

**RESOLUTION NO. 16142**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF BROADWAY STREET FOR THE STUDY OF ESTABLISHING A PEDESTRIAN MALL**

**WHEREAS**, California Vehicle Code section 21101(e) authorizes the adoption of rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution on temporarily closing a portion of any street for celebrations, parades, local special events, and 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; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 25, 2022, the City Council ("City Council") of the City of Redwood City ("City") adopted an ordinance amending Redwood City Municipal Code Chapter 29 to add the Outdoor Business Activity Program for parklets and sidewalk cafes (the "Program"); and

**WHEREAS**, City Council's approval of the Program included adoption of the Outdoor Business Activity Guidelines ("Program Guidelines") which include an application checklist, design templates for different street configurations, overview of the permit review and approval process, design components, and additional design requirements and special considerations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Program Guidelines contemplate specific designs for parklets proposed on streets the City has permanently closed to vehicular through traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pedestrian Mall Law of 1960 ("Act") (Streets & Highways Code section 11000, et. seq.) expressly grants municipalities the power to create a "pedestrian mall" which is defined to mean one or more city streets, or portions thereof, on which vehicular traffic is or is to be restricted; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has expressed an interest in evaluating the potential for a permanent closure on the 2000 block of Broadway utilizing the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to initiating the procedure to establish a pedestrian mall, the City must adopt a resolution of intention that contains a general description of the improvements proposed, and a statement of the source or sources of moneys proposed to be used to pay the costs and expenses of such improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff intend to use the next year to study the permanent closure of the 2000 block of Broadway, between Jefferson and Main, test the area's configuration, and consider potential improvements and measures to address potential operational and logistical concerns, prior to proposing permanent closure under the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, California Vehicle Code section 21101(e) authorizes the adoption of rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution on temporarily closing a portion of any street for celebrations, parades, local special events, and 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to establish a Pilot Program temporarily closing the 2000 block of Broadway as shown on Exhibit A through June 30, 2024, prior to considering permanent closure under the Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The above recitals are accurate, constitute findings in this matter, and are hereby incorporated into this reference.

**SECTION 2.** CEQA. The proposed activity falls within the scope of CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) (3), in that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question, namely street closures to facilitate outdoor business activity, will have a significant effect on the environment. Separately and independently, even if the activity constituted a project under CEQA, it would be exempt as set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, because the use of existing streets, sidewalks, and private property for outdoor business activity constitutes a minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment.

**SECTION 3.** The City Council hereby establishes the Pilot Program for temporary closure of Broadway Street as identified on Exhibit A for a period not to extend beyond June 30, 2024, and hereby authorizes the City Manager to effectuate the temporarily closure for seven (7) days a week, or for shorter periods of time as determined by the City Manager, through June 30, 2024. The City Manager is further authorized to reopen the street identified in Exhibit A at an earlier date.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution will become effective upon adoption.

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Passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Redwood City at a  
Joint City Council/Successor Agency Board/Public Financing Authority Meeting  
thereof held on the 12th day of June 2023 by the following votes:

AYES: Aguirre, Eakin, Howard, Sturken and Mayor Gee

NOES: None

ABSENT: Espinoza-Garnica

ABSTAINED: Martinez Saballos

RECUSED: None



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Jeff Gee  
Mayor of the City of Redwood City

Attest:



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Pamela Aguilar, CMC  
City Clerk of Redwood City

I hereby approve the foregoing resolution this  
14<sup>th</sup> day June 2023.



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Jeff Gee  
Mayor of the City of Redwood City