



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: DECEMBER 9, 2025

DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FROM: LISA BRINTON, DIRECTOR

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TITLE: RATIFICATION OF THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF DEMOLITION SERVICES AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH RANDAZZO ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 34, 36, AND 38 SOLEDAD STREET

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution

1. Ratifying the emergency purchase of demolition services from Randazzo Enterprises, Inc. for the demolition 34, 36, and 38 Soledad Street; and
2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Services with Randazzo Enterprises, Inc. for emergency demolition of 34, 36, and 38 Soledad Street for a total compensation amount not to exceed \$327,109 from October 17, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The recommended motion authorizes the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Services with Randazzo Enterprises, Inc. for the emergency demolition of 34, 36, and 38 Soledad Street in the Chinatown neighborhood following a fire on September 22, 2025. Due to the urgent need to prevent injury or loss of life that could result from collapse of the remaining structure, the City Manager authorized the emergency purchase of demolition services from Randazzo Enterprises, Inc. Section 18 of the City's purchasing policy and Section 12-24 of the City Code allow the City Manager to approve emergency purchases with subsequent City Council ratification. Regional Early Action Plan grant funds will be used to cover emergency demolition services.

BACKGROUND:

At approximately 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2025, a fire began inside 38 Soledad Street, Salinas, CA, a boarded-up building located on city-owned property. Due to the condition of the building and status of the fire, the Fire Department determined it was not safe to enter the structure and established a defensive position to monitor the fire and ensure it did not spread to neighboring

structures. No persons were injured in the fire, but 38 Soledad Street was destroyed, and the adjoining city-owned buildings, 36 and 34 Soledad Street were damaged.

The Chief Building Official and Code Enforcement Manager determined that the remaining portions of the building were not structurally sound and posed a danger to the public due to the potential for collapse of the remaining building materials. The Community Development Department secured the site with temporary fencing and solicited a proposal for the demolition of the remaining structures from Randazzo Enterprises, which was received on Thursday, October 9, 2025.

On October 17, 2025, the City Manager authorized the emergency purchase of demolition services from Randazzo Enterprises, Inc, pursuant to Section 18 of the City's purchasing policy and Section 12-24 of the City Code, due to the urgent need to prevent injury or loss of life that could result from collapse of the remaining structure. Demolition took place November 5, to November 14, 2025.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The City of Salinas has determined that the emergency project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15269, Class C) because the project is needed to protect the public safety following a catastrophic building fire.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:

Yes.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The demolition of 34, 36, and 38 Soledad Street supports the City Council's Vision and Strategic Goals related to Public Safety by responding to an emergency and taking action to ensure public safety. Removal of the fire damaged buildings also support the Economic Development goal of revitalizing blighted areas.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The City's Community Development Department coordinated with the Fire Department, City Attorney, Finance Department, and City Manager's office on this project.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Funding for this Agreement for Services is from the City's Regional Early Action Planning Grant. Fund 2953 has \$609,128.74 available in Outside Professional Services (30.3111-63.5010) to cover cost of emergency demolition services.

Fund	General Ledger Number (Operating/CIP)	General Ledger Account Name	Remaining Budget Appropriation	Amount Requested
2953	30.3111-63.5010	Outside Professional Services	\$609,128	\$327,109

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Agreement for Services
3. Memorandum requesting emergency demolition of 34, 36, and 38 Soledad Street