



AGENDA

SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY MAY 27, 2025 6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING

City Council:

David Brown,	Mayor
Mark Infanti	District 1
Claudia Orona	Mayor pro tem, District 2
Louise Smith	District 3
Elizabeth Orona	District 4

1644 Oak Street, Solvang, Ca 93463
Virtual & in Council Chamber

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6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS - None

2. PRESENTATIONS - None

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – NON- AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS

This section is intended to provide members of the public with the opportunity to address the Council on items not on the Agenda and on Consent. This section is limited to 30 minutes. Each speaker will be afforded three minutes and may speak only once. State law does not allow the Council to discuss or act on issues not on the agenda, except to briefly respond or ask Staff to follow up on such items.

4. CITY MANAGER REPORT AND ADVANCE CALENDAR

Informational Report

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5. GC SECTION 53232.3(d) (aka AB 1234) and GC SECTION 84308 (aka SB 1439), REPORT OUT, EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS, COUNCIL COMMENTS, REQUESTS

Reports of meetings attended, contributions made or received, communications, and Comments and requests from City Council Members.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Consent is designed for routine; administrative city matters and is approved by roll call vote with one motion. These items are discussed only at the request of council members. Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to speak on Consent items during the Public Communications portion of this agenda.

- a. Approve Order of Agenda as Presented.
- b. Approve City Council Minutes: May 12, 2025

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7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Public Hearing to consider introduction by title only for first reading Ordinance 25-0382 to amend Title 10, Building Code Regulations, Chapter 2 Fire Prevention and Protection, adopting the Fire Severity Zone Map in a local responsibility Area (LRA) pursuant California Government Code Section 51178.5, as recommended by the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection under the direction of the Office of the State Fire Marshal. 10
- b. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 25-1292 to approve the SB1 – Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account – Project List for 2025/26. 17
- c. Public Hearing to consider to receive and file AB 2561 local agencies report of vacancies, recruitment and retention efforts. 21

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- c. Discussion and possible action to approve request from Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency to extend loan repayment terms for member agency contributions. 60
- d. Continued discussion and possible action to Introduce for first reading by Title Only Ordinance 25-0381 an Ordinance of the City Council amending Section 7-3-10 (Recreational Vehicles) and Chapter 6 (Camping) of Title 5 (Public Health and Safety) of the Solvang Municipal Code to Establish Camping Regulations in the City and Making a Determination of Exemption Under the California Environmental Quality Act. 63

9. COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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Dated this 21st day of May 2025.



CITY COUNCIL ADVANCE CALENDAR

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Agenda	Dept
9-Jun	Fire Hazard Severity Zone Ordinance 2nd reading	Consent	Planning
	Draft Budget	Discussion	Administration
	Flag Etiquette	Presentation	Mayor
	Approve Marketing Contracts	Consent	Parks & Rec
	Approve Genasys MOA	Discussion	Administration
	Award Nyborg Estates Water Mainline Replacement Contract	Discussion	Utilities
	Emergency Generator Purchase	Discussion	Utilities
23-Jun	Final Budget Adoption	Consent	Administration
	Award Information Technology Services Contract	Discussion	Administration
	Amend Appropriation Limit (GANN)	Public Hearing	Administration
	Capital Improvement Program	Discussion	FIN/Public Works
14-Jul	Chain Retailers	Discussion	Planning
28-Jul	No Meeting		
11-Aug			
25-Aug	No Meeting		
Future Meetings	RFQ Interim Financing WWTP Administration	Discussion	Finance
	Outdoor dining ordinance	Public Hearing	Planning
	Modify City Code Title 9, Chapter 3, 9-3D-3 Water Conservation	Public Hearing	Utilities
	Divestment of Transit responsibility	Discussion	Public Works
	On-Street Parking Restrictions Policy	Discussion	Public Works
	Calpers Debt Reduction Plan	Discussion	City Manager
	Surveillance Camera Policy	Discussion	Administration
	Council Requested Agenda Items		
Target Date	Agenda Item	Agenda	Dept
Annual Reports			
	Agenda Item	Agenda	Dept
January	Annual Comprehensive Financial Report	Discussion	Finance
January (odd years)	Brown Act, Public Records Act, Levine Act Training	Presentation	City Attorney
January (odd years)	Appointment to Boards, Commissions, Committees	Discussion	City Clerk
January	Fee Schedule Review	Discussion	Finance
January	Investment Policy Annual Review	Discussion	Finance
February (even years)	Budget to Actual	Discussion	Finance
February	Measure A 5-Year Local Program of Projects	Public Hearing	Public Works
February	Mid-Year Budget Adjustments		Finance
February (even years)	Council Budget Goal Setting	Public Workshop	City Manager
March	Housing General Plan Annual Report	Discussion	Planning
March	SB1 RMRA project List	Public Hearing	Public Works
March	Solvang Mesa LLMD Annual Assessment	Public Hearing	Public Works
March	FTA 5311 Grant Agreement	Consent	Public Works
March	TDA (Transit Development Act) Grant Funding	Consent	Public Works
May (even years)	Ordinance 1st Reading & Adoption Conflict of Interest	Public Hearing	City Attorney
May	Human Services Grant Funding Awards	Discussion	Finance
May	AB 2561 Vacancy Report	Public Hearing	Administration
Oct/Jan/April/July	Quarterly Financial Reports	Consent	Finance
Oct/Jan/April/July	Quarterly Marketing Reports	Consent	Parks & Rec
Oct/Jan/April/July	Quarterly Public Records Requests Report	Consent	City Clerk
June	Preliminary Budget	Discussion	Finance
June	Two-Year Financial Plan Development or Supplemental Budget adoption	Discussion	Finance
June	Capital Improvement Program	Discussion	FIN/Public Works
June/July	Amend Appropriation Limit (GANN)	Public Hearing	Administration
November	Stormwater Management Program Annual Report	Consent	Public Works
December	AB 1600 Report	Discussion	Public Works
December	City Council Reorganization - Appointment of Mayor pro tem	Discussion	City Clerk
December (even years)	City Council Reorganization Council selection of representatives to Committees and Agencies	Discussion	City Clerk



**MINUTES
SOLVANG CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025**

Special Closed Session – 5:30 PM
Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM

5:30 PM SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the Special Closed Session meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Brown, Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona, Councilmembers Mark Infanti and Louise Smith

Absent: Councilmember Elizabeth Orona

Staff: City Manager Randy Murphy, City Attorney Craig Steele, City Clerk Annamarie Porter

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager Murphy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ONLY –

None

2. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Brown recessed to Closed Session at 5:02 p.m.

- a. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** – The Closed Session is authorized by Government Code Section 54957.6

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE:

Randy Murphy, City Manager

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION:

All Unrepresented Employees

- b. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR** – The Closed Session is authorized by Government Code Section 54957.6

AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE:

Dave Fleishman, Assistant City Attorney

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION:

Teamsters Union Local 986

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION reconvened to Open Session at 6:28 p.m.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

City Attorney Steele announced there was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown adjourned the Closed Session at 6:28 p.m.

6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the Regular meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1644 Oak Street, Solvang, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Brown, Mayor pro tem, Claudia Orona, Councilmembers Mark Infanti and Louise Smith

Absent: Councilmember Elizabeth Orona

Staff: City Manager Randy Murphy, City Attorney Craig Steele, City Clerk Annamarie Porter, Public Works Director Bridget Paris, Planning Manager Rafael Castillo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dennis Beebe led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS

a. Public Works Week Proclamation

Received by Public Works Director Paris

b. Memorial Day Proclamation

2. PRESENTATIONS - None

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS

There were no public communications on Non-Agenda and Consent Items.

4. CITY MANAGER REPORT AND ADVANCE CALENDAR

SBCFD Battalion Chief Tom Himmelrich and Captain Andrew Wedell spoke of the structure fire incident (Molle incident) on May 2, 2025 and stated the case is under investigation.

5. GC SECTION 53232.3(d) (aka AB 1234) and GC SECTION 84308 (aka SB 1439) REPORT OUT, COUNCIL COMMENTS, REQUESTS

Councilmember Infanti reported attending the opening ceremony at the new Chumash Museum and announced a California Air Resources Board public landscaper work group meeting on May 28th.

Councilmember Smith reported attending the Community Aquatics Foundation reception, the Chumash

Museum opening ceremony, the Rotary Run for the Roses Fundraiser, the Ad Hoc Budget Committee meeting on May 8th, and the campaign kickoff for Carla Mead.

Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona reported attending the Rotary Run for the Roses Fundraiser.

Mayor Brown reported attending the Chumash Museum opening ceremony and the Community Aquatics Foundation reception.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approve Order of Agenda as Presented.
- b. Approve City Council Minutes: April 28, 2025
- c. Approve the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Cannon Corporation to Support the AMI Meter Changeout Project to extend the term to December 31, 2026.
- d. Approve the First Amendment to the Agreement with Cannon Corporation to Support the HCA Middle Well Reliability Project to extend the term to December 31, 2026.
- e. Approve the First Amendment to the agreement with Cannon Corporation for Nyborg Estates Waterline Replacement Project Services to extend the term to June 30, 2026.
- f. Approve the Second Amendment to the agreement with Cannon Corporation for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Manual and Climate Adaption Plan Services to extend the term to June 30, 2026.
- g. Approve the Eighth Amendment to the agreement with GSI Water Solutions Inc for the River Wells Project Administrative Hearing Participation Services to extend the term to June 30, 2026.
- h. Approve the First Amendment to the agreement with Carollo Engineers Inc for the Source Water Improvement Study Project Services to extend the term to June 30, 2026.
- i. Adopt Resolution No. 25-1291, Updating and Establishing User and Regulatory Fees for various City services.
- j. Approve an Emergency Facility Use Agreement with the County of Santa Barbara for Solvang Veteran's Hall at No Cost, for the term May 12, 2025 – May 11, 2030 and Authorize the City Manager to Execute on Behalf of the City.
- k. Approve April 2025 Warrants
- l. Approve October, November, December 2024 and January, February, March 2025 Warrants.
- m. Receive and file SYVT April 2025 ridership, productivity, and manager summary reports.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to approve Consent Items as presented, seconded by Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona, and carried 4-0. Councilmember Elizabeth Orona absent.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 25-1290 Confirming and Levying Assessments for the Solvang Mesa Landscape & Lighting Maintenance District No. 2004-1 for Fiscal Year 2025-26.**

Public Works Director Paris reported the assessment levied this year would be a 3% increase from last

year and that the Solvang Mesa LLMD reserves are in good shape.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing and invited public comments.

There were no public comments at this time and the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Mayor Brown to adopt Resolution No. 25-1290 Confirming and Levying Assessments for the Solvang Mesa Landscape & Lighting Maintenance District No. 2004-1 for Fiscal Year 2025-26, seconded by Councilmember Infanti, and carried 4-0. Councilmember Elizabeth Orona absent.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Discussion and possible action to receive and file the Design Review Committee (DRC) Role

Planning Manager Castillo narrated a staff report.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

Dennis Beebe
Esther Jacobsen Bates
Susan Bott (via Zoom)

There were no further public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to Receive and File the Design Review Committee (DRC) Role, seconded by Mayor pro tem Claudia Orona, and carried 4-0. Councilmember Elizabeth Orona absent.

b. Discussion and possible action to receive and file the Solvang Entitlement and Building Checklist.

Planning Manager Castillo narrated a staff report.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

There were no comments.

Motion by Mayor Brown to receive and file the Solvang Entitlement and Building Checklist, seconded by Councilmember Infanti, and carried 4-0. Councilmember Elizabeth Orona absent.

c. Discussion and possible action to introduce by Title Only, Ordinance No. 0380 Amending the Title of Chapter 6 of Title 2 of the Solvang Municipal Code and Sections 1-11-2(B)(10), 2-6-1 8 12 16 20 24 28 31 34 68 79 90 152 170 194 196 240 3 Agenda 2025-05-12 CC and 2-6-3(A) and (B) to revise the name of the Measure U Citizens' Oversight Committee to the Revenue Measures Oversight Committee and Finding such action to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

There were no comments.

Motion by Councilmember Infanti to introduce by Title Only, Ordinance No. 0380 Amending the Title of Chapter 6 of Title 2 of the Solvang Municipal Code and Sections 1-11-2(B)(10), 2-6-1 8 12 16 20 24 28 31 34 68 79 90 152 170 194 196 240 3 Agenda 2025-05-12 CC and 2-6-3(A) and (B) to revise the name of the Measure U Citizens' Oversight Committee to the Revenue Measures Oversight Committee

and Finding such action to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, seconded by Councilmember Smith, and carried 4-0. Councilmember Elizabeth Orona absent.

- d. Discussion and possible action to Introduce by Title Only Ordinance 25-0381 an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Solvang, California amending Section 7-3-10 (Recreational Vehicles) and Chapter 6 (Camping) of Title 5 (Public Health and Safety) of the Solvang Municipal Code to Establish Camping Regulations in the City and Making a Determination of Exemption Under the California Environmental Quality Act for Introduction and First Reading.**

City Attorney Steele noted he had just received feedback from the County, and recommended this item be continued to a next meeting so staff can respond to the County's concerns and compare this ordinance to the newly announced model ordinance from the state.

Mayor Brown invited public comments.

There were no comments.

There was a consensus by the Council to continue this item to the next meeting to allow staff to revise as needed with the new guidance.

