

Resolution No. 2024-XXX N.C.S.
of the City of Petaluma, California

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PETALUMA ACCEPTING THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM AWARD FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT TWO (2) MINOR DECOY OPERATIONS PER YEAR OVER THE NEXT THREE (3) YEARS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE GRANT AWARD

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma is committed to protecting the health and well-being of its youth by enforcing tobacco control laws and reducing access to tobacco products for minors; and

WHEREAS, the Petaluma Police Department applied for and has been awarded a grant from the California Department of Justice’s Tobacco Grant Program, made possible through the California Healthcare, Research, and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 (Proposition 56); and

WHEREAS, the awarded grant funds in the amount of \$22,020 will support the Petaluma Police Department’s efforts to conduct two Minor Decoy Operations annually over the next three years, in coordination with Code Enforcement staff from the Community Development Department, to ensure local retailers comply with tobacco control laws, including Petaluma’s Tobacco Retail Ordinance and the statewide flavored tobacco ban; and

WHEREAS, these operations will focus on reducing the illegal sale of tobacco products to minors, providing retailer education, and ensuring continued compliance through proactive enforcement; and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used for personnel overtime, and other operational expenses, and will not supplant existing law enforcement funding; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is authorized to execute all necessary documents to complete the grant and ensure the success of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Petaluma as follows:

1. Declares that the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein as findings of this Resolution.
2. Finds that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, in that accepting a grant to help enforce the City’s tobacco regulations_ does not meet CEQA's definition of a “project,” because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and because the action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. If accepting this grant was a project under CEQA it would be exempt under the Common Sense Exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as this is an administrative task that will help fund a program that the City has already adopted.
3. The City Council hereby accepts the grant award of \$22,020 from the California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program to support the City’s tobacco enforcement and education efforts.

4. The City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the grant and directs City staff to implement all operations as outlined in the grant application.

Under the power and authority conferred upon this Council by the Charter of said City.

REFERENCE:

I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted by the Council of the City of Petaluma at a Regular meeting on the 4th day of November 2024, by the following vote:

Approved as to
form:

City Attorney

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

EXHIBIT A

TITLE

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