



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## New Planning Code Change Summary:

### Chinatown: Formula Retail Regulations

**Code Change:** Amendments to Planning Code Section 803.6 ("Formula Retail Uses in the Western Soma Planning Area Special Use District") to prohibit formula retail uses in the Chinatown Visitor Retail District, and to create a Conditional Use requirement for formula retail uses in the Chinatown Community Business District and Chinatown Residential NCD.

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### The Way It Was:

The three mixed use districts in Chinatown permitted formula retail uses as-of-right, meaning that they do not require any review by the Planning Commission.

### The Way It Is Now:

The Code amendments do several things:

1. Chinatown Visitor Retail District: Formula Retail Uses are prohibited.
2. Chinatown Residential Neighborhood Commercial District: Formula Retail Uses require a conditional use authorization.
3. Chinatown Community Business District: Formula Retail Uses require a conditional use authorization.