9. COUNCIL CLOSING COMMENTS - None

10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:05 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Annamarie Porter, CMC, City Clerk



Meeting Date: May 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Introduction by title only for first reading Ordinance 25-0382 to amend Title 10, Building Code Regulations, Chapter 2 Fire Prevention and Protection, adopting the Fire Severity Zone Map in a local responsibility Area (LRA) pursuant California Government Code Section 51178.5, as recommended by the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection under the direction of the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

PREPARED BY: Rafael Castillo, AICP, Planning and Building Manager

DISCUSSION:

As required by California Government Code Section 51179, local jurisdictions, including charter cities, are required to adopt, by ordinance, updated fire hazard severity zones (FHSZ) within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Section 51178. CalFire provided the recommended FHSZ Map to the city of Solvang on March 10, 2025. The City of Solvang posted the new maps on its website <https://www.cityofsolvang.com/568/Proposed-Fire-Hazard-Severity-Map-Update>. The city is required to adopt this map (Attachment A).

What is a Fire Severity Zone Map

The Fire Hazard Severity Zone map evaluates “hazard,” not “risk”. This map is similar to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood zone maps, where properties are described in terms of the probability level of a particular area being inundated by a flood event. “Hazard” is based on the physical conditions that create a likelihood and expected fire over a 30 to 50-year period without considering mitigation measures such as home hardening, recent wildfire, or fuel reduction efforts. “Risk” is the potential damage a fire can do to the area under existing conditions, accounting for any modifications such as fuel reduction projects, defensible space, and ignition resistant building construction.

Existing Fire Severity Zone Map

The City of Solvang mapped local fire severity zone areas with assistance from the Santa Barbara County Fire Department in 2016 as a part of its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The 2016 zones depict Moderate and High zones throughout the city, therefore were not required to be adopted.

Proposed 2025 Fire Severity Zone Map

Due to changes in State Law (SB 63), all municipalities must adopt a fire severity map. Before that, only areas mapped as “very high” were required to be adopted. The proposed fire severity map is based on the following elements:

- Probability of an area burning;
- Expected fire behavior under extreme fuel and weather conditions
- reflect areas that have similar burn probabilities and fire behavior characteristics
- fire history
- flame length
- terrain
- local weather; and
- potential fuel over a 50-year period.

Outside of wildlands, the model considers factors that might lead to buildings being threatened, including terrain, weather, urban vegetation cover, blowing embers, proximity to wildland, fire history, and fire hazard in nearby wildlands.

The boundaries were developed with recommendations from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection based on the evaluation of fire history, fuel growth, density of housing, proposed developments, access, water supply considerations, and potential patterns of wind during a fire event.

For the City of Solvang, areas to the south along Alisal Road and Rancho Alisal Road are proposed to be classified as a very high fire severity zone. Proposed on the outer edge along Fjord Drive in the South, and properties to the north of Hans Christian Andersen Park and Fredensborg Canyon Road will be categorized as mix of moderate and high fire risk.

Properties that are designated under the new fire severity zones will require the following:

- Properties that are designated as “Moderate” hazard have no requirements, simply designated as such.
- Properties that are designated as “High” hazard will need to disclose at the time of sale, location of such properties within a high fire hazard zone. As of January 1, 2026, new construction on these properties will need to adhere to Chapter 7A of the 2025 California Building Code, which will contain minimum standards for materials and construction methods to enhance a building's resistance to wildfires, especially in areas with a high Fire Hazard Severity Zone or within a Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area. It focuses on protecting life and property by making buildings less susceptible to fire intrusion from flames or burning embers.
- Properties that are designated as “Very High” are subject to the same requirements as “High” and will need to create defensible space of 100-foot requirement, and have additional scrutiny for development projects including new construction, subdivisions, etc.

Next Steps

The City has until July 8, 2025 to adopt these maps. While the City can increase the severity zone level, it cannot decrease it. City staff will need to follow up with changes to the municipal code for landscaping and defensible space later this year, and, finally, adopting the 2025 California Building Code in late fall.

ALTERNATIVES:

None. The City must adopt this map prior to July 8, 2025. City staff has consulted with the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and they concur with the State Fire Marshal's assessment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Ordinance 25-0382

ORDINANCE NO. 25-0382

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLVANG, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 2 FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION OF TITLE 10 (BUILDING CODES) OF THE SOLVANG MUNICIPAL CODE, ADOPTING THE FIRE SEVERITY ZONE MAP IN A LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA (LRA) PURSUANT CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 51178.5, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS, the State Fire Marshal of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is required to identify areas in the State of California as moderate, high, and very high fire severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of the fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas; and

WHEREAS, moderate high, and very high fire hazard severity zones are based on fuel loading, slope, fire, weather, and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread; and

WHEREAS, The City of Solvang is the designated a “local agency” as defined in Government Code Section 51177(e); and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Government Code Section 51179(a), the City of Solvang hereby designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones in its jurisdiction as recommended by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Government Code section 51178 and received by the City on March 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with California Government Code section 51178.5, within 30 days of receiving the Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the State Fire Marshal, the City of Solvang made the information available for public review and comment and presented the information in a format that was understandable and accessible to the general public including but not limited to maps, information, and social media posts; and

WHEREAS, The City of Solvang finds that this Ordinance is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(1) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(i), as a ministerial action, required by Government Code section 51179(a); and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines that the proposed amendments are in the interests of the general community welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, the people of the chartered City of Solvang do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. The City of Solvang hereby designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to California Government Code Section 51178, as shown in Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. The map, approved by the City of Solvang as shown in Exhibit A is hereby incorporated by reference and Entitled “City of Solvang Fire Hazard Severity Zones”.

SECTION 3. The following section is added to Title 10 Building Codes, Chapter 2 Fire Protection and Prevention as follows:

§ 10-2-4. Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

A. Purpose. The purpose of the map is to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very

high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather, and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.

- B. Fire Severity Zones Adoption. The City designates fire severity zones as recommended by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Government Code section 51178. These zones are mapped moderate, high, and very high.
- C. Fire Severity Map Determination. In instances where a single parcel of land includes multiple Fire Hazard Severity Zone designations, including but not limited to Moderate, High, or Very High, the entire parcel shall be considered as falling within the highest designated zone present on any portion of the parcel.
- D. Copies of Fire Severity Map. The fire severity map shall be maintained in electronic format by the City of Solvang, as authorized by the planning manager. These copies shall be available on the city's website.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(1) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(i), as a ministerial action, required by Government Code section 51179(a).

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction or preempted by State or Federal legislation, such decision or legislation shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. Solvang is a Charter City and has adopted its own rules for summarizing and posting ordinances once they are adopted. A summary of this ordinance will be prepared by the City Clerk. The summary will be posted in three locations after adoption as directed in the Solvang Municipal Code. A true and correct copy of the full ordinance together with a record of the vote of each council member shall be kept by the City Clerk.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 9th day of June 2025.

David Brown, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Chelsea O'Sullivan, City Attorney

Annamarie Porter, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) SS
CITY OF SOLVANG)

I, Annamarie Porter, City Clerk of the City of Solvang, California do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 25-0382 was duly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 27th day of May, 2025, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 9th day of June, 2025, and thereafter signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and that said Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

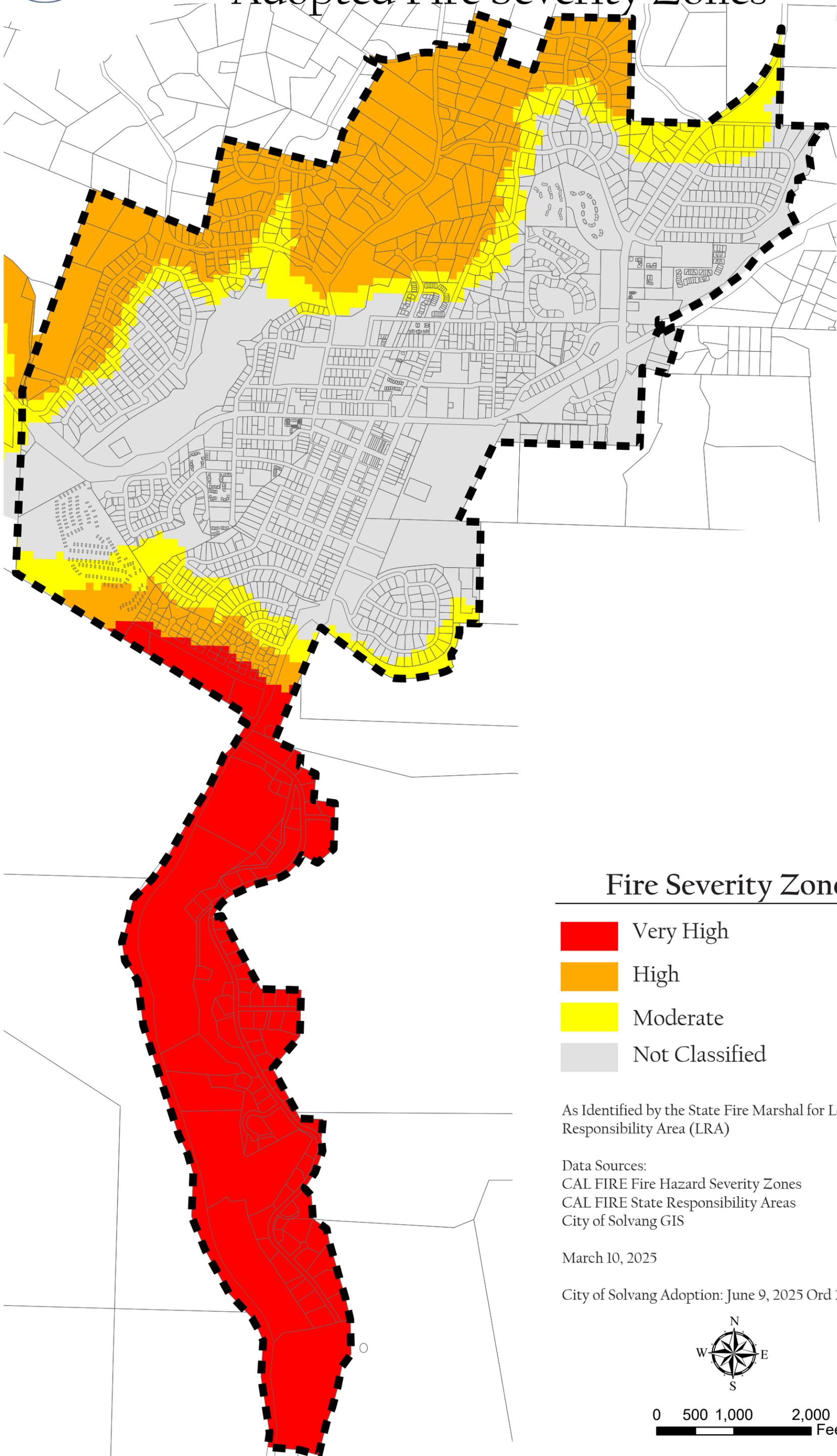
Annamarie Porter, City Clerk

Exhibit A
City of Solvang Fire Hazard Severity Zones



City of Solvang

Adopted Fire Severity Zones



Fire Severity Zones

- Very High
- High
- Moderate
- Not Classified

As Identified by the State Fire Marshal for Local Responsibility Area (LRA)

Data Sources:
CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zones
CAL FIRE State Responsibility Areas
City of Solvang GIS

March 10, 2025

City of Solvang Adoption: June 9, 2025 Ord 25-0382



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Meeting Date: May 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to consider Adoption of Resolution No. 25-1292 Approving the FY 2025/26 List of Projects to be funded by SB1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA)

PREPARED BY: Bridget Paris, Public Works Director / City Engineer

DISCUSSION:

Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Brown on April 28, 2017, to address significant transportation funding shortfalls across the state.

Revenues generated by SB 1 are distributed by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) through several programs. The program most directly affecting the City of Solvang is the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), under which the City receives an annual population-based allocation for roadway, drainage, and transportation-related projects. The projected RMRA funding for Fiscal Year 2025/26 is \$152,541.

The RMRA program includes accountability and transparency provisions to ensure that Solvang residents are informed about proposed projects and those completed each fiscal year. The City is required to present a list of all projects proposed to receive RMRA funding at a public City Council meeting. This list must include a description and location of each project, a proposed completion schedule, and the estimated useful life of the improvement. By presenting this staff report, conducting a public hearing, and adopting a resolution approving the project list, the City will fulfill its obligation to incorporate public input into Solvang's transportation priorities.

The Public Works Department maintains a Pavement Management Program using the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) StreetSaver software. This program helps track inventory, record work history, and provide budget estimates to optimize funding for the City's pavement network. Through this program, Alamo Pintado Road was identified as a priority for rehabilitation. Deflection testing and visual evaluations were performed, and rehabilitation alternatives were developed. The project is now in the final design phase, with construction scheduled for FY 2025/26 on the segment from Viborg Road to the northern City limits, just past Sunny Fields Park. This project is listed in the RMRA Project List Resolution.

