

# City of Santa Rosa



## Legislation Details

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<b>Title:</b>	REPORT - COVID-19 RELATED PARKING USER FEE REDUCTIONS				

**BACKGROUND:** As part of the State's response to address the global COVID-19 outbreak, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 to formalize emergency actions across multiple state agencies and departments. The declaration required all residents within the State to immediately heed the State public health directives and shelter at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors.

Since March 2020, the County of Sonoma Health Officer has issued a series of health orders that in part limit business operations. This has resulted in reduced indoor operations, a collapse in revenue streams and reduced workforce hours.

On April 14, 2020, the City suspended parking fees. On June 16, 2020, the City Council approved resumption of paid parking and a variety of parking fee reductions and waivers intended to encourage activity and support the downtown economy. Specific waivers were implemented to remove the meter reservation fees associated with the placement of outdoor seating or parklets within existing areas designed as paid street parking. Council extended most of the parking fee reductions on December 15, 2020 to the earlier date of June 30, 2021 or when the County reaches the Yellow Tier of the State's COVID-19 restriction levels, whichever comes first. On April 27, 2021, Council approved extending the fee reductions to June 30, 2021, regardless of when the Yellow Tier was achieved.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council: 1) by motion, find good cause, under the Early Agenda Policy and the Open Government Ordinance, to consider this item, notwithstanding that the item did not appear on the preliminary agenda; and 2) by resolution, authorize an extension through December 31, 2021 of (a) the first hour free at the 3rd Street, 5th Street and D Street garages through December 31, 2021 (first hour is already free at the 1st and 7th Street garages), (b) one free metered parking session using the Passport mobile payment application, up to \$3.15 in value, to a maximum of \$31,500.00 since inception on July 1, 2020, and (c) A waiver of meter reservation fees for temporary parklets, outdoor seating and retail to expand business footprint to meet physical distancing requirements related to the COVID-19 health order.

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Indexes:** Not a Project

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**Attachments:** 1. Staff Report, 2. Resolution, 3. Exhibit A, 4. Exhibit A-FINAL, 5. Presentation, 6. Late Correspondence (Uploaded 6-22-2021)

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
6/22/2021	1	City Council	to approve	Pass
6/22/2021	1	City Council	to waive reading of the text and adopt	Pass