

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-50

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
EXTENDING THE OFF-LEASH PILOT PROGRAM AT THE HILLVIEW
BASEBALL FIELD, AND MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO CEQA THAT
THE RESOLUTION IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

WHEREAS, the California Constitution, Article XI, Section 7, confers on the City the power to make and enforce within its limits all local, police, sanitary, and other ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Los Altos Municipal Code Section 5.08.010, dogs are prohibited off-leash in Los Altos parks; and

WHEREAS, residents have expressed an interest in having a public place within the Los Altos community where dogs may be allowed off-leash; and

WHEREAS, the City's Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) recommended an pilot off-leash program during specific days and hours; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommended a limited, temporary suspension of Los Altos Municipal Code Section 5.08.010 to facilitate a pilot off-leash program as recommended by PARC; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2021, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-475 that suspended Los Altos Municipal Code Section 5.08.010 to facilitate a pilot off-leash program only at the Hillview Baseball Field; and

WHEREAS, the pilot off-leash program, if extended, is not anticipated to have any significant adverse effect upon the health, safety, welfare, or physical environment of the Los Altos community; and

WHEREAS, the Hillview Baseball Field will be closed November 15 through January 2022 for annual maintenance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2021-475, the pilot off-leash program is scheduled to terminate on September 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to extend the pilot off-leash program between September 28, 2021, and November 14, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Los Altos as follows:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2021-475, Section 4, the pilot off-leash program at Hillview Baseball Field shall be extended from September 28, 2021 until November 14, 2021

SECTION 2. CEQA. The City Council finds the adoption of this Resolution to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption), 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), 15305 (Minor Alterations to Land Use Restrictions), and 15306 (Information Collection), in that the pilot off-leash program established hereby is not anticipated to have any significant adverse impact upon the existing environment, will be temporary in nature, will involve the use of an existing recreational facility, will not significantly alter existing facilities or existing land use restrictions, and is intended primarily to study the impacts of off-leash programs to inform future policy choices. The City Council also finds that none of the exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the availability of the foregoing categorical exemptions applies to the program or project authorized by this Resolution. The City Manager or designee is hereby directed to prepare and file a notice of exemption in connection with this Resolution, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution No. 2021-50 shall be effective upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on September 21, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lee Eng, Weinberg, Vice Mayor Enander and Mayor Fligor
NOES: Council Member Meadows
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



Neysa Fligor, MAYOR

Attest:



Andrea Chelemengos, MMC, CITY CLERK