

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA ADOPTING SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 12 TO THE OLD TOWN SPECIFIC PLAN TO EXTEND BY ONE YEAR THE OUTDOOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT PILOT PROGRAM AND MAKE A FINDING OF EXEMPTION UNDER CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(B)(3), (LONG RANGE PROJECT NO. LR25-0135)**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Findings. The City Council of the City of Temecula does hereby find, determine and declare that:

A. The City Council directed staff to allow outdoor live entertainment in the Old Town Specific Plan, and Resolution No. 2024-54 was adopted on July 9<sup>th</sup> of 2024 allowing said entertainment with a sunset clause of August 8, 2025.

B. The City Council desires to continue the outdoor live entertainment in Old Town, the City Council directed staff to extend by one year the outdoor live entertainment program in the Old Town Specific Plan in an effort to continue to provide more entertainment options in Old Town, with a new sunset date of August 8, 2026 included.

**Section 2.** Procedural Findings. The City Council of the City of Temecula does hereby find, determine, and declare that:

A. On July 22, 2025, the City Council, at a regular meeting, considered the Resolution at a duly noticed public hearing, as prescribed by law, at which time the City Staff and interested persons had an opportunity to and did testify either in support or opposition to this matter. Following the public hearing, the City Council considered the entire record of information received at the public hearings before the City Council.

**Section 3.** Further Findings. The City Council of the City of Temecula in approving the proposed Municipal Code amendments hereby makes the following additional findings as required by Section 17.16.020.

A. The proposed Specific Plan amendment will extend by one year a pilot program that will allow outdoor live entertainment in Old Town. The General Plan Land Use Element, as noted on page LU-26, anticipates that the City will provide comprehensive planning of large areas and identifies the Old Town Specific Plan as a specific plan area. The proposed Specific Plan Amendment is consistent with the General Plan Land Use Element Goal 7 of having “A viable, high-quality Old Town Temecula area that enhances the City economically, preserves historic structures, and provides civic, cultural, shopping, and meeting and gathering places for tourists

and residents.” Allowing live entertainment will further the goal of providing cultural gathering places for tourists and residents.

B. The proposed specific plan amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience or welfare of the city.

The proposed Specific Plan Amendment has been reviewed pursuant to the City’s General Plan and all applicable State laws and has been found to be consistent with the policies, guidelines, standards and regulations intended to ensure that the live entertainment will be conducted in a manner consistent with the public health, safety and welfare.

C. The subject property is physically suitable for the requested land use designations and the anticipated land use developments.

The Old Town Specific Plan consists of approximately 153 acres, and the subject area of the Specific Plan Amendment (the Downtown Core district) comprises approximately 48 acres of the Specific Plan. As outlined in the Land Use Element of the City’s General Plan (page LU-32), the purpose of Specific Plans is to provide a comprehensive planning document for large areas so that a coordinated planning approach is provided for all anticipated land use developments. As such, the entire Specific Plan area has been reviewed based on existing structures and future build out potential and is physically suitable for the land use designations provided by the Old Town Specific Plan. The Specific Plan amendment does not make any revisions to the land uses allowed in the Old Town Specific Plan. Instead, it will allow existing businesses to provide outdoor live entertainment.

D. The proposed specific plan amendment shall ensure development of desirable character which will be compatible with existing and proposed development in the surrounding neighborhood.

As identified within the City’s General Plan Land Use Element, page LU-30, Old Town Temecula is a strong identification point for the City and the City desires to ensure that Old Town remains a focal point for social, cultural, civic, tourist and economic development activities. The Old Town Specific Plan was originally adopted to support and complement the desirable character of Temecula’s downtown and the proposed Amendment to the Old Town Specific Plan further supports its downtown character. The City’s General Plan Land Use Element states that the City will continue to implement the Old Town Specific Plan and will modify or amend it as needed to respond to development trends in the area (LU-40). As such, the proposed Amendment to the Old Town Specific Plan provides a means to enhance the area economically while also ensuring the development of a desirable character compatible with existing and proposed development in Old Town and the surrounding neighborhood.

**Section 4. Environmental Findings.** In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Specific Plan Amendment No. 12 to the Old Town Specific Plan has been deemed to be exempt from further environmental review as there is no possibility that the proposed action would have a significant impact on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). The Specific Plan amendment allows for one additional year of existing businesses to provide live outdoor entertainment, on a temporary basis which sunsets in one years time. Therefore, there is no possibility this amendment would have a significant effect on the environment.

**Section 5. Specific Plan Amendment.** The City Council hereby adopts Specific Plan Amendment No. 12 to the Old Town Specific Plan as set forth in Exhibit “A”.

**Section 6. Severability.** If any section or provision of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, or contravened by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining sections and/or provisions of this Resolution shall remain valid. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Resolution, and each section or provision thereof, regardless of the fact that any one or more section(s) or provision(s) may be declared invalid or unconstitutional or contravened via legislation.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Temecula this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025.

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Brenden Kalfus, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Randi Johl, City Clerk

[SEAL]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE       ) ss  
CITY OF TEMECULA        )

I, Randi Johl, City Clerk of the City of Temecula, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2025-        was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Temecula at a meeting thereof held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:                   COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES:                   COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN:               COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT:                COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Randi Johl, City Clerk