

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHULA VISTA APPROVING A GRANT PROGRAM TO
REIMBURSE THIRD AVENUE BUSINESSES FOR COSTS
ASSOCIATED WITH THE DESIGN, PERMITTING AND
CONSTRUCTION OF CURB CAFÉS AND SIDEWALK CAFÉS;
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council approved Chula Vista's COVID-19 90-Day Economic Recovery Plan (Plan); and

WHEREAS, one feature of the Plan was the establishment of a no-fee permit that allowed businesses on Third Avenue between E and G Streets to encroach into the public right-of-way, where feasible, for expanded business operations; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020, the City Council formalized a process to allow for these expanded operations in the public right-of-way through the approval and creation of a ministerial permit process; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom announced a fully reopened economy and lifted of pandemic executive orders; and

WHEREAS, Chula Vista's economy has not fully recovered from the impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, businesses could benefit from continued use of outdoor areas and customers have become accustomed to outdoor business expansions; and

WHEREAS, the City will be abandoning the existing permit process and terminating existing encroachments into the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution would authorize the Director of Economic Development, in conjunction with the Director of Public Works, City Engineer, and Director of Development Services, to develop a subsequent permit process for curb cafés and sidewalk cafés on Third Avenue through July 31, 2023 and authorize the Director of Economic Development to continue to develop and implement grant program guidelines that are consistent with the staff report for this action; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the City will receive fifty-seven million dollars (\$57 million) in American Rescue Plan Act funds; and

WHEREAS, this action would approve an appropriation of \$300,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act funds received to fund the grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista that it:

1. Approves a grant program to reimburse Third Avenue businesses for costs associated with the design, permitting, and construction of curb cafés and sidewalk cafés.
2. Authorizes the Director of Economic Development, in conjunction with the Director of Public Works, City Engineer, and Director of Development Services, to develop a permit process for curb cafés and sidewalk cafés on Third Avenue through July 31, 2023.
3. Authorizes the Director of Economic Development to continue to develop and implement guidelines for the grant program that are consistent with this action, best practices, and all applicable laws and regulations.
4. Appropriates three-hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the City's American Rescue Plan Act funds to the City's Economic Development Administration fund to provide funding for the grant program.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

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