

FILE NO. 90-86-2

ORDINANCE NO. 345-86

1 (Landmarks)  
2 DESIGNATING THE THEODORE GREEN APOTHECARY AT 500-502 DIVISADERO STREET AS A  
3 LANDMARK PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10 OF THE CITY PLANNING CODE.

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5 Be it Ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:  
6 Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that the Theodore Green  
7 Apothecary located at 500-502 Divisadero Street, Lot 17A in Assessor's Block  
8 1203, has a special character and special historical, architectural and  
9 aesthetic interest and value, and that its designation as a landmark will  
10 further the purposes of, and conform to the standards set forth in Article 10  
11 of the City Planning Code.

12 (a) Designation. Pursuant to Section 1004 of the City Planning Code,  
13 Chapter II, Part II of the San Francisco Municipal Code, the Theodore Green  
14 Apothecary is hereby designated as a Landmark, this designation having been  
15 duly approved by Resolution No. 10686 of the City Planning Commission, which  
16 Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File  
17 No. 90-86-2.

18 (b) Required Data. The description of the location and boundaries of the  
19 Landmark site, of the characteristics of the Landmark which justify its  
20 designation, and of the particular features that should be preserved as  
21 included in the said Resolution, are incorporated in this designating  
22 ordinance as though fully set forth.

23 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
24 GEORGE AGNOST  
25 CITY ATTORNEY

RECOMMENDED:  
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

26 By George Agnost  
27 Deputy City Attorney

28 By Dean L. Macris  
29 Director of Planning

Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

Passed for Second Reading	§	Finally Passed
July 28, 1986	§	August 4, 1986
	§	
	§	
Ayes: Supervisors Britt Kennedy	§	Ayes: Supervisors Britt Hongisto
Maher Molinari Nelder Renne	§	Kopp Maher Molinari Nelder Silver
Silver Walker	§	Ward
	§	
Absent: Supervisors Hongisto Kopp	§	Absent: Supervisors Kennedy Renne
Ward	§	Walker

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was finally passed by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco

John Taylor  
Clerk  
Walter B. Brown  
Mayor

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AUG 15 1986  
Date Approved

SAN FRANCISCO  
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 10686

WHEREAS, A proposal to designate the Theodore Green Apothecary at 500-502 Divisadero Street as a Landmark pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 of the City Planning Code was initiated by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board on February 19, 1986, and said Board, after due consideration, has recommended approval of this proposal; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission, after due notice given, held a public hearing on May 15, 1986, to consider the proposed designation and the report of said Board; and

WHEREAS, The Commission believes that the proposed Landmark has a special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value; and that the proposed designation would be in furtherance of and in conformance with the purposes and standards of the said Article 10;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, First, the proposal to designate the aforementioned structure, the Theodore Green Apothecary at 500-502 Divisadero Street, as a Landmark pursuant to Article 10 of the City Planning Code is hereby APPROVED, the precise location and boundaries of the Landmark site being those of Lot 17A in Assessor's Block 1203;

Second, That the special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value of the said Landmark justifying its designation are set forth in the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board Resolution 355 as adopted on February 19, 1986 which Resolution is incorporated herein and made a part thereof as though fully set forth;

Third, That the said Landmark should be preserved generally in all of its particular exterior features as existing on the date hereof and described and depicted in the photographs, case report and other material on file in the Department of City Planning Docket No. 86.137L;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission hereby directs its Secretary to transmit the proposal for designation, with a copy of this Resolution, to the Board of Supervisors for appropriate action.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Planning Commission on May 15, 1986.

Martha Kessler  
Acting Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Allen, Bierman, Hemphill, Nakashima, Rosenblatt, Wortman and Wright.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ADOPTED: May 15, 1986

JHM:jmg/0030R

FINAL CASE REPORT APPROVED FEBRUARY 19, 1986 LANDMARKS PRESERVATION  
ADVISORY BOARD

BUILDING NAME: Theodore Green Apothecary OWNER: Robert V. Jacobs Life Estate  
BUILDING ADDRESS: 500-502 Divisadero BLOCK & LOT: 1203/17A ZONING: C-2, 65-A  
ORIGINAL USE: store and flat NO. OF STORIES: 2 LPAB VOTE: 7-0  
CURRENT USE: vacant EXTERIOR MATERIALS: wood

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(Describe special CHARACTER, or special HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL or AESTHETIC interest or value:) The Theodore Green Apothecary is significant as a rare San Francisco example of the work of noted architect Samuel Newsom of Newsom Bros; as the site of a long term (93 years) neighborhood serving commercial establishment; and as a rare example of an intact nineteenth century storefront.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

A. ARCHITECTURE

1. Style: Queen Anne
2. Construction Type: wood frame
3. Construction Date: 1888-1889
4. Design Quality: (LPAB ONLY)
5. Architect: Samuel Newsom of Newsom Bros. (Carson Mansion, Eureka, CA)
6. Interior Quality: (LPAB ONLY)  
(Publicly owned buildings)

B. HISTORY

(as building is significantly associated with specific)

7. Persons: Newsom Bros. (Samuel and Joseph C.) prolific Northern California architects noted for exotic Victorian designs. The firm dissolved on January 20, 1888; Samuel Newsom designed 500-502 Divisadero that same year. Few San Francisco examples exist of works attributable to the principals of this important firm. (over)
8. Events: -
9. Patterns of History: 500 Divisadero has been the site of a pharmacy from 1889 through 1982. Founded by Theodore Green in 1889, Frank T. Green assumed management of the business upon his fathers' death in 1898. (over)

C. ENVIRONMENT

(relation to surroundings, specifically in terms of:)

10. Continuity: By its long term presence in the district, a key structure in the historic identity of the area.
11. Setting: Built to the lot line.
12. Importance as a Visual Landmark: By its unusual rounded bays, gabled roof form and corner setting, a conspicuous and familiar structure in the context of the neighborhood.

D. INTEGRITY

(cite alterations and physical condition)

Important as an essentially intact structure with original ground floor commercial store front.

RATINGS

DCP: 3  
HERE TODAY: -  
SPLENDID SURV.: N/A  
NAT'L REGISTER:  
NAT'L LANDMARK:  
STATE LANDMARK:

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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7. Frank T. Green, a chemist by training, operated his father's apothecary from 1898 to 1944, in addition to holding positions with the Board of Health and Coroners' Office, and professor and eventually Dean of the University of California, San Francisco, College of Pharmacy.
  
9. Herman R. Lincoln succeeded Green upon his death in 1944, who named the business Green's Pharmacy, assumably in memorium. Lincoln died in 1953, but Robert V. Jacobs continued the business until 1982. The 93 uninterrupted years as a pharmacy represent an unusual continuity in a neighborhood which has experienced a century of changing demographics.

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