The City Council has previously approved a 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which alternates lighter preventative maintenance projects (such as slurry seals) with more intensive rehabilitation projects every other year. According to the CIP schedule, FY 2025/26 is designated for rehabilitation and slurry seal preparation for the FY 2026/27 Slurry Seal 1 Project.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may approve the Project List as presented, revise it as deemed appropriate, or choose not to adopt the recommended resolution. Failure to adopt the Project List and resolution would result in the loss of FY 2025/26 RMRA funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City is projected to receive \$152,541 from the RMRA Program. Full project funding for the Alamo Pintado Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project will utilize a combination of RMRA funds, Gas Tax, Measure A, Measure U, and General Fund resources.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Resolution No. 25-1292

RESOLUTION NO. 25-1292

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLVANG CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) was passed by the Legislature and Signed into law by the Governor in April 2017 to address the significant multi-modal transportation funding shortfalls statewide; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 includes accountability and transparency provisions that will ensure the residents of our City are aware of the projects proposed for funding in our community and which projects have been completed each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City must adopt by resolution a list of projects proposed to receive fiscal year funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), created by SB 1, which must include a description and the location of each proposed project, a proposed schedule for the project's completion, and the estimated useful life of the improvement; and

WHEREAS, the City, will receive an estimated \$152,541 in RMRA funding in Fiscal Year 2025-26 from SB 1; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 funding and will enable the City to continue essential road maintenance and rehabilitation projects, safety improvements, repairing and replacing aging bridges, and increasing access and mobility options for the traveling public that would not have otherwise been possible without SB 1; and

WHEREAS, the City has undergone a robust public process to ensure public input into our community's transportation priorities/the project list; and

WHEREAS, the City used a Pavement Management System (StreetSaver) to develop the SB 1 project list to ensure revenues are being used on the most high-priority and cost-effective projects that also meet the community's priorities for transportation investment; and

WHEREAS, the funding from SB 1 will help the City maintain and rehabilitate streets/roads, and add active transportation infrastructure throughout the City this year and other similar projects into the future; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Final Report found that the City's streets and roads are in an "at-risk" condition and this revenue will help us maintain the overall quality of our road system; and

WHEREAS, the City's 2024 Pavement Management Program Update Final Report found that the City's streets and roads are in "fair" condition and this revenue will help to maintain the system at its current overall PCI of 59. These funds will cover approximately 5 percent of the estimated average need of \$3.1 million annually over the next 5 years to maintain the current road system; and

WHEREAS, the SB 1 project list and overall investment in our local streets and roads infrastructure with a focus on basic maintenance and safety, investing in complete streets

infrastructure, and using cutting-edge technology, materials and practices, will have significant positive co-benefits statewide.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLVANG DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2. The following list of newly proposed projects will be funded in-part or solely with Fiscal Year 2025-26 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account revenues:

Project Title: Alamo Pintado Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project
Project Description: Cold plane and remove asphalt pavement within travel lanes, asphalt overlay across entire width of road, remove and reconstruction of corner ramps and all ancillary work associated with the pavement rehabilitation. Slurry seal preparation on various streets.
Project Location: Alamo Pintado Road
Estimated Project Schedule: Start (07/25)– Completion (11/25)
Estimated Project Useful Life: 10 to 20 years

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

SECTION 4. That the City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this resolution and shall cause a certified copy to be filed in the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of May, 2025.

David Brown, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Craig Steele, Acting City Attorney

Annamarie Porter, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA)ss
CITY OF SOLVANG)

I, Annamarie Porter, City Clerk of the City of Solvang, California do hereby certify that Resolution No. 25-1292 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Solvang at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 27th day of May, 2025, and thereafter signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and that said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Annamarie Porter, City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 7.c

Meeting Date: May 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to consider to Receive and file AB 2561 local agency's report of vacancies, recruitment and retention efforts.

PREPARED BY: Wendy Berry, Administrative Services Director

DISCUSSION:

Assembly Bill 2561 (AB 2561), effective January 1, 2025, is a law that mandates public agencies conduct a public hearing each fiscal year prior to budget adoption to present information on the status of their job vacancies, recruitment and retention efforts.

The essential purpose of this new law is to increase transparency regarding staffing issues within the public sector and to address persistent vacancies by requiring annual updates on workforce data; this allows employee organizations and the public to participate in the discussions about staffing shortages.

The required items to report annually are vacancies, recruitment, hiring practices, and retention.

Currently, the City has zero vacancies, and is not recruiting to fill any vacant positions, and has no changes to policies, procedures or recruitment activities that negatively impact the City's efforts to reduce its vacancies.

The Teamsters Union Local 986 confirmed they will not be presenting on AB 2561.

The City is required to report this information annually prior to budget adoption.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Vacancy Report



2024 Annual AB 2561 Vacancy Report

Average Full Time Employee Positions	Unrepresented	Represented
40.5	9.5	31

Vacancy Rate		
All Position	14	34%
Represented	11	37%
Unrepresented	3	32%

Average Turnover Rate	
All Positions	22%
Represented	25%
Unrepresented	12.5%

Retention Rate	
All positions	110%
Represented	108%
Unrepresented	113%

Average Time of Hire		
All positions	90 days	Includes PW Director and Utility Director two recruits each
All positions	71 days	Minus two unsuccessful hires
Unrepresented	127 days	Only one PW & Utility Dir.
Unrepresented	157 days	Includes Unsuccessful hire Utility Dir.
Represented	55 days	



SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action to Award Human Services Grant Funding Requests.

PREPARED BY: Wendy Berry, Administrative Services Director

DISCUSSION:

The grant funding application period was open from February 1 through March 31, 2025. During this time, staff conducted two informational meetings—on February 19 and March 11—to provide guidance to potential applicants. Attendance at a minimum of one meeting was a mandatory requirement for eligibility. These sessions outlined the necessary documentation and submission procedures to ensure complete applications.

A total of 18 individuals attended the meetings, and staff subsequently received 12 grant applications. Of these, only four applications were initially deemed complete, having submitted all required documentation by the deadline.

Recognizing the efforts of all applicants and the importance of equitable access to funding, the Ad Hoc Budget Committee approved a one-time courtesy extension for those who were initially disqualified. All previously incomplete applicants have since submitted the required materials and are now considered eligible for consideration.

The City will prioritize funding for services and programs that directly benefit Solvang residents, with particular focus on the following populations: senior citizens, Veterans, youth and minors with disabilities, and initiatives that serve the Solvang community specifically.

During its review process, the Ad Hoc Budget Committee carefully evaluated each proposal, assessing how effectively each program aligns with the core mission of the grant funding. The Committee expressed appreciation for all applicants and acknowledged the value of each proposed service or program. Funding decisions were made after thoughtful deliberation and were not taken lightly.

All applicants awarded funding will be required to submit supporting documentation to verify the delivery of services or programs as outlined in their applications.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

Grant applications will be discussed in the budget meetings and the approved applications will be included in the final draft budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Grant Funding Summary
- B. Applications

25/26 Grant Funding Application Recap

Applicant Name	25/26 Proposed Funding	25/26 Request	Submitted all Required Documents by 1st deadline	24/25 Request	24/25 Grant Funded	24/25 Grant Requirement add'l documents	23/24 Request	23/24 Grant Funded
Atterdag At Home	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	yes	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	Not required	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Bethania Food Distribution	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	no	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	inv/proof pymt	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Santa Ynez Valley Aquatics	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Santa Ynez Valley Fruit and Vegetable Rescue	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	no	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	n/a	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 9,090.00	no	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Solvang Arts and Music Foundation (Solvang School Education Foundation)		\$ 25,000.00	no	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	Invoices/ Proof pymt	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Santa Ynez Valley Western Heritage Foundation		\$ 50,000.00	no	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Solvang Chamber of Commerce		\$ 46,500.00	no	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 23,825.00	n/a	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Solvang Danish Days Foundation	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	no	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	Invoices/ proof pymnt	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Solvang Rotary Foundation	\$ 10,180.00	\$ 10,180.00	no	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	Invoices/pymt	n/a	n/a
Viking Charities	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,355.00	yes	\$ 3,159.00	\$ 1,555.00	Invoices/Pynt	n/a	n/a
Total	\$ 565,180.00	\$ 704,125.00						
Prior Year Applicants								
Bethania Preschool		n/a	n/a	\$ 10,000.00	\$2000 no payment	Scholarship to Resident w/in City Limits	n/a	n/a
Nature track		n/a	n/a	\$ 5,000.00	no funding	n/a	n/a	n/a
Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club Foundation		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	budget	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Santa Ynez Valley Senior Advisory Council (dba Solvang Senior Center)		n/a	n/a	\$ 520,000.00	\$ 510,000.00	Contract	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
SYV Therapeutic Riding Academy		n/a	n/a	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	n/a	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Solvang Festival Theater		n/a	n/a	\$ 100,000.00	no funding	n/a	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 50,000.00

SOLVANG
AGENCY GRANT FUNDING
APPLICATION

Legal Organization/Agency Name and dba if applicable: ATTERDAG AT HOME, INC.

Mailing Address: 636 ATTERDAG ROAD, SOLVANG, CA 93463

Physical Address: 636 ATTERDAG ROAD, SOLVANG, CA 93463

Authorized signer email: (typical signers are usually CEO, CFO): KarenB@PeopleWhoCare.com

Total Funding Request: \$20,000.00

1. Authorized contract signer, position, email, and phone number, if different than contact number below

Karen Brown, Director KarenB@PeopleWhoCare.com (805) 350-8478

2. Contact Person Name, Title within the Organization, Email, and phone number:

Karen Brown, Director KarenB@PeopleWhoCare.com (805) 350-8478

3. Organization's purpose? Goals and objectives?

"Neighbors helping neighbors age in place" is the mission statement of Atterdag at Home. Our tagline is "Helping seniors stay connected and supported..." Our goal is to improve the health and quality of life of the seniors we serve at a low or no cost to them so that no one is left hungry and isolated.

For the past 57 years, the Solvang Lutheran Home, Inc. has been preparing meals for the Santa Ynez Valley Meals on Wheels. In an effort to prevent Meals on Wheels from being discontinued in 2016, Atterdag at Home, Inc., took over the management of the program and expanded the services. Atterdag at Home provides the following support services for seniors, veterans, and the handicapped in Solvang, Ballard, Santa Ynez, and Los Olivos areas in Santa Barbara County: delivery of hot meals (Meals on Wheels at low or no cost) and Brown Bags (on Fridays for weekend nutrition-no cost); transportation to local doctors' appointments and shopping; social visits; offering a list of professional local vendors and service providers, Atterdag at Home annually seeks grants and donations to cover a deficit of \$144,870 for a balanced budget to avoid a discontinuance of this critical service.

Two Hundred Forty (240) dedicated volunteers who deliver Meals on Wheels Monday-Friday, year-round, are essential to the success of the program. Our devoted volunteers have become in tune with those to whom they deliver meals. The volunteers know their recipient's habits and report back to the Director with any concerns for the seniors' well-being or unmet needs. Some of these concerns relate to unsafe environments in the home.

In 2024 Atterdag at Home began offering the more vulnerable, low-income homebound seniors free support for housekeeping, caregiving, and minor construction services. (All costs supplied through Atterdag at Home, Inc. in an effort to keep those seniors safe in their own home).

4. Provide a detailed accounting of what specific program or event and how the granted funds will be used for that program or event?
 - a) For the purchase of food for our Meals on Wheels Program. Through the Meals on Wheels Program, homebound seniors receive hot nutritious meals (at reduced or no cost) Monday-Friday, year-round including Thanksgiving and Christmas. In 2024 we served 20,599 meals. In the first two months of 2025, we served 3,385 meals.
 - b) Brown Bag Breakfast (free of charge) - Cereal, muffin or breakfast cake, fresh fruit, and milk, delivered with Friday's meal for nutritional weekend support for those homebound seniors taking medication.
 - c) Atterdag at Home, Inc. Programs – including minor home repairs; light yard work; meal assistance; errands; transportation; watering plants and gardening; pet visits; professional referrals; social visits; reading to clients; computer/phone assistance.
 - d) Social interaction – week-day check-ins by caring volunteers who have come to know these seniors well and report back to the AAH Director if they feel the senior has unmet needs or is in need or needs medical attention.

5. How many Solvang residents will be impacted by the proposed use of the grant funds?

We estimate that over 141 Solvang Residents will be impacted by the proposed use of these grant funds.

6. What is the organization's total budget? \$245,970

7. What are the sources of revenue for your organization? How are you funded? (Do not list City grant as part of your revenue).

Atterdag at Home, Inc. is funded by grants, private contributions, and meal revenue.

**CITY OF SOLVANG
HUMAN SERVICES GRANT FUNDING
APPLICATION**

Legal Organization/Agency Name and dba if applicable:

Bethania Lutheran Church / Bethania Tuesday Food Distribution

Mailing Address:

Bethania Tuesday Food Distribution
621 Atterdag Rd
Solvang, CA 93463

Physical Address:

603 Atterdag Road, Solvang

Authorized signer email:

vikingpressprint@verizon.net

Total Funding Request: \$15,000

1. Authorized contract signer, position, email and phone number:

Linda Marzullo
Chair, Social Ministry Committee
vikingpressprint@verizon.net
(805) 688-5219, (805) 451-5548

2. Contact Person Name, Title within the Organization, Email and phone number:

Linda Marzullo
Chair, Social Ministry Committee
vikingpressprint@verizon.net
(805) 688-5219, (805) 451-5548

3. Organization's purpose? Goals and objectives?

The primary mission of Bethania Tuesday Food Distribution (BTFD) program is to help fight hunger in the Santa Ynez Valley. The secondary objective is to improve the living situations of our clients through the Community Networking Fair, which gives them access to information about banking, services, employment, education and housing.

4. Program of the funding request? Provide a detailed accounting of what specific program the granted funds will be used for?

Foodbank of Santa Barbara County orders, supplemental food purchases beyond what the Foodbank provides, infant formula, senior supplements, etc. (see included budget for details)

5. How many Solvang residents will be impacted by the proposed use of the grant funds?

Over 550 residents or workers in Solvang take advantage of BTFD every week.

