

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Introduced By Council Member _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD
ESTABLISHING A WAIVER OF SIDEWALK-RELATED ENCROACHMENT
PERMIT FEES AND ESTABLISHING HARDSHIP SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM
FOR QUALIFYING LOW-INCOME PROPERTY OWNERS

WHEREAS, the City of Hayward's sidewalk infrastructure is considered a significant asset that impacts the quality of life for those who live and work in Hayward; and

WHEREAS, areas of sidewalk damage present accessibility challenges for Hayward residents who use wheelchairs, strollers, or other mobility devices; and

WHEREAS, hazardous sidewalk conditions can lead to injuries, which can result in claims and lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hayward wishes to increase the number of annual voluntary sidewalk damage repairs performed by property owners; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hayward routinely offers no-cost encroachment permits to property owners seeking to repair sidewalks following notification from the Maintenance Services Department or the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hayward recognizes that some low-income property owners may not be able to afford sidewalk repairs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hayward wishes to establish Financial Hardship Sidewalk Repair Program for qualifying low-income property owners to ensure that repairing a sidewalk does not place undue pressure on low-income property owners; and

WHEREAS, in establishing this program, the City of Hayward will support the improved condition of sidewalk infrastructure in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward, finds the above recitals to be true and correct and by this reference makes them a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby directed to continue and formalize the practice of waiving the cost of encroachment permits for the purpose of sidewalk repairs where property owners are directed to seek such a permit waiver by the Maintenance Services Department or the Department of Public Works following inspection of unsafe sidewalk conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby directed to establish a Financial Hardship Sidewalk Repair Program for qualifying City of Hayward property owners up to an annual expenditure cap of \$30,000 to be funded by non-General Fund and non-enterprise fund monies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the qualifications for this program shall be established by the City Manager and may include proof of participation in one or more means-tested programs, including but are not limited to, CalFresh and PG&E California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE).

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2025

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
 City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney for the City of Hayward