CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW RESOLUTION NO. SERIES 2020

AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 18470 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 TO MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE SECTION 21101 TO FACILITATE OUTDOOR DINING

WHEREAS, the Mountain View City Council adopted <u>Resolution 18470</u> on June 9, 2020 to temporarily close the 100, 200, 300, and 400 blocks of Castro Street (from West Evelyn Avenue to Mercy Street) to vehicular traffic with continued motor vehicle access across Castro Street at each of the side streets ("Castro Street Closure") to facilitate the Outdoor Dining Program "Castro Summer StrEATS" in an effort to support businesses in downtown Mountain View as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, response to which the City proclaimed a state of emergency on March 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, the Health Officer of the County of Santa Clara issued an order effective June 5, 2020 authorizing the use of outdoor dining, and on May 12, 2020, the State issued COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Dine-In (updated July 29, 2020), which prioritizes outdoor seating and curbside pickup to minimize cross flow of customers in enclosed environments; and participating businesses operate under the County of Santa Clara Public Health Order and State's guidelines;

WHEREAS, the Castro Summer StrEATS program operates as a largely pedestrian area to accommodate outdoor dining patrons with a designated pedestrian walkway in the street to provide adequate space for pedestrians and dining customers to practice social distancing;

WHEREAS, the Mountain View City Code prohibits the operation of a bicycle, electric bicycle, or transportation device (as defined in Section 19.51 of the Mountain View City Code to mean roller skates (including in-line skates), skateboards (including one (1) wheeled skateboards), electric personal assistive mobility devices (EPAMDs), and electrically motorized boards) upon sidewalks on Castro Street between Central Expressway and High School Way/Yosemite Avenue, with children 10 years and under exempt, pursuant to <u>Chapter 19</u>, <u>Article VI</u> of the Mountain View City Code and Resolution 18304;

WHEREAS, the California Vehicle Code (CVC) prohibits the operation of a motorized scooter upon a sidewalk except as may be necessary to enter or leave adjacent property pursuant to <u>CVC Section 21235(g)</u>;

WHEREAS, riding bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and Transportation Devices through the closed blocks of Castro Street, including the dining areas and designated pedestrian walkway in the street, has resulted in social distancing and safety concerns for pedestrians and dining patrons;

WHEREAS, to facilitate the Castro Summer StrEATS program, the City desires to close the 100, 200, 300, and 400 blocks of Castro Street (from West Evelyn Avenue to Mercy Street) to bicycles, electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and Transportation Devices with continued access across Castro Street at each of the side streets ("Castro Street Closure"); 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 the first resolved clause of Resolution No. 18470 to read as follows:

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mountain View that the 100, 200, 300, and 400 blocks of Castro Street, which are located between Evelyn Avenue and Villa Street, Villa Street and Dana Street, Dana Street and California Street, and California Street and Mercy Street, are hereby closed to any and all vehicular, bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, and transportation device (as defined in Mountain View City Code Section 19.51) traffic, with children 10 years and under exempt from the prohibition as applied to a bicycle, electric bicycle, or transportation device, and with continued access by said devices across Castro Street at each of the side streets, in accordance with California Vehicle Code Section 21101(e) to facilitate the temporary Outdoor Dining Program; and"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby amends the title of Resolution No. 18470 to read as follows:

"A Resolution 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." Except as amended set forth herein, Resolution No. 18470 shall remain in full force and effect.

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