

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-067

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A TEMPORARY REDUCTION AND WAIVER OF CERTAIN PARKING FEES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

WHEREAS, in March 2020, following Governor Newsom's COVID-19 State of Emergency declaration, the County of Sonoma instituted the first of a series of health orders which, in part, limit business operations; and

WHEREAS, certain business operations are required to cease or dramatically reduce indoor operations, causing a collapse of revenue streams and the need to reduce workforce hours and staffing levels; and

WHEREAS, to assist businesses unable to operate or operating in a limited capacity, the City implemented policies and procedures allowing certain business operations to relocate indoor functions to exterior spaces within private property or in the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, additional assistance has been provided within the downtown parking district through the temporary reduction of certain parking user fees and a waiver of parking fees associated with outdoor seating areas; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, Council approved the waiver of hourly parking fees at the City's five public garages and all parking meter fees until the Shelter in Place Order was lifted for the City of Santa Rosa (RES-2020-059); and

WHEREAS, On June 16, 2020, Council approved the following parking user fee reductions effective July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 (RES-2020-087): (1) Parking meter rates in the Value Zone reduced to \$0.75/hour; (2) free parking at all five garages, Monday – Friday from 5 PM to 6 AM; (3) free parking at all five garages on Saturday and Sunday; (4) first hour of parking free at the 3rd Street, 5th Street and D Street garages (the 1st and 7th Street garages already have the first hour free); (5) one free metered parking session using the Passport mobile payment application, up to \$3.15 in value; and (6) waiver of meter reservation fees for temporary parklets, outdoor seating and retail to expand business footprint to meet physical distancing requirements related to COVID-19 health order; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2020, Council approved the extension of the following parking user fee reductions, effective January 1, 2021 until through June 30, 2021 or when Sonoma County reaches the Yellow Tier of the California state COVID-19 restriction levels, whichever comes first. (RES-2020-225): (1) free parking at all five garages, Monday – Friday from 5 PM to 6 AM; (2) free parking at all five garages on Saturday and Sunday; (3) first hour of parking free at the 3rd Street, 5th Street, and D Street garages (the 1st and 7th Street garages already have the first hour free); (4) one free metered parking session using the Passport mobile payment application, up to \$3.15 in value; and (5) waiver of meter reservation fees for temporary parklets, outdoor seating and retail to expand business footprint to meet physical distancing requirements related to COVID-19 health order; and

WHEREAS, it appears that Sonoma County may reach the Yellow Tier prior to June 30, 2021 and in order to continue supporting the downtown as it recovers from COVID-19 impacts, it is recommended that the same temporary reduction and waiver of certain parking user fees be extended through June 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approves Addendum 2 to the Schedule of Parking Fees - Reduced Parking Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval of Addendum 2 to the Schedule of Parking Fees replaces the prior reduced fee schedule approved by Council, Exhibit B attached to RES-2020-225

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 27th day of April, 2021.

AYES: (7) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor N. Rogers, Council Members Alvarez, Fleming, Sawyer, Schwedhelm, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney

Exhibit A – Addendum 2 to the Schedule of Parking User Fees Reduced Parking Fee Schedule Effective January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021