



Standing By Our Priorities: Setting Restrictions for the Use of City Property

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Our Responsibility

Ensuring Local Resources Serve the Entire Community



Allocating local personnel, funds, and property is a core responsibility of local government.

The City has a vested interest in ensuring that these resources are used to **serve all community members** supporting their ability to participate fully in civic life and daily activities.

Our Commitment

The City of Santa Rosa is steadfast in protecting the health, safety, civil rights, dignity, and sense of belonging for **all community members**.



- Declaration of the City of Santa Rosa as an “Indivisible City”
-Resolution RES-2017-017
- Opposed the separation of children and families
-Resolution RES-2018-119
- Urged Congressional Immigration Enforcement Oversight
-Resolution RES-2026-014

Chilling Effects of Recent Immigration Enforcement Actions on Cities' Ability to Deliver Local Services ³



Increased Fear & Uncertainty



Avoidance of Community Spaces



Reduced Use of Public Programs



Lower Civic Participation & Trust in Public Safety



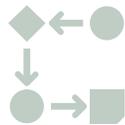
Impacts on Local Industries & Community Well-Being

Setting Clear Boundaries

This proposed ordinance will:



Prohibit use of City property without City authorization, except for spaces generally open to the public without authorization.



Prohibit City officials or employees from authorizing uses that disrupt City operations or discourage access to City services unless the use furthers a City purpose.



Authorize the City Attorney to pursue an injunction or other civil legal action for unauthorized or unlawful use of City property in violation of the Ordinance.



Reinforce the California Values Act and existing City policies by prohibiting City property from being used to assist in civil immigration enforcement.

Setting Clear Boundaries

This proposed ordinance *does not*:



Prohibit constitutionally protected speech or assembly.



Amend any existing legally binding agreement.



Restrict lawful public access to facilities traditionally open to the public.



Interfere with any federal officers' independent authority under federal law.



Limit enforcement of criminal laws unrelated to immigration status.

Add Chapter 13-40 Use of City Property

- a) “No person or entity may use City property owned or controlled by the City unless the use advances or promotes public programs or other purposes authorized by the City and the City has authorized the use. For purposes of this Chapter, City property means real property or personal property belonging to, or subject to the control of, the City or any of its departments, boards, or commissions.
- b) No City official, or employee, department, board, commission, or other authority shall authorize the use of City property if the use will disrupt City operations or discourage access to City services, unless the use furthers a City purpose.
- c) The use of City property to assist in the enforcement of Federal civil immigration law is not a City purpose.

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- d) The use of City property shall mean the right to occupy or use the property, to the exclusion of others, and shall include but not be limited to a license, permit to enter, use permit, or other similar instrument. It shall not mean non-exclusive access or use of City property traditionally open and available to the public where that access or use is on the same terms as members of the public and does not disrupt City operations.
- e) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to interfere with or inhibit any exercise of the constitutionally protected rights of freedom of speech or assembly or to prevent the use of, or access to, City property as required by law.
- f) The City Attorney is authorized to bring a cause of action for injunctive or other civil relief against any person or entity that violates this Chapter by using City property for an unlawful or unauthorized purpose.”

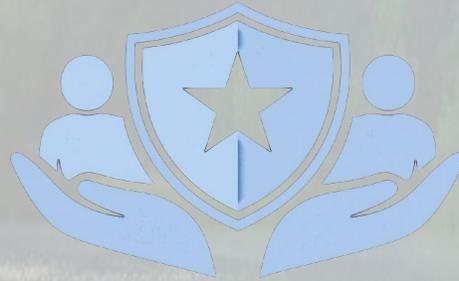
Keeping Our Commitment

Local Responsibility



Clear guidelines for City property and resource use

Public Safety

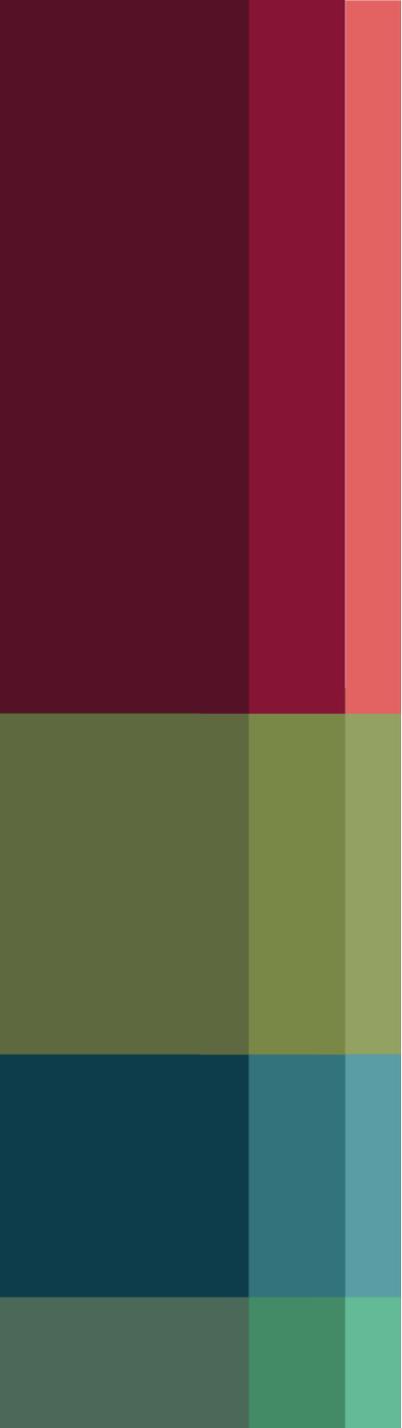


Enhancing operational consistency and safety

Community Trust



Fostering a healthy, stable, and inclusive environment



Discussion & Direction