6. What is the organization's total budget?

\$120,700 (see included budget for details)

7. What are the sources of revenue for your organization? How are you funded?

Grants, donations, and fund raisers (see included budget for details)

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1. Authorized contract signer, position, email and phone number, if different than contact number below

Lisa Palmer, SYVCAF Board President, Campaign Chair, lisa@syvaquatics.org, (805) 680-2336

2. Contact Person Name, Title within the Organization, Email and phone number:

Alexis Adler, Campaign Coordinator, campaign@syvaquatics.org, (805) 637-2077

3. Organization's purpose? Goals and objectives?

The **Santa Ynez Valley Community Aquatics Foundation (SYVCAF)** is dedicated to developing and sustaining a state-of-the-art two pool community aquatic complex at the **Santa Ynez Valley High School (SYVHS) campus**. Our mission is to provide accessible, high-quality aquatic facilities that serve the diverse needs of our entire community - supporting youth, seniors, competitive athletes, and individuals of all abilities.

Our **goals and objectives** include:

1. Facility Development & Accessibility

- Construct a modern aquatic complex featuring a competition-sized pool, a warm-water therapy and municipal pool, and essential support facilities.
- Ensure affordability and access for all residents of the City of Solvang and the Santa Ynez Valley.

2. Community Health & Wellness

- Offer year-round swim programs for youth, adults, and seniors to promote fitness and overall well-being.
- Provide learn-to-swim programs to enhance water safety and reduce drowning risks.
- Partnering with local organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club, Buellton Recreation, Club Swim & Water Polo, Cottage Rehab, Santa Barbara County Parks, the SY Band of Chumash Indians, SYHS Athletics & Physical Education, SYV Youth Rec, Solvang Parks & Rec, Stuart Gildred YMCA, Hidden Wings, Atterdaag Village, Golden Village Inn, and the Tribal Health Clinic.

3. Youth & School Programs

- Support local schools by providing facilities for swim teams, water polo, and physical education classes.



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- Develop scholarship opportunities for low-income students to participate in swim lessons and aquatic sports.
- 4. **Economic & Community Impact**
 - Attract regional aquatics competitions (swim, dive, water polo, triathlon, etc), generating economic benefits for local businesses.
 - Foster community engagement through aquatic events, adaptive swim programs, and partnerships with local organizations.
- 5. **Sustainability & Long-Term Viability**
 - Secure public and private funding to ensure the ongoing success of the aquatic complex.
 - Implement environmentally responsible practices in facility design and maintenance.

The **SYV Community Aquatics Foundation** is committed to making **aquatic recreation, fitness, and competition accessible** to all residents of Solvang, the Santa Ynez Valley and surrounding communities. By investing in this project, the City of Solvang can play a vital role in promoting public health and wellness, youth development, and local economic growth.

4. Provide a detailed accounting of what specific program or event and how the granted funds will be used for that program or event?

The **Santa Ynez Valley Community Aquatics Foundation (SYVCAF)** is requesting a **\$450,000 grant from the City of Solvang** to support the development of the **Santa Ynez Valley Community Aquatic Complex**, a two-pool public facility at **Santa Ynez Valley High School (SYVHS)**. These funds will be specifically allocated to **pre-construction costs, design and engineering, and site preparation**, which are essential to advancing the project toward breaking ground.

Specific Use of Funds

The requested **\$450,000** will contribute to the following project components:

1. **Design, Engineering, and Permitting – \$1,496,458 (Total Estimate)**
 - The grant will help fund **finalized architectural designs, engineering plans, and permit applications**, ensuring the project meets regulatory requirements and is shovel-ready.
 - This phase is critical for securing additional funding and keeping the project on schedule.



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Impact of the Funding

By contributing **\$450,000** to these early-stage costs, the **City of Solvang** will play a **pivotal role in moving the SYV Community Aquatics Complex closer to reality**. This facility will provide:

- **Year-round access to aquatic programs** for all ages, including youth swim teams, senior fitness, and water safety education.
- **A state-of-the-art competition pool**, attracting regional swim meets and driving local economic benefits.
- **A municipal pool**, ensuring accessibility for all residents, including individuals with disabilities and rehabilitation needs.

With an estimated **total project cost of \$13.5 million**, securing this funding now allows us to **continue momentum, finalize critical planning, and begin physical site preparations**. The **City of Solvang's investment** will demonstrate strong local support, helping leverage additional funding from state, federal, and private sources.

With an estimated **total project cost of \$13.5 million**, securing this funding allows us to maintain momentum, finalize critical planning, and begin physical site preparations. The City of Solvang's investment will demonstrate strong local support, helping to leverage additional funding from state, federal, and private sources. **Potential additional funding opportunities include a matching grant from the City of Buellton and a \$6 million Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant in August 2025**, further strengthening the project's financial foundation.

5. How many Solvang residents will be impacted by the proposed use of grant funds?

The **Santa Ynez Valley Community Aquatics Complex** will provide **year-round aquatic programs and facilities** that directly benefit a significant portion of Solvang's population. Based on demographic data and community interest, we estimate that **at least 3,500 Solvang residents** will be positively impacted by the proposed use of grant funds.

Who Will Benefit?

1. **Children & Youth (1,500+ residents)**
 - Local students, including those attending **Solvang School and Santa Ynez Valley High School**, will gain access to swim lessons, water polo, and



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- competitive swim programs.
- Essential **learn-to-swim and water safety programs** will help reduce drowning risks among children.
- 2. **Adults & Seniors (1,200+ residents)**
 - **Lap swimming, aqua aerobics, and rehabilitation programs** will support active lifestyles, health and wellness, and improve health outcomes.
 - **Senior-friendly aquatic therapy programs** will aid in mobility, recovery, and wellness.
- 3. **Families & Community Members (800+ residents)**
 - The **municipal pool** will provide a safe and welcoming space for families, including those with young children and individuals with disabilities.
 - Community-wide events, including **seasonal swim programs and local competitions**, will encourage engagement and bring Solvang residents together.

Broader Regional Impact

While Solvang residents will be key beneficiaries, the facility will also serve **neighboring communities in the Santa Ynez Valley**, attracting visitors and increasing economic activity. The **City of Solvang's investment** will ensure that local residents have **priority access to a high-quality aquatic facility**, fostering a healthier, more connected community.

By funding critical pre-construction efforts, the City will help turn this **long-awaited** project into a reality - delivering lasting benefits to thousands of Solvang residents for generations to come.

6. What is the organization's total budget?

The **total budget for the SYV Community Aquatics Complex** is estimated at **\$13.7 million**. This budget encompasses both construction costs and operational expenses over the initial two years of operation. Below is a breakdown of the budget components:

Construction Costs

1. **Myrtha Provided Estimate:**
 - **Competition Pool (33 m x 25 yd):** \$3,850,000
 - **Municipal Pool (25 yd x 50 ft):** \$1,898,000 (or \$1,725,000 if concrete is used)
2. **Diani Provided Estimate:**
 - **Demolition, Site Work, Pool Building:** \$5,931,557
3. **19Six Provided Estimate:**



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- **Design/Engineering/Permits/Soft Costs:** \$1,496,458

Total Project Costs

- **Total Construction Costs:** \$13,176,015

Operating Budget for 2025 - 2026

1. **Pre-Construction Project Manager:** \$0 (\$100,000/year in kind services from Diani Building Corp.)
2. **Fundraising Counsel:** \$240,000 (\$120,000/year)
3. **Campaign Coordinator:** \$60,000 (\$30,000/year)
4. **Accounting/Admin:** \$30,000 (\$15,000/year)
5. **Campaign Operating Costs:** \$330,000

The **total budget of \$13.5 million** reflects the comprehensive financial planning necessary to ensure the successful development and operation of the **SYV Community Aquatics Complex**. This budget not only supports the construction of essential aquatic facilities but also lays the groundwork for sustainable operations that will serve the **Solvang community and surrounding areas** for many years to come.

7. What are the sources of revenue for your organization? How are you funded? (Do not list City grant as part of your revenue).

The **Santa Ynez Valley Community Aquatics Foundation (SYVCAF)** is committed to ensuring the long-term sustainability of the **SYV Community Aquatics Complex** through a focused funding approach. The primary sources of revenue for our organization include:

1. **Community Donations and Grants**
 - We anticipate securing **financial contributions from the community through donations, regional foundations, and public grants**. This funding will be crucial in supporting the operational costs of the aquatic complex, ensuring accessibility and affordability for all community members.
2. **Program Revenues**
 - While membership fees will not be a primary source of income, we expect to generate **minimal revenue from programming and recreational use** of the aquatic facilities. This revenue will help contribute to ongoing operational costs and maintain the quality of services offered to the community.

Operational and Maintenance Costs



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It's important to note that the **operational and maintenance costs of the SYV Community Aquatics Complex will be covered by the Santa Ynez Union High School District**, to be outlined in a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**. Nominal entrance fees, facility rental fees, and ongoing fundraising will help to ensure that the facility remains well-maintained and accessible to the community without placing undue financial burden on residents.

By focusing on these key revenue sources, **SYVCAF** is dedicated to creating a sustainable aquatic facility that meets the needs of **Solvang** and surrounding communities for years to come.



Solvang Agency Grant Funding Application

Legal Name of Organization: SYV Fruit & Vegetable Rescue, dba Veggie Rescue

Mailing Address: PO Box 1651, Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Physical Address: 3630 Sagunto St C1, Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Total Funding Request: \$10,000

1-2. Contact & Authorized Signer Email: eryn@veggierescue.org, Eryn Shugart, Interim Executive Director, 805-455-0165

3. Organization's Purpose? Goals and Objectives? The purpose of Veggie Rescue is to pick up surplus produce and other food from farm and business donors and donate it within 24 hours to nonprofits working with food insecure individuals in our refrigerated trucks and vans.

Goals:

1. **Nourish Food-Insecure Individuals** – Ensure that rescued food reaches individuals and families who lack reliable access to nutritious meals.
2. **Reduce Food Waste** – Divert surplus food from farms, businesses, and other sources away from landfills and into the hands of those who need it.

Objectives:

1. Increase Food Recovery Efforts

- Partner with local farms, grocery stores, and restaurants to rescue surplus produce and reduce food waste.
- Continue to use our new digital tracking system to measure the pounds of food saved each month.
- Increase food recovery by 10% over the next year.

2. Improve Food Distribution to Food-Insecure Communities

- Expand partnerships with food banks, shelters, and community organizations to ensure recovered food reaches those in need.
- Develop a logistics plan to streamline transportation and storage of rescued food.

- Ensure **at least 90%** of rescued food is distributed within **24 hours** to maintain freshness.

3. Enhance Community Engagement and Awareness

- Conduct educational workshops on food waste reduction and nutrition for community members.
- Launch a social media campaign highlighting the impact of food recovery efforts.

4. Strengthen Organizational Capacity and Funding

- Continue applying for grants and fundraising initiatives to support food rescue and distribution efforts.
- Develop a sustainable funding model to cover transportation, refrigeration, and staffing needs.

5. Measure and Report Impact

- Publish an annual impact report to share success stories and data with stakeholders.

Use of Funds:

Grant funds will directly support Veggie Rescue’s core mission: rescuing surplus produce and nutritious food from local farms and businesses and delivering it—within 24 hours—to nonprofits serving food-insecure residents across Santa Barbara County. Specifically, this funding will help offset critical operational costs, including fuel and maintenance for our three refrigerated trucks, as well as wages for our dedicated drivers who transport food to organizations in and around Solvang.

In the Solvang area, Veggie Rescue partners with local nonprofits, churches, and schools such as Bethania Church, Atterdag at Home, People Helping People, Solvang School, and the Solvang Senior Center to ensure fresh food reaches those who need it most. This grant will allow us to continue and expand these vital deliveries, ensuring no edible food goes to waste while addressing hunger in our community.

Impact:

According to World Population Review, Solvang has a population of 5,875 residents, with an estimated 7.74% living below the poverty line—approximately 463 individuals. Based on the reach of our local nonprofit partners and current distribution patterns, we estimate that our food deliveries will benefit approximately this number of Solvang residents who rely on these organizations for regular access to healthy food.

6. What is the organization's total budget? \$455,500

7. What are the sources of revenue for your organization? How are you funded? Do not list City grant as part of your revenue. \$315,000 of this year's expected revenue will come from grants, \$67,000 from individuals, \$62,000 from our 15-year anniversary event and a summer gleaning event, \$10,000 from businesses, and \$1,500 from coin boxes located at various businesses throughout the valley. Our anticipated revenue this year is largely aligned with our realized revenue last year.



SOLVANG
AGENCY GRANT FUNDING
APPLICATION

Legal Organization/Agency Name and dba if applicable: The Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum (SYVHM)

Mailing Address: PO Box 181, Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Physical Address: 3596 Sagunto Street, CA 93460

Authorized signer email: Krissy Castillo, E.D. - Krissy@santaynezmuseum.org

Total Funding Request: \$9,090

1. **Authorized contract signer:** Krissy Castillo, Executive Director, Krissy@SantaYnezMuseum.org , 805.705.9221
2. **Contact Person:** Mary Maranville, Grant Writer, Development@santaynezmuseum.org, 805.746.0606
3. **Organization's purpose, goals and objectives:**
 - a. **The purpose of SYVHM** is to preserve, interpret and celebrate the history of the human experience in California's Santa Ynez Valley and Central Coast by informing, educating, inspiring and engaging Museum guests of all ages and backgrounds.
 - b. **Goals:** The SYVHM's goals are to curate, highlight and showcase Western cultural exhibits, fine art, while offering youth and adult educational programming that explores historical events and highlights the diverse communities of California's Central Coast for all residents in the Valley and visitors.
 - c. **Objectives:**
 - **Host museum day visitors:** Host at least 4,160 (80 per week x 52 weeks a year) local community members and tourists annually.
 - **Offer free educational tours:** Provide at least one monthly comprehensive "Step Back in Santa Ynez Valley History" educational tour to museum members and nonmembers. The tour will include the West Room, Pioneer Room, Valley Room, and Carriage House.
 - **Provide free History of Santa Ynez Valley educational elementary school field trips:** Provide at least 1,000 2nd – 5th grade elementary school students from Santa Ynez, Solvang, Buellton, Ballard, Los Olivos and Buellton with field trips. Each field trip will be specifically aligned to CA Content History-Social Science content standards by grade level that fit the needs of the schools, teachers and students. Serve as a center for education and lifelong learning by delivering quality educational programs.
 - **Youth Wild West Summer Camp:** Provide 25 students with an interactive Old West educational experience at the museum where they can learn about and appreciate the ways and life skills of the original pioneer families in the valley. The camp will include

the following lesson plans: roping, falconry, quilting, baking, line dancing, branding, old schoolhouse tour and more.

