

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA TO SUSPEND THE COLLECTION OF PARKING FEES FOR PREFERENTIAL PARKING GUEST PASSES, OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITS, AND PARKING IN CITY GARAGE FACILITIES, FOR VEHICLES REGISTERED AT ADDRESSES DAMAGED OR DESTROYED IN THE EATON FIRE

WHEREAS, windstorms of extraordinary magnitude and widespread fires that began on January 7, 2025 (“Eaton Fire”) have simultaneously impacted the City of Pasadena and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, these conditions, which are ongoing, include dangerous gusts of wind over 80 miles per hour and wind-driven and destructive wildfires, causing extensive interruption of utilities and other critical services to the community, as well as widespread damage to infrastructure, structures, and roads; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2025, the City Manager issued a Declaration of Local Emergency in accordance with Chapter 2.370 of the Pasadena Municipal Code. The state of emergency, ratified by the City Council on January 13, 2025, is presently in effect; and

WHEREAS, residential structures in several areas throughout the City and surrounding areas have sustained major damage and continue to be threatened by the windstorms and fires; and

WHEREAS, residential structures that are still standing but that have sustained damage may continue to be uninhabitable due to utility interruption, contamination by hazardous materials, damage to infrastructure including roadways, and other safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have necessitated the evacuation and relocation of residents throughout the region, relying on temporary housing in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City owns and/or operates public parking facilities across the City, and regulates on street parking in residential areas during the daytime in preferential parking permit zones, and at night with overnight permits, available to residents according to Pasadena Municipal Code Title 10; and

WHEREAS, the City temporarily suspended enforcement of parking restrictions due to the emergency windstorms and fire conditions, and resumed enforcement of safety-related parking violations on January 13, 2025 to ensure access to driveways, fire hydrants, and red curb areas; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Transportation has broad authority to prepare rules and procedures for implementation of preferential parking permits, daytime parking, and overnight parking permits, pursuant to Municipal Code sections 10.41.030, 10.42.050, and 10.44.030; and

WHEREAS, during emergency situations, issuance of permits for temporary daytime parking is authorized under Municipal Code section 10.42.150, and issuance of permits for temporary overnight parking is authorized under Municipal Code section 10.44.130; and

WHEREAS, the General Fee Schedule for fiscal year 2025 was adopted by the City Council on June 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to alleviate the strain of parking restrictions and fees in the City for those displaced by the Eaton Fire in accordance with recommendations from staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Suspending Collection of Parking Fees. Fees for temporary preferential parking permits and temporary overnight parking permits, along with fees for the use of City garage facilities, are temporarily suspended for vehicles registered at addresses that were damaged or destroyed in the Eaton Fire.

Section 3. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until March 1, 2025, or such time as the City Council adopts a subsequent resolution to extend the time during which temporary alterations to the enforcement of parking restrictions are in effect.

Adopted at the special meeting of the City Council on the 23rd day of January, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

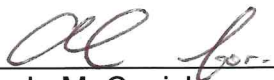
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mark Jomsky
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Amanda M. Cusick
Deputy City Attorney