cleaning services provided by the Public Works Bureau of Street Environmental Services; and

WHEREAS, Controlled Mechanical Sweeping will result in ten feet into the roadway from the curb must be free of litter and debris, and the parking strip must be clear of leaves and debris; and

WHEREAS, Uncontrolled Mechanical Sweeping will result in ten feet into the roadway from the curb must be free of litter and debris, and staff will ensure spills are thoroughly abated; and

WHEREAS, Broom Support staff will ensure no large debris remains in the path of the mechanical sweeper; and

WHEREAS, Litter Patrol staff will ensure fifty feet in both directions of the same side of the block of a service request must be clear of trash, before and after photos are attached to the service request in the Computerized Maintenance Management System, all four corners of the block are clear of litter and debris, ten feet around public trash cans are clear of litter and debris, and a record of a call to Recology will be included in the Computerized Maintenance Management System; and

WHEREAS, Steamer staff will thoroughly clean around the City can or corner; and

WHEREAS, Biohazards will be thoroughly cleaned within twenty four hours; and

WHEREAS, Special Projects staff will ensure tunnel walls and ceilings are free of soot and grime; and

WHEREAS, Bag and Tag staff will ensure all bagged and tagged items are documented and stored according to Department policy, and any discarded items are documented in the Computerized Maintenance Management System service request, consistent with Department policy; and

WHEREAS, Clean Corridors staff will ensure City cans and corners are cleaned, steamed and free of grime, the roadway is swept and washed, tree basins and curblines are free of weeds, and graffiti is removed from all public assets in the corridor; and

WHEREAS, The Public Graffiti staff will remove graffiti, closely match paint to existing paint when painting, and remove stickers and fliers under paint; and

WHEREAS, The Private Graffiti staff will ensure no graffiti remains on private properties participating in the program, and will return to continue to abate graffiti for the duration of the Opt-in Program; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Sanitation and Streets Commission adopts the Public Works Bureau of Street Environmental Services standards of cleanliness version on file with the Commission Affairs Manager and incorporated by reference herein; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the standards of cleanliness will be displayed on its website and may be amended from time to time in consultation with Public Works staff.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Sanitation and Streets Commission at its meeting of October 21, 2024.



Commission Affairs Manager
Sanitation and Streets Commission