SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER (SIP Order)

• Council Study Session on June 8, 2020.

• June 5, 2020 updated SIP Order took effect.

• SIP Order allows:
  • Outdoor dining
  • Limited indoor retail

• Future updates forthcoming
PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

Ordinance
1. Dining on Sidewalks & Closed Streets
2. Outdoor Retail Display and Sales Activities
3. Private Parking Lots & Other Private Property Areas
4. Alcohol Consumption
5. City-Owned Public Parking Lots
6. Personal Services, Indoor Recreation & Other Uses
7. Alcohol Consumption w/Meal in Downtown Plazas

Resolution
2. Parklets Demonstration Project
1. **ORDINANCE**
   - Effective immediately upon adoption by at least four-fifths vote of the City Council members present
   - In effect for duration of the Local Emergency or until December 31, 2020, whichever is later, unless modified, repealed, or extended by the City Council

2. **RESOLUTION**
   - This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption
   - Will remain in effect until December 31, 2020, unless extended by the City Council
ORDINANCE

Temporary Outdoor Dining & Retail

JUNE 23, 2020

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OUTDOOR DINING & RETAIL

1. Outdoor Dining on Sidewalks and Closed Streets
   • Temporarily waives permit fees and architectural review for Summer Streets Encroachment Permit

2. Outdoor Retail Display and Sales Activities
   • With permit, allows retail displays on sidewalk/street

3. Private Parking Lots & Other Private Property Areas
   • Allows up to 50% of parking spaces to become outdoor dining and/or retail areas; 100% for lots of 10 spaces
   • Must submit plan and adhere to City guidelines
4. Alcohol Consumption
   • Allows alcohol consumption in permitted, expanded outdoor seating areas
   • Valid Alcoholic Beverage Control license for on-sale consumption, a valid conditional use permit

5. Consumption w/Meal in Lytton & Cogswell Plazas

6. Allow Dining & Alcohol Consumption in City Parking Lots
   • Allows City Manager to permit reopening activities in City-owned public lots
   • Including dining, retail, and alcohol consumption
   • No plans to operationalize
PERSONAL SERVICES, RECREATION, ETC.

7. Allowing Personal Services, Indoor Recreation, and Other Uses to be Permitted Outdoors
   • Allows the City to develop a program to allow certain activities to occur outdoors in the same types of areas where outdoor dining and retail would be allowed
   • Can only occur when County allows such activities
RESOLUTION

Temporary Street Closures & Temporary Parklets
TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES

- Allows the City to temporarily and continuously close certain streets in Palo Alto
  - California Avenue & intersecting streets
  - University Avenue & intersecting streets
- Allows closures through Labor Day (September 7, 2020)
- Passing resolution enables granting of Summer Streets Encroachment Permits for closed areas of public streets
CALIFORNIA AVENUE

- Closed beginning June 11, 2020
- Merchants and restaurants report success as patrons visit Cal Ave for shopping and dining in accordance with social distancing rules
TEMP. STREET CLOSURES - DOWNTOWN

- Downtown closure Friday morning June 26, 2020 to Sunday evening June 28, 2020
- Takes advantage of weekend business
- Tailored based on conversations with downtown restaurants
PILOT PARKLETS

- Pilot Parklet Demonstration Project
- Seating and/or dining areas located in curbside parking spaces
- Eating & drinking establishments eligible; including food retail
- Eligible businesses can apply for Summer Streets Encroachment Permit
- Standards & Other Requirements guides construction; exceptions can be made by the Director of Public Works
- Permits expire December 31, 2020
- Especially assists businesses w/o street closure
- Activities must be allowed by County SIP
RECOMMENDATION

- **Adopt an Interim Urgency Ordinance** (Attachment A) Temporarily Allowing **Expansion of Outdoor Dining, Retail, and Other Activities on Public and Private Property and Relaxing Regulations Regarding Onsite Parking, On-Sale and Consumption of Alcohol, Design/Architectural Review, and Permit Fees**, All to Facilitate Such Outdoor Use During the COVID-19 State of Emergency, With the Ordinance to Take Effect Immediately Upon Adoption.
RECOMMENDATION

- **Adopt a Resolution (Attachment B)** Temporarily Closing Portions of California Avenue and University Avenue and Certain Downtown Streets Intersecting University Avenue Pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21101 and Approving a Pilot Parklet Demonstration Program Including Parklet Design Requirements, All to Facilitate Outdoor Dining and Retail.