

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

**RESOLUTION BY THE SALINAS CITY COUNCIL TO ISSUE AND EXTEND
COVID-19 OUTDOOR ACTIVITY PERMITS AND PERMIT FEE WAIVER FOR,
BINGO/CARD ROOMS, GYMS AND RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY UNTIL
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Salinas City Council approved Resolution No. 21805 declaring the existence of a local emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 21805, consistent with Government Code section 8634, vested authority in the Director of Emergency Services (City Manager) to issue and to enforce orders and regulations to mitigate the effects of the local emergency on and as necessary for the protection of life and property during the local emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority the Director of Emergency Services issued Order No. 05-2020 related to the deferral of Temporary Use of Land Permit and Encroachment Permit fees for outdoor restaurant operations, Order No. 06-2020 related to the deferral of Temporary Use of Land Permit and Encroachment Permit fees for outdoor business activities through October 1, 2020, and Order No. 07-2020 related to outdoor cardroom operations; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2636 approved Bingo operations subject to the restrictions in Article VI of Chapter 5 of the Salinas Municipal Code may, with the temporary suspension of section 5-06.09(a), operate at a different location than their regular place of business provided they do so consistent with the most-current guidelines and best practices of the Centers for Disease Control and the California Department of Public Health promulgated to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 21948 approved the continued deferral of fees for Temporary Use of Land Permit and Encroachment Permits for outdoor business activities through June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 22049 authorized the City Manager or his designee to extend outdoor activity permits every six-months and associated permit fees shall be waived until the region returns to the Yellow tier; and

WHEREAS, effective June 2, 2021, Monterey County moved into the Yellow Tier and the State set June 15, 2021 as the date it intends to move beyond the “Blueprint for a Safer Economy” tier system with all sectors listed in the current Blueprint Activities and Business Tiers Chart being able to return to usual operations; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 22146 1) authorized outdoor activity permits for restaurants, bars, and COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinics be issued and extended to December 31, 2021 provided outdoor operations are being conducted as approved under the permit and liability insurance is in place through the end of 2021; 2) waived associated outdoor activity permit fees until December 31, 2021; and 3) mandated that other currently permitted COVID-19 outdoor activities such as bingo/card rooms, gyms, and religious assembly cease temporary outdoor operations and remove all associated furniture, equipment and structures by August 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 cases tied to the Delta variant continues to rise in areas across the nation, state and county and numbers are expected to continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, continued issuance and extension of Temporary Use of Land Permit and Encroachment Permit fees to operation of outdoor operations for bingo/card rooms, gyms, and religious assembly provides for continued business and religious activities, while following COVID-19 safety and protocol measures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salinas City Council:

1. Authorizes outdoor activity permits for bingo/card rooms, gyms, and religious assembly be issued and extended to December 31, 2021 provided outdoor operations are being conducted as approved under the permit and liability insurance is in place through the end of 2021; and
2. Authorizes associated outdoor activity permit fees to continue to be waived until December 31, 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of September 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Kimbley Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk