

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW  
RESOLUTION NO.  
SERIES 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW  
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 18470, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION  
NOS. 18489, 18496, AND 18547, TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING  
AND DESIGNATING PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS  
PURSUANT TO MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY CODE CHAPTER 19  
AND TEMPORARILY CLOSING THE 100, 200, 300, AND 400 BLOCKS OF  
CASTRO STREET PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE SECTION 21101  
TO FACILITATE OUTDOOR DINING AND OUTDOOR BUSINESS OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the Mountain View City Council adopted Resolution No. 18470 on June 9, 2020, and as amended by Resolution No. 18489, to temporarily close the 100, 200, 300, and 400 blocks of Castro Street, from West Evelyn Avenue to Mercy Street, to motor vehicle traffic, bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or transportation devices, with continued access across Castro Street at each of the side streets (“Castro Street Closure”) to facilitate the Outdoor Dining Program “Castro StrEATs”; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain View City Council adopted Resolution Nos. 18496 and 18547, on September 8, 2020 and April 13, 2021 respectively, to expand the Castro StrEATs program to Outdoor Business Operations and extend the program up to eight weeks after the termination of the local emergency declared on March 12, 2020, and ratified by Council on March 17, 2020, as determined by the Community Development and Public Works Directors; and

WHEREAS, the outdoor dining and outdoor business operations programs have allowed business activities in outdoor areas and provided critical assistance to allow businesses to reopen, remain open, and expand outdoor operations to help facilitate economic recovery during the local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the State of California adopted the “Blueprint for a Safer Economy,” which imposes restrictions on activities and business operations intended to slow the spread of COVID-19 during the pandemic, and the County of Santa Clara has progressed to the least restrictive Yellow Tier under the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, which allows most indoor business operations to open with modifications; and

WHEREAS, the State retired the Blueprint for a Safer Economy on June 15, 2021, as the COVID-19 hospitalization rates remain low and vaccination supply readily available, which resulted in a return to full capacity limits, removal of physical distancing

requirements and looser mask mandates, and the termination of the local emergency may occur in the near term; and

WHEREAS, the Castro StrEATs outdoor dining and outdoor business operations programs have been successful in facilitating the recovery of downtown businesses, and a majority of the surveyed users and participating businesses support continuation of the programs; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to continue to support businesses in downtown Mountain View as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic as the states of emergency terminate, the City desires to extend the Castro Street Closure through Monday, January 3, 2022, with Castro Street reopening to traffic as early as January 4, 2022, but no later than Tuesday, January 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, extending the Castro Street Closure allows businesses participating in the outdoor dining program to continue to utilize the outdoor areas through Monday, January 3, 2022 for economic recovery even after termination of the local emergency, as recovery efforts continue and regular business operations resume; and provides additional time for removal of participants' equipment from the right-of-way and reinstatement of needed equipment and traffic improvements for use of the street by through traffic; and

WHEREAS, extension of the Castro Street Closure also allows businesses participating in the Sidewalk Café Program, for which the license renewal requirements pursuant to Mountain View City Code Section 36.42 have been temporarily suspended by a separate resolution of the City Council, adequate time to submit the Sidewalk Café Program license renewal requirements following the termination of the local emergency and closing of the outdoor dining program in order to resume outdoor business operations under the Sidewalk Café Program; and

WHEREAS, because the 400 block has been underutilized for the Castro StrEATs program due to the constraints of maintaining fire access in the southbound lane and to gain improved access to businesses located along this block of Castro Street, it is desired to terminate the street closure along the 400 block of Castro Street no later than July 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 21101 permits local authorities, by resolution, to temporarily close a portion of any street for celebrations, parades, local special events, or other purposes when the closing is necessary for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the temporary closing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mountain View hereby amends Resolution No. 18470, as amended by Resolution Nos. 18489, 18496, and 18547, to remain in effect through Monday, January 17, 2022, for the 100, 200, and 300 blocks of Castro Street, unless extended by the City Council, and terminate the street closure, with reinstatement of parking restrictions designated in Table 19.96B, One-Hour Parking Zones, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., set forth in Resolution No. 18250, along the 400 block of Castro Street no later than July 9, 2021 based upon public health and safety considerations, as determined by the Public Works Director.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mountain View hereby authorizes the Public Works Director, based upon public health and safety considerations, to reopen Castro Street to through traffic any time, on or after January 4, 2022, but no later than Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Except as amended set forth herein, Resolution Nos. 18470, 18489, 18496, and 18547 shall remain in full force and effect.

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