

Resolution No. 2016-01-12-1206

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REDUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS LOCATED WITHIN “GREATER DOWNTOWN STOCKTON”

The City Council of the City of Stockton (City) adopted Stockton Municipal Code section 16.72.260 creating and establishing the authority for imposing and charging Public Facilities Fees on new development; and

In October 2008, the City entered into a settlement agreement with the State Attorney General and Sierra Club, where among other things, the City agreed, via Council adoption of policies or programs in its General Plan, to set policies to enable and encourage at least 4,400 new housing units in “Greater Downtown Stockton” (defined as land generally bound by Harding Way, Charter Way/Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Pershing Avenue, and Wilson Way), approve 3,000 of those units by 2020, and provide incentives to promote infill development in “Greater Downtown Stockton;” and

On September 14, 2010, the City Council passed a resolution reducing certain public facilities fees as part of Stockton’s Economic Recovery Incentive Program including an exemption for certain public facilities fees for residential projects in the “Greater Downtown Area;” and

On November 16, 2010, the Council adopted a resolution adding multi-family projects to the existing Economic Recovery Incentive Program, which was to sunset on December 31, 2012; and

The City adopted an Economic Development Strategic Plan in February 2015, which outlines the creation of incentives and tools to stimulate infill development and support Downtown revitalization; and

The economic conditions within the City are improving however very little new development has taken place in the Greater Downtown Area; and

The unemployment rate in the City continues to decline but still remains higher than the State as well as the national unemployment rate; and

In August 2015, the Mayor introduced the Stockton Economic Stimulus Plan (SESP), for City Council consideration which was adopted by the Council on November 17, 2015; and

Also on November 17, 2015, the Council extended the current Commercial and Industrial fee reduction program but the extension of the "Greater Downtown Area" residential fee exemption program was inadvertently overlooked; and

Although the 2010 residential and non-residential reductions were subsequently extended on three separate occasions, they are now set to expire upon implementation of the Stockton Economic Stimulus Plan; and

The City Council of the City of Stockton desires to implement an extension of certain Public Facilities Fee Reductions connected to the Greater Downtown Area that expired on December 31, 2015, in order to provide a distinct competitive advantage for downtown which was encouraged in the Economic Development Strategic Plan; and

The extension of certain Public Facilities Fees in the Greater Downtown Area will stimulate new development, attract new businesses, improve the unemployment rate, and continue to stimulate the local economy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. For new residential development within the "Greater Downtown Area", the following Public Facilities Fees shall be exempt for:

- a. City Office Space
- b. Community Recreation Centers
- c. Libraries
- d. Police Stations
- e. Street Improvements
- f. Fire Stations
- g. Parkland

This program will automatically sunset on December 31, 2018, unless extended by the City Council.

2. The Public Facility Fee Administrative Fee will increase to 3.5%, in alignment with the citywide Public Facility Fee Administrative Fee.

3. All other provisions of the Public Facilities Fees Program shall remain in full force and effect.

4. These fee reductions shall take effect immediately upon adoption and apply to applicable building permits issued after the effective date and before the sunset date.

5. The Public Facility Fee Administrative Fee shall go into effect sixty (60) days after the date of adoption and apply to all building permits issued after the effective date and before the sunset date.

6. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take whatever actions are appropriate and necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED January 12, 2016.

for 
ANTHONY SILVA
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:


BONNIE PAIGE
City Clerk of the City of Stockton