- **Exhibit fine art collections:** To research, acquire, curate, showcase and exhibit at least two western themed fine art collections annually.
- **Act as a cultural center:** Host and partner in local Western themed events that help promote and preserve the spirit of the Valley and the West, like the Vaquero Competition and Roping event and Vaquero Benefit Dinner & Auction. Partner in Santa Ynez Old Days and Rodeo. Conducting education and partnering with other local organizations by hosting traditional Vaquero events lead to the preservation and appreciation of the local western way of life.
- **Offer and host other adult programming special events:** Provide a platform for local authors, Western artisans and artists to showcase their work, such as book readings and signings and art exhibits.
- **Membership:** Host annual membership meeting and recruit at least 50 new museum members annually.

4. Provide a detailed accounting of what specific program or event and how the granted funds will be used for that program or event? Budget is included.

- **Wild West Youth Summer Camp:**
 - Scholarships or Solvang Elementary School Students:
 - 5 students x \$300 = \$1,500
 - **Subtotal = \$1,500**
- **History of Santa Ynez Valley Elementary School Field Trips:**
 - School bus transportation costs:
 - Solvang Elementary School 2nd – 5th grade classrooms.
 - 8 classrooms: 4.5 hours per trip x \$195 per hour = \$877 x 8 = \$7,020
 - **Subtotal = \$7,020**
- **Adult Programming | Fine Art Exhibits | Book Signings | Educational Tours:**
 - Three adult programming events:
 - Art opening reception, VIP tour, book reading.
 - Publicity: 3 press releases \$95 per hour x 6 hours = \$570
 - **Subtotal = \$570**
 - **TOTAL: \$9,090**

5. How many Solvang residents will be impacted by the proposed use of the grant funds? We are projected to impact over 250 school children and 1,000 adults in Solvang. 1,250

6. What is the organization's total budget? Our 2025 projected budget is \$907,000

7. What are the sources of revenue for your organization? How are you funded?

- Grants: Private and Public Foundations
 - Wood-Claeysens Foundation
 - Williams-Corbett Foundation
 - Elizabeth Bixby Janeway Foundation
 - Schlinger Foundation
 - Various others

- Corporate / Business Donations and Sponsorships
 - Mechanics Bank
 - Rio Vista Chevrolet
 - AgWest Farm Credit
 - Rancho Visitadores
 - Various others
- Private Individuals
 - Various
- Membership Dues
 - Various
- Museum Admissions
 - Various
- Event & Facility Rental
 - Weddings and other private events
- Events:
 - Vaquero Benefit Dinner and Auction ticket sales - various

**SOLVANG
AGENCY GRANT FUNDING
APPLICATION**

Legal Organization/Agency Name: Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People

Mailing Address: PO Box 1478, Solvang, CA 93464

Physical Address: 545 N. Alisal Road, Solvang, CA 93463

Authorized signer email: ericaf@syvphp.org

Total Funding Request: \$15,000

1. Authorized contract signer, position, email and phone number

Erica Jane Flores, CEO

ericaf@syvphp.org

805-686-0295

2. Contact Person Name, Title within the Organization, Email and phone number:

Erica Jane Flores, CEO

ericaf@syvphp.org

805-686-0295

3. Organization's purpose? Goals and objectives?

People Helping People is dedicated to improving the lives of men, women, and children in the Santa Ynez Valley, Los Alamos, and surrounding communities by addressing emergency and basic needs, furnishing comprehensive integrated family and individual support services, and acting as a catalyst for positive community change.

4. Provide a detailed accounting of what specific program or event and how the granted funds will be used for that program or event?

People Helping People offers a safety net to all Santa Ynez Valley residents (from infants to the elderly), but its clients are primarily working families who struggle to afford the basics and seniors on a fixed income.

Program Title: Solvang Supportive Services Network (SSSN)

Program Overview:

The Solvang Supportive Services Network (SSSN) is a comprehensive community-based initiative designed to enhance the well-being, stability, and self-sufficiency of low-income residents living in Solvang, California. The program connects residents to essential supportive services that address immediate needs and support long-term goals in housing, employment, health, and community engagement.

Program Goals:

1. Prevent homelessness and housing instability.
2. Improve access to health and mental health services.
3. Promote economic self-sufficiency through employment and education.
4. Reduce isolation and promote well-being among seniors and people with disabilities.
5. Strengthen families and improve outcomes for youth.

Target Population:

- Individuals and families earning less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI).
 - Seniors on fixed incomes.
 - People with disabilities.
 - Veterans.
 - Unhoused or unstably housed individuals.
 - Transitional-aged youth aging out of foster care.
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Core Supportive Services

1. Housing Stability Services

- Rental assistance navigation: Help applying for local, state, and federal rental aid.
- Landlord mediation: Support with resolving disputes to prevent evictions.
- Move-in assistance: Security deposit and utility hookup support.
- Emergency shelter referrals: Coordination with county services for temporary housing.
- Housing search and placement: Help locating and applying for affordable housing options.

2. Health & Mental Health Support

- Health care navigation: Enrollment in Medi-Cal and Covered California.
- Mobile health clinic access: Routine visits for basic medical care and screenings.
- Mental health counseling: Trauma-informed therapy and group support, especially for youth, survivors of domestic violence, and isolated seniors.
- Substance use services: Referrals and transportation to local detox and treatment centers.

3. Food & Nutrition Assistance

- Grocery assistance: Monthly grocery cards or pantry boxes with fresh produce and staples.
- CalFresh enrollment: Application assistance and recertification support.
- Homebound Meal Delivery: Weekly hot meal services in partnership with local churches and nonprofits.
- Mission Food Distribution: bi-monthly food distribution.

4. Family & Youth Services

- Parenting workshops: Positive parenting, budgeting, and child development.
- Childcare assistance: Support applying for subsidized care or connecting with trusted providers.
- Youth Mental Health: Access to therapeutic services.

5. Senior and Disability Services

- In-home support services coordination: Assistance connecting to IHSS.
- Home modification grants: Small repairs and accessibility improvements.
- Paperwork Assistance: Help with SSI/SSDI applications, power of attorney, and tenant rights.

5. How many Solvang residents will be impacted by the proposed use of the grant funds?

In the last year, PHP has served 388 Solvang residents, nearly 40% of which were seniors, a significant increase from prior years. Seniors are the fastest growing group of homeless with senior population growth at 7% but seniors seeking homelessness services have increased 84% while all others increased 43% during the same time. <https://www.bcsh.ca.gov/calich/hdis.html>

PHP expects its service numbers to increase over the next year as Federal essential service programs experience downsizing or a complete elimination, the cost of living continues to rise, and the population continues to age.

**PHP Solvang Resident Service Data
March 20, 2024 - March 20, 2025**

	Number	Percentage
All Services	1,619	
Individual Clients	388	
Seniors	153	39.43%
Seniors with Medi-Cal*	20	13.07%
Children	80	18.04%
Children with Medi-Cal*	28	40.00%
Total Clients with Medi-Cal*	81	20.87%

Homelessness Services	54	
Homelessness Services to Seniors	32	59.26%
Individual Homelessness Clients	29	
Homelessness Seniors	16	55.17

***Medi-Cal Numbers are low because PHP only started collecting this information in Q4 of 2024 in preparation of its CalAIM launch.**

We know that in 93463 Medi-Cal enrollment is 1,610 individuals

Age	Number
0-17	502
18-64	941
65+	164

1,610

6. What is the organization’s total budget?

\$1,705,123

7. What are the sources of revenue for your organization? How are you funded?

PHP uses a braided funding approach, recognizing revenue from private donors, grant funding, private contracts, and government contracts.

SOLVANG AGENCY GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

Legal Organization Name: Solvang School Education Foundation

Mailing Address: PO Box 304, Solvang, CA 93464

Physical Address: 565 Atterdag Rd., Solvang, CA 93463

Authorized signer email: ssefvikings@gmail.com

Total Funding Request: \$25,000

2. Contact Person Name, Title within the Organization, Email and phone number: Jody Williams, President/Executive Director, ssefvikings@gmail.com, 805-679-1723

3. Organization's purpose? Goals and objectives?

The goal for SSEF is to ensure that every student at Solvang School has access to a comprehensive education for the whole child – challenging their brains, cultivating their creative spirits and promoting physical wellbeing. This is accomplished through our dedication to funding science camps and enrichment trips, a large portion of the music, art and drama teacher's salaries and helping purchase needed school supplies and help secure funding for important facility upgrades. Through our funding, we help the school provide excellent, interdisciplinary education now to nurture thoughtful and broad-minded community leaders for the future.

4. Provide a detailed accounting of what specific program or event and how the granted funds will be used for that program?

This grant request is to fund the refurbishing of the Solvang School gym floor. The gym was built in 1997 and the flooring has never been redone. After nearly 30 years and thousands of people using the gym, the floors are in disrepair and need to be extensively refurbished. To ensure that the gym can provide another 30 years of love and joy to the community, the floors need to be stripped, sanded, repainted and resealed. This is a costly endeavor that is outside the realm of the school's budget. With the amount of budget cuts occurring within the public school sector, the district does not see any foreseeable circumstance where it can afford to allocate funds to this crucial maintenance. District funds are completely allocated to staff salaries to make sure our students receive the high level of instruction and positive learning environment required to graduate well-adjusted individuals.

The gym not only serves the 600+ students and staff of Solvang School annually, but it also acts as a community center utilized by multiple local organizations serving Solvang and

valley youth. As Solvang does not have its own community recreation center, the Solvang School gym plays an important role in the civic amenities of the city.

Ways the gym is used by Solvang and its residents:

Solvang School

- Monthly assemblies for grades TK-8th grade
- Physical education classes and After School childcare
- Cultural events for students and families like Dia de los Muertos and the Heritage Fair
- Music and band performances in Winter and Spring
- 8th grade Promotion
- Girls/Boys Basketball and Girls/Boys Volleyball – practices and games
- Host the annual Basketball tournaments for the valley's boys and girls school teams
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Annual School Talent Show

Solvang and the surrounding community:

- Solvang Parks and Rec- use the gym for camps and youth sports
- YMCA -youth basketball games and practices
- Fun in the Sun and Boys & Girls Club Summer Camps

5. How many Solvang residents will be impacted by the proposed use of the grant funds?

All Solvang residents will be impacted by the gym floor upgrade either directly or indirectly and for years to come. School students and families will directly benefit and Solvang and Santa Ynez Valley residents can benefit from either attending an event or having a relative that attends the school. At the very least, if the school maintains an average of 600 students per year who have 2 additional family members who benefit from their child's access to the gym for sports or academics that is $1,800 \text{ per year} \times 30 \text{ years} = 54,000$ people who could potentially benefit from this important gym upgrade. On the other side of the spectrum if an average of 5,000 Solvang residents benefit from the gym in some way the impact could reach 150,000 people over the next 30 years.

6. What is the organization's total budget? \$200,00

7. What are the sources of revenue for your organization? How are you funded?

Private Donations, Grants, School Fundraisers

SOLVANG
AGENCY GRANT FUNDING
APPLICATION

Legal Organization/Agency Name and dba if applicable:

Santa Ynez Valley Western Heritage Foundation

Mailing Address:

PO Box 298 Santa Ynez CA 93460

Physical Address:

Rodeo Site Corner of Meadowvale and 246 Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Authorized signer email: (typical signers are usually CEO, CFO): **Kevin Murphy, President**

Total Funding Request: **\$50,000**

1. Authorized contract signer, position, email and phone number, if different than contact number below

**Kevin Murphy, President of the Santa Ynez Western Heritage Foundation
KJMurphys@gmail.com, Cell (805) 588-5720**

2. Contact Person Name, Title within the Organization, Email and phone number:

**Kevin Murphy, President of the Santa Ynez Western Heritage Foundation
KJMurphys@gmail.com, Cell (805) 588-5720**

3. Organization's purpose? Goals and objectives?

We are dedicated to enriching our community by supporting local youth organizations and community events, which are dedicated to preserving Western Traditions and Agricultural Roots in the Santa Ynez Valley. We aim to preserve the rich legacy of the Western Way of Life for future generations.

We hold an annual fundraiser, the Old Santa Ynez Days Rodeo, which is run entirely by volunteers and funded through ticket sales and donations. All proceeds from this fundraising event are donated to youth organizations in our area. We have provided donations to the Ag Program at Santa Ynez Valley High School (\$10,000), Sheriff's Explorers program of Santa Barbara County, Elks Circle of Champions, Elks Children's Christmas fund, to name a few.

We hope to continue to grow the Rodeo, our primary fundraising event, to increase our ability to fund further donations directly to the youth in our community.

4. Provide a detailed accounting of what specific program or event and how the granted funds will be used for that program or event?

Our non profit PRCA sanctioned rodeo, The Old Santa Ynez Days Rodeo, is our primary annual fundraiser. Each year we have seen the event grow and have had wonderful community response and involvement. The rodeo reaches so many people in our community but also beyond. We field phone calls about lodging, events, restaurants, etc, in our area throughout the year through our rodeo.

