

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

A RESOLUTION REDUCING THE FEE FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – MINOR EXCEPTION (ADMIN) FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS

WHEREAS, Article XIII B of the California Constitution and Chapter 11B of the Salinas City Municipal Code allow fees to be charged 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 a Conditional Use Permit (CUP); and

WHEREAS, City Council expressed support of the amendment, but general concern about the cost of processing the CUP for the driveway width increase determined to be a Minor Exception (Admin) and requested staff evaluate a possible fee reduction; and

WHEREAS, on November 4th, the Finance Committee recommended a further reduction to the current 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 December 3, 2019, the Salinas City Council held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the proposed amendment to the fee for a CUP - Minor Exception (Admin) and has considered the proposed reduction for a six-month period; 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 for a six-month term 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 (Admin) is hereby reduced by forty percent (40%) to \$521.94 for a period of six-months and that after expiration of this six month period, the fee will automatically revert back to the current rate of \$869.91 without the need for further action by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of December 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk