WHEREAS, The Residential Parking Permit (RPP) program was established in 1976 to restrict unlimited parking by non-residents in designated residential areas, while providing the opportunity for residents to park near their home; and,

WHEREAS, The RPP program is administered by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA issues permits to Educational Institutions located within RPP Areas for staff regularly employed as classroom teachers and the number of permits is based on the amount of unrestricted on-street parking but is limited to no more than 15 with a provision for an additional five on request and subject to meeting certain conditions; and,

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, the Mayor issued a proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency (COVID-19 Emergency) and on March 16, 2020, San Francisco’s Health Officer issued a Public Health Order in response to the COVID-19 Emergency, requiring that residents shelter in place. This resulted in the closure of all public and private schools; and,

WHEREAS, In response to the COVID-19 Emergency, the SFMTA has adopted a Transportation Recovery Plan with the following goals: 1) protect the health and safety of SFMTA employees and the public; 2) support a strong economic recovery; promoting sustainable alternatives such as walking and bicycling; 3) advance the Agency’s equity, environmental sustainability and customer service goals; and 4) adapt transportation infrastructure and services to best serve San Francisco in the long term; and,

WHEREAS, In April 2020, the SFMTA temporarily reduced Muni service in order to prioritize limited resources on the most-used lines. This allowed Muni to continue to serve medical facilities and ensure service for customers most reliant on transit. Many schools located within Residential Permit Parking Areas are no longer served by transit; and,

WHEREAS, On August 10, 2020, the San Francisco Department of Public Health issued Reopening TK-12 Schools for In-Person, On-Site Instruction: Preliminary Guidance for School Year 2020-2021 which provides guidance on re-opening schools safely; and,

WHEREAS, Schools are requesting additional permits to accommodate additional teachers they are hiring to conform to public health department directives to lower class or cohort size, to accommodate the teachers who are high-risk individuals and who are advised to not take transit, and to accommodate teachers affected by the suspension of transit service to their schools; and,
WHEREAS, On September 11, 2020, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the Transportation Code Amendment, is not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b); and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and is incorporated herein by reference; and, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors amends Transportation Code, Division II, Section 905(e)(3) to authorize the Director of Transportation to issue additional permits for Educational Institutions in excess of the limitations of Section 905, but not to exceed a total of 300 additional permits, during the time a declaration of the existence of a local emergency is in effect in order to respond to the emergency; and be it further

RESOLVED, Such additional permits would be valid until the end of the academic year for which they were issued or until the end of the emergency and would not be renewable.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of October 6, 2020.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
Resolution amending the Transportation Code to authorize the Director of Transportation to issue additional parking permits under the Residential Parking Permit program to Educational Institutions in excess of the existing limitations during the time a declaration of a local emergency is in effect.

NOTE: Additions are single-underline Times New Roman; deletions are strike-through Times New Roman.

The Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors of the City and County of San Francisco enacts the following regulations:

Section 1. Article 900 of Division II of the Transportation Code is hereby amended by revising Section 905, to read as follows:

Sec. 905. RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS.

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(e) Additional Residential Parking Permits.

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(3) Educational Institution Permits.

(A) Upon written request, the Director of Transportation shall issue transferable Parking permits to the Transportation Broker of an Educational Institution with certificated employees or Persons regularly employed as classroom teachers and located within a Residential Parking Permit Area. The transferable Parking permits shall be valid during the days and times of parking enforcement in the Residential Parking Permit Area and for the use of persons employed as teachers at such Educational Institution who reside outside of the Residential Parking Permit Area.
(B) The Director of Transportation is authorized to issue a maximum of 15 annual permits per Educational Institution. The total number of permits issued to an Educational Institution under this Section 905 shall not exceed the number of unrestricted on-street Parking available between an extension of each property line of said Institution to the middle of the Street upon which the Institution directly abuts, as determined by survey of the City Traffic Engineer. Regardless of parking availability on surrounding Streets, a qualifying Educational Institution shall be entitled to at least five permits.

(C) Upon written request from the Educational Institution documenting the need for more than 15 permits, the Director of Transportation may issue up to an additional five permits if the total number may not exceed the limitation in subsection 905(e)(3)(B) above, and if Parking occupancy in the Residential Parking Permit Area surrounding the Educational Institution is low enough to accommodate the additional permits.

(D) Each Parking permit issued pursuant to this Section 905(e)(3) shall be valid for one year and may be renewed annually. In distributing permits for a particular Educational Institution, the Transportation Broker shall give consideration to those teachers who are regularly carpooling to work.

(E) In addition to permits issued under subsection 905(e)(3)(A), the Director of Transportation may issue City-wide permits for teachers and school administrators employed by the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) whose duties require them to travel to more than one school site and who have been approved by the Superintendent of the SFUSD, or his or her designee. For purposes of this Section, “school administrators” shall be defined as those administrators who provide on-site, direct support to schools that have been identified as low-performing by SFUSD, the State of California, or the federal government. The permit shall exempt the holder from Residential Parking Permit Area regulations on
weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. when performing official functions for the SFUSD, and shall be valid for one year.

(F) During the time a declaration of a local emergency in San Francisco is in effect, the Director of Transportation may issue permits in excess of the limitations of subsections (e)(3)(B) and (C) above, but not to exceed a total of 300 additional permits, in order to respond to the emergency. Any additional permits issued under this subsection (e)(3)(F) shall be valid until the end of the academic year for which they were issued or until the end of the emergency and shall not be renewable.

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Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 31 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves this ordinance.

Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, letters, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Transportation Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions or deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the ordinance.
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By:
SUSAN CLEVELAND-KNOWLES
Deputy City Attorney

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Secretary to the Board of Directors
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