We are hoping to secure grant funds to increase our advertising budget which is currently \$25,800 based off last years numbers. Grant proceeds will allow us to better market the Rodeo weekend on a national level to draw in more revenue to our area. With the granted funds we can advertise with the Cowboy Channel which can provide the Rodeo and the City of Solvang with national exposure.

5. How many Solvang residents will be impacted by the proposed use of the grant funds?

The Old Santa Ynez Days rodeo draws in spectators from everywhere. We have many participants from out of state as well. Rodeo weekend attendance (including spectators, participants, vendors, etc) is between 4,000-6,000 people. Hotels, rentals, restaurants, retail stores, gas stations, etc all benefit from the weekend Rodeo event. We provide an event that helps to boost the economy in the area and then use any proceeds to give back to the area youth. Your seeing the impact from the fundraiser boost the economy and then as the beneficiary from donations to local youth organizations and events.

6. What is the organization's total budget? **\$351,478**

7. What are the sources of revenue for your organization? How are you funded? (Do not list City grant as part of your revenue).

We are funded through donations and ticket sales for our annual Old Santa Ynez Days rodeo fundraiser.



2025-2026 City of Solvang Grant Application
“Small Business Emergency Response Training Program”



GRANT APPLICATION

Small Business Emergency Response Training

March 31, 2025

Legal Organization Name:

SOLVANG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 465
Solvang CA 93464



2025-2026 City of Solvang Grant Application
“Small Business Emergency Response Training Program”

Physical Address:

485 Alisal Road, Suite 245
Solvang, CA 93463

Authorized Signor email:

Tracy Beard, CEO/Executive Director
tracy@solvangchamber.com
(805) 688-0701

Contact Person Within Chamber:

Tracy Beard, CEO/Executive Director
tracy@solvangchamber.com
(805) 688-0701

Chaplain Linda Palmer, Community Outreach
Linda@solvangchamber.com
(805) 688-0701

Organization’s Purpose:

The Solvang Chamber of Commerce is a champion of business, providing advocacy, education and resources to the business community. The Chamber’s goal is to ensure the success, stability and resilience of Solvang’s business community in all phases of business life -- startup, daily operation, compliance, marketing and per this Grant Application, emergency response.

Detailed Accounting of Specific Program:

Solvang Chamber of Commerce requests \$46,500 to provide **Small Business Emergency Response Training** to 150 individuals from 50 strategically located small businesses to supplement emergency services provided by the City of Solvang. This is part of the Chamber’s “SOLVANG SAFE™” Initiative focused on training small businesses to improve the safety and quality of life for both residents and visitors. Training to be provided in English and Spanish.



2025-2026 City of Solvang Grant Application
“Small Business Emergency Response Training Program”

Solvang Residents Impacted by the Proposed Grant Funds:

The over 6,000 residents of Solvang as well as the 1.5 million visitors will benefit by having 150 trained individuals who are physically located in the core “Village” area and who can provide basic emergency response in the precious minutes between an incident and arrival of Solvang’s emergency response professionals. No existing program exactly mirrors the proposed Solvang Chamber emergency response training plan. While Cal OES, CSTI, CERT, and other initiatives offer training, they lack the combination of a small tourist using the Chamber to ensure a peer-to-peer, tourism-focused, scalable training effort that is integrated into the City of Solvang Emergency Response Plan.

The goal is 50 strategically located businesses with 150 employees and/or residents in the tourist-centric “Village”.

Solvang Chamber of Commerce Total Annual Budget:

Current - \$246,604.28

Sources of Revenue and funding to the Chamber:

Membership Dues
Sponsorships as Available
County of Santa Barbara
Economic Development Collaborative (EDC) Contract
Montecito Bank & Trust

Tracy Beard, CEO/Executive Director
Solvang Chamber of Commerce
tracy@solvangchamber.com
(805) 688-0701

SOLVANG
AGENCY GRANT FUNDING
APPLICATION

Legal Organization/Agency Name and dba if applicable: Solvang Danish Days Foundation

Mailing Address: PO Box 1424, Solvang, CA 93464

Physical Address: N/A none

Authorized signer email: (typical signers are usually CEO, CFO): Danishdaysfoundation@outlook.com

Total Funding Request: \$50,000.00

1. Authorized contract signer, position, email and phone number, if different than contact number below
2. Contact Person Name, Title within the Organization, Email and phone number:
Thomas Birkholm, Chairman - Tbirkholm@me.com - (805) 245-0648
Casandra Farris, Co-Chairman - Sass.Farris@gmail.com - (805) 325-1848
3. Organization's purpose? Goals and objectives? ***SEE BELOW

4. Provide a detailed accounting of what specific program or event and how the granted funds will be used for hat program or event?
Funds provided will allow for additional port-a-potties & sanitation stations. Extra cleaning staff, Additional security/police to provide a safe environment. Rentals, including, tables, chairs, tents, etc. Stage & Entertainment.

5. How many Solvang residents will be impacted by the proposed use of the grant funds?
Residents will be impacted. Family members, friends, relatives come each year to Solvang to celebrate Danish Days, which in turn helps the restaurants, the hotels and the businesses.

6. What is the organization's total budget?

\$165,000.00

7. What are the sources of revenue for your organization? How are you funded? (Do not list City grant as part of your revenue).

As a non-profit organization, we depend on donations, the generosity of the community and sponsorships. We also encourage businesses to help by selling our raffle tickets or becoming sponsors of Danish Days. Danish Days is one of the few remaining Scandinavian Festivals in the Country. Generosity, sponsorships and volunteerism keeps our festival strong and exciting.

****Our purpose is to organize and present the annual "Danish Days Festival" in the City of Solvang, which has been supporting and enriching Danish cultural history since 1936. We aim to promote Solvang as a destination with a rich cultural heritage. We strive to offer a unique experience that highlights Solvang's history, community, Danish heritage and traditions, Scandinavian folklore and educational facts about Denmark, etc. Our objective is to create an enjoyable experience for all visitors. We aim to provide a safe, clean and entertaining weekend suitable for people of all ages, ensuring a fun time for both visitors and locals alike.

SOLVANG
AGENCY GRANT FUNDING
APPLICATION

Legal Organization/Agency Name and dba if applicable: Solvang Rotary Foundation

Mailing Address: PO Box 636, Solvang, CA 93463

Physical Address: N/A

Authorized signer email: (typical signers are usually CEO, CFO): Valerie Kissell, President
vaokissell@gmail.com

Total Funding Request: \$ 10,180.00

1. Authorized contract signer, position, email and phone number, if different than contact number below Valerie Kissell, President, vaokissell@gmail.com C: 724-366-3679

2. Contact Person Name, Title within the Organization, Email and phone number:

Steve Palmer, Event Chair, palmer@cdllp.com C: 805-245-8442

3. Organization's purpose? Goals and objectives?

The purposes of this club are to pursue the Object of Rotary, carry out successful service projects based on the Five Avenues of Service, contribute to the advancement of Rotary by strengthening membership, support The Rotary Foundation, and develop leaders beyond the club level. Provide support and services in the community and showcase Solvang by drawing visitors for this very popular event, The 4th of July Parade.

4. Provide a detailed accounting of what specific program or event and how the granted funds will be used for hat program or event?

These funds will be used to provide materials, services and marketing for the annual Solvang 4th of July Parade.

5. How many Solvang residents will be impacted by the proposed use of the grant funds?
Thousands of Solvang residents, Santa Ynez Valley residents and visitors from the region, state and around the world eagerly anticipate the parade. Solvang residents place their chairs and blankets the night before to secure their favorite and best viewing spot.

6. What is the organization's total budget?
\$114,000.00

7. What are the sources of revenue for your organization? How are you funded? (Do not list City grant as part of your revenue).

The Rotary is funded through membership dues and fundraising activities.

SOLVANG
AGENCY GRANT FUNDING
APPLICATION

Legal Organization/Agency Name and dba if applicable: *Viking Charities, Inc.*

Mailing Address: *Vikings of Solvang, P.O. Box 293, Solvang, CA 93464*

Physical Address: *N/A*

Authorized signer email: (typical signers are usually CEO, CFO): *Joe Tyson - joe.tyson@vikingsofsolvang.org*

Total Funding Request: *\$3355*

1. Authorized contract signer, position, email and phone number, if different than contact number below

2. Contact Person Name, Title within the Organization, Email and phone number:

Roger Lane, Chair Viking Charities Classic Car Show
Roger.Lane@vikingsofsolvang.org

3. Organization's purpose? Goals and objectives? *The Vikings of Solvang are a philanthropic organization who provides help to those with medical needs in Santa Barbara County. We do this to provide others with a better quality of life.*

4. Provide a detailed accounting of what specific program or event and how the granted funds will be used for that program or event? *We propose to put on the 3rd Annual Viking Charities Classic Car Show in downtown Solvang. We will use local vendors when available and draw over 2000+ visitors to Solvang. It will present Solvang in a positive light and bring additional press coverage and publicity to our great city.*

5. How many Solvang residents will be impacted by the proposed use of the grant funds? *Bringing in spectators and car show registrants to downtown Solvang will potentially help every shop owner within a 1/4 mile radius in a positive way. Additionally the Vikings Charity helps dozens.*

6. What is the organization's total budget?

Total Budget for the 2025 Car Show is \$18,277

7. What are the sources of revenue for your organization? How are you funded? (Do not list City grant as part of your revenue).

Sources of revenue for the event are vehicle registration fees, sponsorships, t-shirt and other merchandise sales as well as a beer and wine garden.

The Vikings of Solvang rely on donations and member fees for their funding.



Meeting Date: May 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action to Adopt Resolution No. 25-1293 Approving the Measure A 5-Year Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2025/26-2029/30.

PREPARED BY: Bridget Paris, Public Works Director / City Engineer

DISCUSSION:

On November 4, 2008, the voters of Santa Barbara County approved Ordinance No. 5, the *Road Repair, Traffic Relief, and Transportation Safety Measure*, commonly known as **Measure A**. Measure A is a one-half of one percent retail transactions and use tax dedicated to the construction, maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of existing roads and bikeways, as well as the expansion of public transit services.

The measure became effective on April 1, 2010 with disbursement of revenues beginning in July 2010. Each year, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) provides an estimate of the apportionment of Measure A revenues. The next 5-year estimate for Solvang is as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Revenue Estimate</u>
FY 2025/26	\$489,866
FY 2026/27	\$459,226
FY 2027/28	\$473,201
FY 2028/29	\$487,830
FY 2029/30	\$502,963

To ensure transparency and accountability, the Measure A program requires the City of Solvang to prepare a **Program of Projects** outlining the Local Street & Transportation Improvement projects to be funded with the above revenues. The Program of Projects must be presented to the public through a formal public hearing and subsequently approved by the City Council. Once approved, it will be submitted to SBCAG, which will compile and present the Program of Projects from all member agencies.

The Public Works Department has developed the City of Solvang’s 5-Year Program of Projects based on the current Capital Improvement Program. This program is included as **Attachment B**.

Per the Measure A Ordinance, local agencies must comply with a **Maintenance of Effort (MOE)** requirement using discretionary funds.

The Ordinance states:

“Each local agency receiving revenues pursuant to the Investment Plan shall annually maintain an expenditure of local discretionary funds for street and road purposes which is no less than that reported in the State Controller’s Annual Report of Financial Transactions for Streets and Roads for the Fiscal Year 2007-08, and adjusted annually by the percentage change in the amount of retail transaction and use tax receipts collected through the imposition of this measure.”

Based on the current budget, the City of Solvang will be able to meet the MOE requirement. Failure to meet the MOE would result in a reduction of Measure A revenues in the following fiscal year equal to the shortfall.

The proposed Measure A 5-Year Program of Projects is both appropriate and achievable. A draft resolution adopting the program for FY 2025/26 through 2029/30 is included as **Attachment A**.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may choose to allocate Measure A funds differently, provided that the revised allocation complies with the Measure A Local Allocation Rules.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Measure A revenue in Fiscal Year 2025/26 is estimated to be **\$489,866.00**.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution No. 25-1293
- B. Measure A 5-Year Program of Projects List

RESOLUTION NO. 25-1293

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOLVANG, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA,
ADOPTING THE MEASURE A 5-YEAR LOCAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025/26 – 2029/30**

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2008, the voters of Santa Barbara County approved Ordinance No. 5, the Road Repair, Traffic Relief, and Transportation Safety Measure known as Measure A; and

WHEREAS, the City of Solvang was provided with an estimate of annual Measure A local revenues for Fiscal Years 2025/26 through 2029/30; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance provides that the Santa Barbara County Local Transportation Authority shall annually approve a program of projects submitted by local jurisdictions identifying those transportation projects eligible to use Measure A funds during the succeeding five-year period; and

WHEREAS, the City of Solvang has held a public hearing in accordance with Section 18 of the Ordinance.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLVANG DOES HEREBY
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The City of Solvang does hereby adopt the attached Measure A 5-Year Program of Projects to be funded in part with Measure A revenues.

SECTION 2. The City of Solvang certifies that it will include in its budget an amount of local discretionary funding for local streets and roads sufficient to comply with the Maintenance of Effort requirements contained in Section 27 of the Ordinance; and

SECTION 3. The City of Solvang will not use Measure A revenues to replace private developer funding that has been committed to a transportation project or would otherwise be required under current City policies; and

SECTION 4. The City of Solvang has complied with all other applicable provisions and requirements of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall be effective upon adoption

SECTION 6. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and shall cause a certified copy to be filed in the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of May, 2025.

