

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2020

A RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY AUTHORIZE
SAFE PARKING OPERATIONS 24 HOURS A DAY
IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain View is committed to addressing the pressing issue of housing in our community, and has identified a significant need for emergency sheltering and temporary measures such as safe parking for people living in vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in September 2019, the City Council adopted a safe parking ordinance to provide homeless individuals and families living in vehicles a temporary, safe place to park overnight, which limited safe parking hours of operation to the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, Mountain View City Council proclaimed a state of emergency on March 17, 2020 in response to COVID-19, following the World Health Organization's escalation of COVID-19 to a pandemic, and declarations of states of emergency have been made at the County, State, and Federal level to slow the spread of the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City has taken a number of steps to proactively respond to and implement solutions that address the needs of the homeless and residents living in vehicles during the COVID-19 crisis, including safe parking, testing, and basic services for the homeless in partnership with our the Santa Clara County-Office of Supportive Housing, Community Services Agency (CSA), Hope's Corner, and MOVE-Mountain View; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2020, the City Council authorized a pilot safe parking program in collaboration with the County of Santa Clara to operate 24 hours, seven days per week ("24/7 basis"), which the City extended and expanded to both City safe parking lots in response to the evolving public health crisis in March of 2020; and

WHEREAS, operation of the City lots on a 24/7 basis served to dramatically expand capacity and utilization of the lots, with the need for services growing during the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, operation of safe parking lots on a 24/7 basis is effective for addressing the urgent need for sheltering in place, and providing temporary essential services due to the COVID-19 pandemic by promoting compliance with the County's

directive to stay at home as much as possible, and allowing safe parking participants to remain in one place on a 24/7 basis; providing buffers between vehicles that results in compliance with public health directives regarding social distancing; providing greater access to, and flexibility in, receiving both required safe parking services and those voluntarily provided (some of which are primarily provided in response to COVID-19), including hygiene services with portable restrooms and hand wash stations, trash facilities, distribution of masks, hygiene kits, and hand sanitizer, mobile medical unit visits, COVID-19 testing, grocery store gift card distribution, and volunteer food deliveries; and providing greater access to case management services, thereby protecting health and safety; and

WHEREAS, to help protect life and property in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City desires to authorize the temporary allowance of 24 hours, seven days per week safe parking; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mountain View authorizes safe parking operations 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Compliance with all other City Code requirements and regulations as it relates to safe parking remain in effect.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately, and shall remain in effect until the earlier of the termination of the declared local emergency plus 30 days, or June 30, 2021, unless extended by City Council.

HR/4/RESO
613-09-08-20r