

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

**A RESOLUTION REDUCING THE FEE FOR A CONDITONAL USE PERMIT –
MINOR EXCEPTION (ADMINISTRATIVE) FOR DRIVEWAY WIDTH INCREASES**

WHEREAS, Article XIII B of the California Constitution and Chapter 11B of the Salinas City Municipal Code allow fees to be charges for governmental services to recover all costs reasonably borne in providing regulation, products, or service; and

WHEREAS, in October 2015, City Council adopted an updated Fee Schedule based on a Comprehensive Fee Study prepared by Willdan Financial Services, which included a fee for Conditional Use Permit (CUP – Minor Exception (Admin)); and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2019, Zoning Code Amendment 2019-006 was introduced to City Council to amend the Zoning Code to allow driveway width increase, subject to approval of an Administrative Conditional Use Permit (CUP); and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2019, the Finance Committee recommended a further reduction to the then processing fee of \$869.91 to an amount closer to \$500.00 for a six-month period and based upon this guidance, the forty percent reduction to \$521.94 was presented to City Council at its December 3, 2019 meeting; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2019, the Salinas City Council adopted Ordinance 2627 as a part of Zoning Code Amendment 2019-006 allowing for driveway width expansions for single family dwelling units; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2019, the Salinas City Council held a duly noticed public hearing and approved a fee reduction for a CUP – Minor Exception (Administrative) for a six-month period; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2020, the Salinas City Council held a duly noticed public hearing and approved a resolution extending the fee reduction for a CUP – Minor Exception (Administrative) until December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2021, the Salinas City Council approved a City-wide fee increase, including the processing fee for a Conditional Use Permit – Minor Exception (Administrative); and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021 at a duly noticed public hearing, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing to consider a permanent fee reduction for a Conditional Use Permit – Minor Exception (Administrative); and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interest to encourage compliance among the significant number of property owners who have already widened their driveways in violation of current regulations and establishing a discounted fee will incentivize conformance to the regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Salinas City Council that the fee for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) – Minor Exception (Administrative) is hereby reduced by approximately forty-one percent (41%) to \$521.94 until such time the City Council increases said fee.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of September 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Kimbley Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia Barajas, City Clerk