David Brown, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Craig Steele, Acting City Attorney

Annamarie Porter, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA)ss
CITY OF SOLVANG)

I, Annamarie Porter, City Clerk of the City of Solvang, California do hereby certify that Resolution No. 25-1293 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Solvang at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 27th day of May, 2025, and thereafter signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and that said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Annamarie Porter, City Clerk



AGENDA ITEM 8.c

Meeting Date: May 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action to approve request from Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency to extend loan repayment terms for member agency contributions

PREPARED BY: Randy Murphy, City Manager

DISCUSSION:

The Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EMA GSA) has submitted a formal request for an extension of the loan repayment schedule related to Member Agency contributions. The original repayment terms, as outlined in the EMA GSA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, require repayment of agency contributions beginning after December 2026.

The EMA GSA has requested written approval to:

- Postpone repayment of the \$200,000 already contributed, and an additional \$200,000 in requested FY 2024–2025 contributions.
- Extend the repayment schedule to FY 2027–2030.
- Apply interest on these contributions in accordance with the terms of Section 14.3 of the JPA beginning after December 2026.

The City of Solvang has already contributed \$50,000 in loan funding and will be contributing an additional \$50,000 for FY 2024–2025. These funds have been budgeted and approved for disbursement by the City Manager.

Staff is requesting Council to discuss and possibly approve the request from the EMA GSA to postpone the repayment of Fiscal Year 2024–2025 Member Agency contributions to Fiscal Years 2027–2030, with interest to begin accruing at the annual rate published as the yield of the Local Agency Investment Fund, after December 2026, in accordance with the Joint Powers Agreement and Interim Cost Share Agreement.

Member agencies may choose to waive or modify interest accrual terms per the Interim Cost Share Agreement. The City can waive interest payment and receive repayment of the \$100,000 contribution only. This amount may increase if there is a request from the EMA GSA to the member agencies for additional gap funding. Further details regarding the repayment along with the interest are available in the EMA GSA's Groundwater Extraction Fee Rate Study Report.

ALTERNATIVES:

- A. The Council could elect to provide direction to Staff to reject the request from EMA GSA and request funds be repaid based on the previously agreed terms.
- B. The Council could elect to waive any accrued interest for the duration of the repayment period.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Postponing repayment allows the EMA GSA to maintain operating cash flow and delay financial obligations for member agencies, with manageable interest implications. The City has budgeted for the requested loan amounts in the Water Enterprise Fund..

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. EMA GSA Request Letter (May 7, 2025)



Board of Directors:

Douglas R. Circle, Agricultural Director
Joan Hartmann, Santa Barbara County Water Agency
Brad Joos, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, I.D. No. 1
J. Brett Marymee, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
Elizabeth Orona, City of Solvang

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May 12, 2025

Member Agency Representatives (Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District; Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, I.D. No. 1; City of Solvang; Santa Barbara County Water Agency) and Board of Directors

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EMA GSA)

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BCC: EMA GSA Board of Directors and Legal Counsel

Re: Request for EMA GSA Extension of Loan Repayment Terms

Dear Member Agency Representatives and Board of Directors,

On behalf of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EMA GSA), I am writing to formally request that the Member Agencies provide written approval to postpone repayment of their Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 – 2025 EMA GSA contributions to FY 2027 – 2030. The original repayment terms in the EMA GSA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) called for repayment after December 2026. Therefore, written approval from your agency is needed to extend the payback period.

The repayment would include the \$200,000 that the EMA GSA has received in Member Agency contributions, the additional \$200,000 that is currently being requested in Member Agency contributions, and interest accrued in accordance with the terms of Section 14.3 of the JPA. As stated in the Interim Cost Share Agreement, interest will begin accruing after December 2026 unless your agency indicates in writing that it elects to waive interest or extend the date upon which interest begins to accrue. Further details on the proposed repayment schedule are available in the Groundwater Extraction Fee Rate Study Report, which can be accessed on the EMA GSA website at EMA-SantaYnezWater.org.

We welcome any questions or comments you may have regarding this request. Your continued support of the EMA GSA's efforts in groundwater sustainability and Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Daniel Heimel

Executive Director

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
Eastern Management Area Groundwater
Sustainability Agency



SUBJECT: Continued discussion and possible action to Introduce for first reading and read by title only Ordinance No. 25-0381 amending Sections 7-3-10 and Chapter 6 (Camping) to Title 5 (Public Health and Safety) of the Solvang Municipal Code and making a determination of exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act

PREPARED BY: Taylor Foland, Assistant City Attorney

DISCUSSION:

Background

In 2023 the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 23-0369, amending the Solvang Municipal Code to update the City's camping regulations in accordance with current law, namely the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decisions in *Martin v. City of Boise*¹ and *Johnson v. City of Grants Pass*². At that time, the Ninth Circuit's rulings prohibited cities from enforcing anti-camping ordinances unless the city could demonstrate that there were sufficient shelter beds available in the city to house its homeless population, or that a person's homeless status was otherwise voluntary. The Ninth Circuit's ruling in *Grants Pass* was appealed to the Supreme Court and, in June 2024, the Supreme Court effectively reversed the Ninth Circuit's *Boise* and *Grants Pass* decisions³. Now, pursuant to the Supreme Court's ruling, cities may enforce camping ordinances regardless of the availability of shelter space or whether a person's homeless status is involuntary.

Proposed Ordinance

The City regulates camping in two places in the Municipal Code. Camping outdoors on public and private property is regulated in Chapter 6 (Camping), Title 5 (Public Health and Safety). Chapter 6 does not regulate the use of vehicles, automobiles, or recreational vehicles used for shelter and/or sleeping on public property. These uses are regulated in Section 7-3A-10 (Recreational Vehicles). The proposed ordinance updates both Chapter 6 and Section 7-3A-10 in accordance with the Supreme Court's decision. Specifically, the proposed ordinance makes the following amendments:

Use of Vehicles for Human Habitation (Section 7-3A-10)

Currently, section 7-3A-10.C prohibits the use of vehicles for human habitation on public property overnight, and at all times within 200 feet of schools, within the TRC (now, the VMU). However, the City Manager may specifically authorize a public street, alley, city parking lot, city right-of-way, or public property to be used for habitation. The proposed ordinance would revise this section to prohibit the use of vehicles for human habitation on all public property at all times. The City Manager would retain their ability to authorize specific areas for habitation.

Camping (Chapter 6, Title 5)

Camping on Public Property

Currently, the City's code prohibits camping at all times on City property, rights of way, and essential City-owned and -operated public utilities (as defined), but provides an exception for persons who do not have a permanent residence, or who are involuntarily homeless. Such individuals are permitted to camp on City property subject to certain time, place and manner restrictions aimed at preserving public health and safety (e.g. no open flames, no accumulation of rubbish, no camping at any time within specified areas, etc.). The proposed ordinance would prohibit camping at all times in the following

¹ (9th Cir. 2019) 920 F.3d 584.

² (9th Cir. 2022) 50 F.4th 787.

³ *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson* (2024) 603 U.S. 520.

areas: the VMU, essential City-owned and -operated utilities, any place where camping impedes ingress, egress, or access to a property, all vehicle lanes, bicycle lanes, and roundabouts, streets closed for construction, and within 100 feet of Mission Drive. In addition, the proposed ordinance would prohibit camping from the hours of one-half hour after sunset to 6:00 a.m. the following day on all other public property. During the daytime, when camping would not be prohibited on public property not specifically mentioned above, the proposed ordinance would impose time, place and manner restrictions on camping. These restrictions would remain largely the same as those in the City's current code. However, the proposed ordinance would remove regulations governing the spacing and size of encampments as those regulations were included to allow involuntarily homeless persons to maintain the essentials for living. Such a concession is no longer required in light of the Supreme Court's decision. In addition, the proposed ordinance would expand the existing prohibition on digging, excavation, terracing of soil, alteration of ground, water or infrastructure, and damage to vegetation or trees to also prohibit attaching or affixing materials or personal property to vegetation, trees, or City-owned buildings and structures unless approved by the City Manager.

Camping on Private Property

Currently, the Code prohibits camping overnight on private property except with the property owner's permission and provided that those camping on private property have access to sanitary and trash disposal facilities. The proposed ordinance makes no changes to these rules.

Storage of Personal Property on Public Property

The existing Code prohibits storage of personal property on public property, requires the City to provide a 72-hour notice prior to removing personal property, and requires the City to store personal property for 90 days prior to destruction. These regulations are currently located in the "Violations" section of Chapter 6. The proposed ordinance would create a new section to house all regulations for the storage of personal property. Under this section, the proposed ordinance would retain the City's ban on storage of personal property on public property but shorten the notice and storage periods. The City would be required to provide 24-hour notice prior to removing improperly stored personal property, and store the property for 60 days, or the duration required by law. The proposed ordinance would also list the information required to be included in the notice. This information is the same information required by the County of Santa Barbara for their notices.

Enforcement of Camping Ordinance

Currently, Section 5-6-5 of the Municipal Code allows the City Manager to modify or suspend enforcement of the camping ordinance in the event of a declared emergency, pursuant to administrative rules or policies, weather conditions, or for any other reason as determined necessary by the City Manager. Section 5-6-5 also allows the City Manager to adopt administrative rules or policies governing or guiding enforcement of the camping regulations. The proposed ordinance would relocate these provisions unchanged to Section 5-6-6.

Violations and Remedies – Exclusion Orders

The proposed ordinance would also amend the enforcement provisions (current Section 5-6-6 (Violations)) of Chapter 6. The proposed ordinance would allow for cumulative remedies and would eliminate the requirement that a citation be issued only after other means of achieving compliance have proven unsuccessful or impracticable. In addition to criminal and administrative citations for violations of Chapter 6, the proposed ordinance would add a new enforcement mechanism – an Exclusion Order. An Exclusion Order would temporarily ban an individual from a public park or essential City-owned or -operated utility for a period of 30 days. An enforcement officer can issue an Exclusion Order for a public park or essential City-owned or -operated utility on which an individual has previously: (1) violated the camping ordinance two or more times in one year, or (2) violated state law one or more times in one year. An Exclusion Order can also be issued if, within three months of having been issued an Exclusion Order, a person violates the camping ordinance or State Law on another public park or essential City-owned or -operated utility. In this case, the proposed ordinance would allow an enforcement officer to issue an Exclusion Order for that new location. Exclusion Orders would only apply to the particular public park or essential City-owned or -operated utility on which the offending conduct occurred.

Under the proposed ordinance, the Exclusion Order would go into effect immediately, and the individual to whom the Exclusion Order is issued may file a written objection within five days of its issuance. If an objection is filed, the Exclusion Order would be stayed until the appeal is resolved by the City Council at a regular or special meeting within fourteen days of the appeal.

Definitions

Lastly, the proposed ordinance would add new definitions to Chapter 6 for clarification.

Enforcement

As with the current ordinance, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff and City staff would have enforcement responsibilities. We provided the draft ordinance to the Sheriff's office for review and discussed it with County Counsel. We have added text to the Exclusion Order section of the proposed ordinance to respond to comments from County Counsel. The additional text, providing additional notice regarding the basis for the Order, additional time (five days instead of the original two) to file an appeal and a time period during which the appeal must be filed, beefs up the due process protections for individuals who are being deprived of their rights to be in certain public locations. If the ordinance is adopted, our office will prepare a template Exclusion Order for use in enforcing the ordinance.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Council could decline to introduce the proposed ordinance and give staff alternative direction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the introduction of the proposed ordinance. Should the Council adopt the proposed ordinance on second reading, minor codification expenses will be incurred that are within currently budgeted expenses. The additional cost of enforcement will depend on the frequency of future violations of the proposed ordinance. While the City may recover costs through collection of administrative fees, the ability of violators to pay fines may reduce the amount the City recovers under this proposed ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Draft Ordinance No. 25-0381

ORDINANCE NO. 25-0381

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLVANG, CALIFORNIA
AMENDING SECTION 7-3-10 (RECREATIONAL VEHICLES) AND CHAPTER 6
(CAMPING) OF TITLE 5 (PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE SOLVANG
MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH CAMPING REGULATIONS IN THE CITY AND
MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2023 the City Council of the City of Solvang (“City”) adopted Ordinance No. 23-0369 to establish camping and vehicle habitation regulations in accordance with the law in effect at that time; and

WHEREAS, at the time Ordinance No. 23-0369 was adopted, the Ninth Circuit’s rulings in *Martin v. City of Boise (Martin)* and *Johnson v. City of Grants Pass (Johnson)*, restricted cities’ ability to enforce public camping ordinances; and

WHEREAS, *Martin* and *Johnson* held that the 8th Amendment prohibited cities from enforcing public camping ordinances with criminal penalties on homeless persons when shelter space in a city was unavailable to meet the needs of a city’s homeless population, or when a person’s homeless status was otherwise involuntary; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2024, the United States Supreme Court issued a decision reversing the Ninth Circuit’s *Martin* and *Johnson* cases, holding that public camping and sleeping ordinances may be enforced against any individuals, regardless of shelter availability, without running afoul of the 8th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend its camping and vehicle habitation ordinances in accordance with current law; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that camping and storage of personal property in public spaces can interfere with the intended use of such spaces and create public health and safety hazards that adversely affect the City’s residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that maintaining all public spaces in a clean, sanitary and accessible condition allows the public to use and enjoy public areas and amenities for their intended purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend its camping and vehicle habitation ordinances for the purpose of protection of the public health, welfare and safety of its residents and visitors, in accordance with current law.

