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City Council Staff Report

From: City Manager

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Lead Department: City Manager

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TITLE

Adopt an Ordinance and Resolution Extending the Interim Parklet Program to the Car-Free Portion of Ramona Street through March 2025; CEQA status - categorically exempt

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached interim ordinance and resolution to:

- a) Extend the interim parklet program for parklets and at-grade dining on the car-free portion of Ramona Street until March 31, 2025; or until outdoor dining standards are adopted for Ramona Street, whichever is sooner; and
- b) Implement license fees under the interim ordinance for this same section of Ramona Street for use of the right-of-way as previously established under the Ongoing Parklet Program.

BACKGROUND

Staff recommendations related to the parklet program were agendaized for Council action as a consent item on the June 3, 2024¹, City Council meeting agenda. At the June 3 meeting, Council asked for the item to be pulled from consent and added as a discussion item to the June 10 meeting. Staff issued a supplemental memo² to provide additional clarification, which was included in the June 10 agenda packet. However, the June 3 staff report, which contained the appropriate title and recommendation language for the ordinance and resolution, was inadvertently not included in the packet.

Since the June 10 Council agenda did not include explicit language about the adoption of an ordinance and resolution, Council voted on two of the three staff recommendations and deferred action on the staff recommendation related to the adoption of changes to the interim

¹ <https://portal.laserfiche.com/Portal/DocView.aspx?id=72169&repo=r-704298fc&searchid=4a91420b-2309-4be0-8740-c64ec0dbaad3>

² <https://portal.laserfiche.com/Portal/DocView.aspx?id=72812&repo=r-704298fc&searchid=9749d76a-9400-41f1-9350-b678897a25cb>

ordinance for parklets. Staff is now bringing back this recommendation for formal Council action, as discussed at the June 10 Council meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The recommended actions are categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA guidelines sections 15301 (existing facilities), 15303 (new construction or conversion of small structures), and 15304(e) (minor alterations to land).

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Interim Ordinance Extending At-grade and Parklet Dining on Ramona Street Closed to Vehicles through March 2025

Attachment B: Interim Parklet Resolution Extending the Interim Parklet Program through March 2025

APPROVED BY:

Ed Shikada, City Manager