

Resolution No. 2025-XXX N.C.S. of the City of Petaluma, California

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PETALUMA ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A PRE-OWNED TYPE 3 WILDLAND FIRE ENGINE FROM MARIN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma’s Fire Department responds to wildland fires within its jurisdiction, when mutual aid is requested, and also to support major wildland fire operations outside of Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, a third-party operational and administrative analysis of the Petaluma Fire Department included a recommendation to “explore additional wildland apparatus resources such as a Type 3” fire engine; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin’s Fire Department intends to declare its 2006 International 7400 Type 3 fire engine as surplus and donate it to City; and

WHEREAS, outfitting the Type 3 fire engine so it can be placed into service can be funded via unspent appropriations for the Type 1 fire engine purchased in October 2024 for anticipated delivery in 2028; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, in that replacing a Fire Engine 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; and

WHEREAS, if the proposed action did constitute a project under CEQA the action is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 as the operation of a public mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use.

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

1. Declares the above recitals to be true and correct and are incorporated into this resolution as findings of the City Council.
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 donated Type 3 fire engine 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 the proposed action did constitute a project under CEQA the action is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 as the operation of a public mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use.
3. Accepts the donation of one pre-owned 2006 International 7400 Type 3 fire engine from the County of Marin.

4. Authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to complete the acquisition.

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 27th day of January 2025, by the following vote:	Approved as to form:
		<hr/> City Attorney
AYES:		
NOES:		
ABSENT:		
ABSTAIN:		
ATTEST:	<hr/> City Clerk	<hr/> Mayor