

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Approving Sidewalk Café Permits For Three Bike Share Stations At Huchiun Park; Powell Street At Commodore Drive; And Vallejo Street At 66th Street (CEQA Status: Exempt Pursuant To State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3))

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-23 authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City and Lyft Bikes and Scooters LLC (“Applicant”) to deploy three new bikeshare stations in the City; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2025, Applicant submitted revised plans for three new bikeshare stations in coordination with City staff and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Title 9, Chapter 5, Article 15 of the Emeryville Municipal Code defines parklets as including bicycle corrals with bicycle racks in the roadway; and

WHEREAS, Title 9, Chapter 5, Article 15 of the Emeryville Municipal Code establishes that parklets shall require the approval of the City Council prior to the issuance of a sidewalk café permit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Emeryville hereby finds that the Sidewalk Café Permit for three bikeshare stations at Huchiun Park; Powell Street at Commodore Drive; and Vallejo Street at 66th Street is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the “common sense exemption” that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, as stated in Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and in this instance it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed parklet will cause a significant effect on the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in approving the proposed Sidewalk Café Permit, SWCAFE25-001, the City Council makes the following findings as required by the Section 9-5.1508 of the Emeryville Planning Regulations:

1. The location, size, design, and operating characteristics of the proposed sidewalk café or parklet will be compatible with and will not adversely affect or be materially detrimental to neighborhood character, with consideration given to the convenience and safety of pedestrians, property owners, occupants, customers, residents, and tenants of offices, stores, shops, and dwellings in the vicinity; harmony in design with nearby uses, buildings and structures; and the capacity and physical character of surrounding streets and sidewalks.

The proposed bikeshare stations will be compatible with and will not adversely affect neighborhood character because their footprint will not adversely affect the convenience or safety of residents, tenants, or other visitors to the site.

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The bikeshare stations are located on public streets and in a public park and will provide additional opportunities for safe and convenient transportation near key destinations in the City.

2. The proposed sidewalk café or parklet conforms to the standards in Section 9-5.1504.

The proposed bikeshare stations conform to the standards in Section 9-5.1504. The proposed bikeshare stations are not associated with eating or drinking establishments.

3. If alcoholic beverages are to be served, the proposed sidewalk café or parklet conforms to the provisions of Section 9-5.1505.

The proposed bikeshare stations are not associated with eating or drinking establishments. Therefore, the provisions of Section 9-5.1505 do not apply.

4. The proposed sidewalk café or parklet conforms to the applicable provisions of the Emeryville design guidelines, including but not limited to the general guidelines pertaining to sidewalks and landscaping, and the area specific guidelines pertaining to the area in which the proposed sidewalk café or parklet is to be located; and to all other design guidelines applicable to the area in which the proposed sidewalk café or parklet is to be located.

The proposed bikeshare stations are consistent with the following Emeryville Design Guidelines:

A-4 Design to Support Pedestrians and Cyclists. Encourage the multi-functionality and flexibility of streets, by supporting various modes of travel and pedestrian and bicycle amenities (e.g. places to sit and bicycle parking).

The stations will provide additional opportunities for safe and convenient transportation near key destinations in the City.

H-23 Bicycle and Pedestrian Design. Appropriate crossings should be provided for bikes and pedestrians.

Two of the stations are located near controlled intersections, and the third station at Huchiun Park is separated from vehicle traffic. Each of the stations maintains existing pedestrian sidewalks and paths.

5. The proposed sidewalk cafe or parklet is consistent with the general plan.

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The proposed bikeshare stations are consistent with the following General Plan goals and policies:

T-G-5 A safe, comprehensive, and integrated bicycle system - A system and support facilities throughout the city that encourage accessible bicycling for all community members.

The stations will add bikeshare stations to key destinations in the City that are currently underserved by the Bay Wheels program, or where bikeshare parking opportunities are limited. The stations will not only support Emeryville's integrated bicycle system but also connect residents and visitors to facilities and resources in nearby cities.

6. The proposed sidewalk cafe or parklet complies with all applicable standards and requirements of this title, the Emeryville Municipal Code, and local, State, and Federal regulations.

The bikeshare stations comply with all applicable standards of the sidewalk café permit, the Emeryville Municipal Code, and other local, State, and Federal regulations.

7. The proposed sidewalk cafe or parklet conforms with the requirements of all applicable City departments, including but not limited to Planning and Building, Public Works, Fire, and Police.

The bikeshare stations conform with the requirements of all applicable City departments, including but not limited to Planning and Building, Public Works, Fire, and Police. No concerns were raised by Building, Fire, Police, or Public Works staff for the proposed project.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves Sidewalk Café Permit (SWCAFE25-001) to install three bikeshare stations at Huchiun Park; Powell Street at Commodore Drive; and Vallejo Street at 66th Street.

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ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, June 3, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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John Kennedy
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CITY ATTORNEY