NOW, THEREFORE, the people of the chartered City of Solvang do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection C of Section 7-3A-10 (Recreational vehicles) of Chapter 3 (Stopping, standing and parking), of Title 7 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the City of Solvang Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“C. Use of Vehicles for Human Habitation on Public Property. It is unlawful for any person to use any vehicle, recreational vehicle, or temporary recreational vehicle, for human habitation on any public street or alley, city parking lot, city right-of-way, or public property unless the City Manager, or their designee, specifically authorizes a public street, alley, city parking lot, city right-of-way or public property to be used for habitation.”

SECTION 2. Chapter 6 (Camping) of Title 5 (Public Health and Safety) is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“Chapter 6. Camping and Storage of Personal Property

- 5-6-1 Purpose.
- 5-6-2 Definitions.
- 5-6-3 Camping on City property.
- 5-6-4 Camping on private property.
- 5-6-5 Storage of personal property on public property.
- 5-6-6 Enforcement.
- 5-6-7 Violations.

5-6-1 Purpose.

Public areas within the City should be accessible and available to residents and the public at large for their intended uses. The unauthorized use of public areas for camping and the storage of personal property interferes with the rights of other members of the public to use public areas for their intended purposes and can create a public health or safety hazard that adversely affects residential and commercial areas. The purpose of this chapter is to maintain public areas in clean, sanitary and accessible condition to prevent the misappropriation of public areas for personal use, and to promote the public health and safety by ensuring that public areas remain readily accessible for their intended uses.

5-6-2 Definitions.

CAMP or TENT CAMP or CAMPING means to pitch a tent, use, or occupy camp materials or a camp for the purpose of occupancy, habitation, or sheltering for survival, and in such a way as will facilitate sleeping or storage of personal belongings, carrying on cooking activities, taking measures to keep protected from the elements including heat and cold, or any of these activities in combination with one another or in combination with either sleeping or making preparations to sleep. A “Camp” or “Campsite” is a location where people camp or are camping. Camp, tent camp, or camping does not include vehicles, automobiles or recreational vehicles used for shelter and/or sleeping on public property, which is regulated in Section 7-3A-10.

CAMP MATERIALS may include, but are not limited to, tents, chairs, tarps or tarpaulins, cots, beds, sleeping bags, flameless stoves, blankets, sleeping or bedding materials, food or food storage items, and/or similar items that are or appear to be used as living and/or sleeping accommodations, or to assist with living and/or sleeping activities.

ESSENTIAL CITY-OWNED OR OPERATED PUBLIC UTILITIES means all City-owned or controlled property, whether in fee title, or as holder of an easement or lease, on which the City operates public utilities or other essential services, including, but not limited to the Solvang Municipal Center, Solvang Wastewater Treatment Plant and water wells operated by the City.

PERSONAL PROPERTY means tangible personal belongings or possessions, which shall include any movable or tangible thing that is subject to ownership; property that can be seen, weighed, measured, felt, or touched, including, but not limited to, furniture, appliances, camp materials, as defined in this Section, money, books, and shopping carts or carts or laundry carts as defined in Business and Professions Code Section 22435.

PORTABLE means able to be easily carried or moved without mechanized aid, or designed to be moved from place to place, and not permanently attached to a structure or the ground.

PUBLIC PARK means all park land, open spaces, dedicated parks, planted parkways, triangles and traffic circles maintained by the City, except the parkway strips between curb and sidewalk along the streets and highways of the City, or as otherwise defined by Chapter 8-1 of the Code.

PUBLIC PROPERTY means a City-owned or controlled place, including, but not limited to any public street, alley, public right-of-way, public parking lot, public park, public parkway, public sidewalk, public recreational area, public recreational facility, open space, essential City-owned or operated public utilities, and any and all other publicly-owned or controlled property in the City.

PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY means all City-owned or controlled rights-of-way or any other publicly owned or controlled right-of-way, whether held in fee title or as holder of an easement for right-of-way or public access purposes. Public rights-of-way include but are not limited to any public road, street, sidewalk, or private street or other property that is subject to a public access easement dedicated or granted to the City for vehicular, pedestrian, utilities or other means, and any planter strip or landscaped area located adjacent to or contained within streets that is part of the public right-of-way.

5-6-3 Camping on City property.

- A. It is unlawful for any person to camp between the hours of one-half (1/2) hour after sunset of one day and six (6:00) a.m. of the next day in or on any public property.
- B. In addition to the prohibition on camping on public property in subsection A, camping is not allowed at any time in any of the following places:
 - a. Any area zoned Village Mixed Use (VMU) on the city of Solvang zoning map in effect at the time.
 - b. Property of any essential city-owned or -operated public utilities.
 - c. Any place where camping, a camp, or camp materials create a physical impediment to emergency or non-emergency ingress, egress, or access to property, whether private or public, or on public sidewalks or other public rights-of-way, including, but not limited to, driveways providing access to vehicles, and entrances or exists from buildings and/or other real property.
 - d. Any vehicle lane, bicycle lane, or roundabout within any public right-of-way.
 - e. On any street or public right-of-way the city has closed to camping due to construction, heavy vehicle use, or other use of the roadway that is incompatible with camping in the right-of-way. The city does not need to close a street to vehicle traffic or close a street to camping under this section.
 - f. Any location within 100 feet of Mission Drive (SR 246).
- C. Camping, when and where allowed, is subject to all of the following:
 - a. Individuals, camp materials, camps or personal property may not obstruct sidewalk accessibility or passage, clear vision, fire hydrants, city or other public utility infrastructure, or otherwise interfere with the use of the right-of-way for vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle, or other passage.
 - b. Individuals may not accumulate, discard, or leave behind garbage, debris, unsanitary or hazardous materials, or other items of no apparent utility in the public rights-of-way, on city property, or any adjacent public or private property.

- c. Open flames, recreational fires, burning of garbage, bonfires, or other fires, combustible fuel-based flames, or heating deemed unsafe by the city or the county sheriff are prohibited. Flameless cooking stoves and other flameless devices for keeping warm are permitted.
- d. Dumping or collecting of gray water (i.e., wastewater from baths, sinks, and the like) or black water (i.e., sewage) into any facilities or places not intended for gray water or black water disposal or collection is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, city streets, public rights-of-way, public waterways and storm drains, which are not intended for disposal of gray water or black water.
- e. Unauthorized connections or taps to electrical or other utilities, or violations of building, fire or other relevant codes or standards, are prohibited.
- f. Items used for camping must be readily portable, such as tents. Individuals may not build or erect structures that are not readily portable, such as structures constructed out of plywood, wood materials, pallets, or other similar materials.
- g. Digging, excavation, terracing of soil, alteration of ground, water or infrastructure, or damage to vegetation, trees or City-owned or operated buildings and structures is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, attaching or affixing camp materials and personal property to vegetation, trees or City-owned or operated buildings and structures by any means not permitted in writing by the City Manager or their designee.

5-6-4 Camping on private property.

It is unlawful for any person to camp between the hours of one-half (1/2) hour after sunset of one day and six (6:00) a.m. of the next day, whether inside or outside of a vehicle, in or on any private property, including, but not limited to vacant lots, parking areas, and residential and commercial properties, unless the person camping in or on such private property:

- A. Is the owner thereof, or the lessee of such property or the houseguest of such owner or lessee or has the permission of the owner of such property, his or her agent or the person in lawful possession of such property; and,
- B. The person(s) camping have access to sanitary facilities approved by the health officer of the county, including, but not limited to toilet, hand washing and trash disposal facilities at all times people are authorized to be present for camping.

5-6-5 Storage of personal property on public property.

It is unlawful and a public nuisance for any person to store personal property on any public property, except as otherwise approved by the City Manager.

- A. Personal property shall be deemed to be stored if it has not been removed from the property within 24 hours of service of written notice provided pursuant to subsection (C) of this Section.
- B. All personal property stored in violation of this Section may be impounded by the City pursuant to this Section.
- C. Before impoundment of any personal property, the enforcement officer shall notify the owner of the personal property in writing, if their identity is reasonably ascertainable; or, if the identity of the owner is not reasonably ascertainable, cause a written notice to be posted in a prominent place at or near where the personal property is located, advising that the City will impound the

personal property if not removed within 24 hours. Such notice shall include the following information:

1. The date the notice was posted;
 2. The date the removal is scheduled to begin if personal property is not voluntarily removed;
 3. The time period during which removal will occur, which cannot exceed four (4) hours;
 4. Where personal property will be stored if removed by the City;
 5. How personal property may be claimed by its owner;
 6. The date on which stored items will be disposed of; and
 7. Contact information for an outreach provider that can provide services and shelter alternatives.
- D. Following removal of personal property, the City shall post a notice for a minimum of 10 days at or as near as possible to the location where the personal property was collected, and on the City's website. This notice shall include the following information:
1. The date the personal property was removed;
 2. Where the personal property is being stored;
 3. How personal property may be claimed by its owner, including the phone number and hours a person claiming ownership;
 4. The date on which stored items will be disposed of; and
 5. Contact information for an outreach provider that can provide services and shelter alternatives.
- E. Personal property removed by the City pursuant to this Section will be stored by the City for a minimum of sixty (60) days, or the duration required by law at the time of removal.
- F. The City shall maintain an inventory reasonably identifying personal property removed pursuant to this Section, where the personal property was approximately located prior to removal, and the identity of the owner, if known.
- G. The City shall release personal property to the owner identified in the inventory or, if identify of the owner is not known, to a person who claims ownership of the property and can describe the property with particularity. The City shall not require presentation of any identification to retrieve property.
- H. The City may dispose of any personal property that remain unclaimed after sixty (60) days, or such duration as required by law.
- I. Nothing in this section shall prevent, restrict, or otherwise limit the City's right to remove, without prior notice: (1) evidence of a crime or contraband from public property; (2) personal property located on public property that poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of the public; (3) items that are perishable, that have no apparent use, are not identifiable as belonging to an individual, or that are in an unsanitary condition due to saturation or contamination from bodily fluids, whether human or animal, or other contamination; and (4) any personal property

otherwise authorized by law to be removed without prior notice. For all evidence, property, and items removed pursuant to this subsection, a post-removal notice shall be provided as set forth in subsection (D) of this Section.

- J. Weapons, drug paraphernalia, or other contraband, and items that appear to be either stolen or evidence of a crime, shall be given to law enforcement officials.

5-6-6 Enforcement.

- A. The City Manager, or their designee, is specifically authorized to modify or suspend enforcement of any section or element of this Chapter in the event of a declared emergency, pursuant to administrative rules or policies, weather conditions (including but not limited to extreme heat or cold), or for any other reason within the City Manager's authority, regardless of whether an emergency has been declared.
- B. The City Manager, or their designee, may adopt administrative rules or policies governing or guiding enforcement of this Chapter, including, but not limited to ensuring consistent and appropriate enforcement for various circumstances.

5-6-7 Violations and Remedies.

- A. Any violation of this Chapter may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 1 of this Code. At the City's discretion, it may issue administrative citations as permitted by Chapter 5A of Title 6 of this Code.
- B. In addition to all other remedies, an individual may be issued a written exclusion order by an enforcement officer temporarily prohibiting said individual from a public park or essential City-owned or operated public utility on which violations described in this Section occurred, for a period of thirty (30) days:
 - 1. If within a one-year period, the individual:
 - i. Is issued two or more citations on the same public park or essential City-owned or operated public utility for violating this Chapter, or
 - ii. Is issued one or more citations for violating any state law(s) while on the same public park or essential City-owned or operated public utility; or
 - 2. If, within three months of being issued an exclusion order pursuant to subsection B.1, an individual is issued a citation for violating this Chapter or any state law(s) on a public park or essential City-owned or operated public utility.

The foregoing exclusion order(s) shall only apply to the particular public park or essential City-owned or operated public utility on which the offending conduct occurred.

- C. An exclusion order shall include the following information:
 - 1. The reasons for the exclusion;
 - 2. The particular public park or essential City-owned or operated public utility from which the individual issued the exclusion order is temporarily prohibited;
 - 3. The period of time during which the individual is excluded from the stated public park or essential City-owned or operated public utility (i.e. 30 days); and

4. How the individual may file an appeal of the exclusion order.

D. An individual issued a written exclusion order may file a written objection to the order with the City Manager within five (5) business days of its issuance. If a written objection is filed, the matter shall be placed on the City Council's agenda within fourteen (14) days after receiving the objection. The exclusion order shall be stayed during the pendency of the appeal. The objection may be heard by the City Council at a regular or special meeting. At the hearing, City staff shall provide the City Council with information regarding the basis for the exclusion order, and the individual shall be allowed to present relevant evidence. City Council may affirm the order upon finding that the criteria in subsection (C) of this Section have been met by a preponderance of the evidence. The decision of the City Council is final. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City Council may appoint a hearings officer as its designee for the purpose of conducting appeals of exclusion orders. In such case, the decision of the hearings officer shall be final.

E. The remedies or penalties provided by this title are cumulative to each other and to the remedies or penalties available under all other laws of this state.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations), and the City's environmental procedures. The City has determined that this Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the passage of this Ordinance will result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment nor have a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction or preempted by State or Federal legislation, such decision or legislation shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

SECTION 6. The City of Solvang is a Charter City and has adopted its own rules for summarizing and posting ordinances once they are adopted. A summary of this Ordinance will be prepared by the City Clerk. The summary will be posted in three locations after adoption as directed in the Solvang Municipal Code. A true and correct copy of the full ordinance together with a record of the vote of each council member shall be kept by the City Clerk.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 9th day of June 2025.

David Brown, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Chelsea O'Sullivan, City Attorney

Annamarie Porter, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA)ss
CITY OF SOLVANG)

I, Annamarie Porter, City Clerk of the City of Solvang, California do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 25-0381 was duly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 27th day of May 2025, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 9th day of June 2025, and thereafter signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and that said Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Annamarie Porter, City Clerk