

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-502**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LOS ALTOS AMENDING SECTION 9.25 OF THE LOS ALTOS  
MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING SPECIAL EVENTS AND  
BLOCK PARTIES**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted Los Altos Municipal Code 9.25 “Special Events” in March 2007 that governs special events and how the City has managed special events for the last fifteen years; and

**WHEREAS**, these special event applications vary from one-time concerts at Grant Park to the weekend-long Art and Wine Festival to the weekly Farmers Market in downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, these edits will simplify a confusing code section, retain control over more events on public property, and simplify the special event and block party process; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council directed staff at the first reading to make the following edits: incorporate consistent language for public property in 9.25.010, remove “fax” from written notification section, add 9.25.040.J.9 back into ordinance, explicitly state there will be no cost for a block party, explicitly state that there is no refund for an event cancelled for a reason within the control of the applicant, and allow the City Manager to refer appeals to Hearing Officer if City Council cannot do so in a timely manner; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CODE:** Chapter 9.25 of the Los Altos Municipal Code as set forth in Appendix A to this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2. CONSTITUTIONALITY.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this code.

**SECTION 3. PUBLICATION.** This ordinance shall be published as provided in Government Code section 36933.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be effective upon the commencement of the thirty-first day following the adoption date.

The foregoing ordinance was duly and properly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos held on October 10, 2023 and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on October 24, 2023 passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Dailey, Fligor, Lee Eng, Meadows, Weinberg  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

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Sally Meadows, MAYOR

Attest:

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Melissa Thurman, MMC  
CITY CLERK