

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-134

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING AT THE FIVE CITY OWNED PARKING GARAGES FIRST HOUR FREE PARKING AND FREE WEEKEND PARKING ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS FROM THE FIRST SATURDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING THROUGH NEW YEARS DAY ANNUALLY

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 were 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, the City provided assistance within the downtown parking district through the temporary reduction of certain parking user fees; 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, on April 27, 2021, Council approved the extension of the following parking user fee reductions, effective January 1, 2021 until through June 30, 2021 regardless of when Sonoma County reaches the Yellow Tier of the California state COVID-19 restriction levels

(RES-2021-067): (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, on June 22, 2021, Council approved the extension of the following parking user fee reductions, effective July 1, 2021 until through December 31, 2021 (RES-2021-114): (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, on December 14, 2021, Council approved an extension of the following parking user fee reductions, effective January 1, 2022 until through June 30, 2022 (RES-2021-233): (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, the City has five parking garages in the downtown Parking District; and

WHEREAS, the City currently offers first hour free parking at the Seventh Street garage (Garage 1) and the First Street garage (Garage 12); and

WHEREAS, the City currently offers free Sunday parking in the D Street and 5th Street Garages; and

WHEREAS, since 2017 the City has provided certain free weekend garage parking in the five downtown garages during the Holiday Season in connection with an original waiver of fees and then subsequent fee suspensions due to COVID; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to provide a consistent garage fee schedule to promote parking opportunities within the Parking District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa approves first hour free parking in all five City owned public parking garages beginning July 1, 2022, as set forth in Addendum #5 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council approves free holiday parking in all five City owned public parking garages on Saturdays and Sundays from Small Business Saturday, (the first Saturday after Thanksgiving) through New Year's Day, annually, as set forth in Addendum #5, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council approval of Addendum #5 to the Schedule of Parking Fees replaces Addendum 4, the prior reduced fee schedule approved by Council, as Exhibit A attached to RES-2021-233 and that Addendum #5 is effective from July 1, 2022 until any subsequent amendment by Council.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 21st day of June, 2022.

AYES: (6) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Members Fleming, MacDonald, N. Rogers, Schwedhelm

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Council Member Sawyer

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Deputy City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney

Exhibit A – Addendum #5 to the Schedule of Parking User Fees Parking Fee Schedule Effective July 1, 2022