

Resolution No. _____

Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Continuing the Pilot
Parklet Demonstration Program as Continued by Resolution 10158

R E C I T A L S

A. On June 23, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 9909 in response to COVID-19 and its effects on local businesses. Resolution 9909 created a Pilot Parklet Demonstration Program and also permitted the City Manager to temporarily close certain streets. At that time and since then, county and state regulations related to COVID-19 have limited or curtailed many indoor activities, including dining, bars, retail, and other recreational uses.

B. On June 7, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution 9962, which amended and restated Resolution 9909 on a non-emergency basis (among other changes).

C. On October 18, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution 9992, which amended and restated Resolution 9962 to continue the pilot program until June 30, 2022.

D. On May 9, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution 10036, which amended and restated Resolution 9962 to continue the pilot program until December 31, 2022.

E. On October 24, 2022 the City Council adopted Resolution 10081, which amended and restated Resolution 10036 to continue the pilot program until June 30, 2023.

F. On May 8, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution 10106, which amended and restated Resolution 10081 to continue pilot program through March 31, 2024.

G. On May 6, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution 10158, which amended and restated Resolution 10106 to continue the pilot program through July 31, 2024.

H. The City Council now desires to continue the pilot program through March 2025.

I. This Resolution, like its predecessors, implements a temporary parklet program authorized by Ordinance 5526 and its successor ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALO ALTO RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings and Declarations. The Council hereby adopts the above Recitals as findings of the Council.

SECTION 2. Pilot Parklet Program and Design Requirements. The City Council hereby approves the temporary use of on-street parking spaces in Palo Alto for parklets under the Pilot Parklet Demonstration Program as first described Resolution 9909 and continued by its successor resolutions.

- A. The Director of Public Works/City Engineer, or his or her designee (the “Director”), is delegated the authority to exercise their discretion to approve specific parklet locations, plans, designs, materials, and standards, and amendments thereto. The plans and designs shall be signed by the Director. Any existing parklet locations, plans, designs, materials, standards, and amendments to the Parklet Standards and Requirements approved by the Director under the authority of Resolution 9909 and/or its successors shall remain valid under the authority of this Resolution unless otherwise amended, rescinded, or modified in any other way.
- B. The Director is authorized to issue implementing guidelines and regulations for the Pilot Parklet Demonstration Program, and to approve amendments to the Parklet Standards and Requirements as the Director in his or her discretion deems necessary and proper. Any existing guidelines, regulations, or amendments issued by the Director under the authority of Resolution 9909 and/or its successors shall remain valid under the authority of this Resolution unless otherwise amended, rescinded, or modified in any other way.
- C. A valid encroachment permit issued under Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 12.12.010 is required to operate a parklet under this Program. The Director may approve a parklet application through issuance of an Encroachment Permit, subject to the general regulations in Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 12.12.010 and the following criteria and procedures:
 - 1. Use. Parklets shall be restricted to outdoor eating areas of eating establishments.
 - 2. Application and Review. A complete application for a parklet encroachment permit shall be reviewed by City staff for a determination as to whether such application complies with the

Parklet Standards and Requirements. The application shall include all information necessary for a determination on the application including, but not limited to a certificate of insurance and a hold harmless and indemnity agreement in favor of the City shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 12.08.120. The Director shall grant or deny the application.

3. Conditions. Conditions of approval may be imposed on parklet encroachment permits to maintain the public health, safety and welfare.
4. Revocation. The Director may revoke a parklet encroachment permit if he or she determines that the conditions of the permit, the provisions of this Resolution, or any applicable regulation, ordinance, or provision of the Municipal Code are being violated, or if the municipal use of the area is required for reasons of public health, safety, welfare or convenience. The permittee shall be notified of an intent to revoke the permit and shall be entitled to a hearing before the Director whose decision shall be final.
5. Existing Permits. Any parklet encroachment permit issued under the authority of Resolution 9909 and/or its successors shall remain valid under the authority of this Resolution unless such a permit is otherwise amended, revoked, or modified in any other way.

SECTION 3. Rules and Regulations. In addition to the authority given to the Director of Public Works and his or her designee in Section 2 of this Resolution, the City Manager is authorized to enact any rule or regulation or implementing guidelines to effectuate and implement this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Compliance with Other Regulations, Orders and Approvals. The uses of public and private property allowed in this Resolution shall be conducted in compliance with any applicable state or county mandate (including executive orders and health orders), and all other local, county, and state regulations, orders, and approvals, as applicable (collectively, "Applicable Law"). Any approval, allowance or permit to conduct such temporary outdoor use(s) shall be subject to revocation by the issuing City official if the use is conducted in violation of Applicable Law, or poses a threat to public health, safety or welfare.

SECTION 5. No Vested Rights. The uses allowed in this Resolution are temporary and shall be terminated upon the earlier of the date stated in the applicable permit/approval or the expiration of this Resolution, unless earlier revoked by the City Manager or other authorized official (or their designee) or terminated by action of the

City Council. The City may discontinue one or more, or all, of the allowed uses at any time if the City Manager or designee determines that the public health, safety or welfare warrant such action. Nothing in this Resolution shall establish a vested right.

SECTION 6. The Council finds that this Resolution is categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (existing facilities), 15303 (new construction of small facilities), and 15304(e) (minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment).

SECTION 7. This Resolution supersedes Resolution 10158. Any conflict between this Resolution and Resolution 10158 shall be resolved in favor of this Resolution.

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SECTION 8. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval and shall remain in effect until March 31, 2025 unless otherwise modified, repealed or extended by the City Council.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Assistant City Attorney

Mayor

APPROVED:

City Manager

Director of Public Works

Director of Planning and
Development Services