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RESOLUTION 25-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 21-002 TO EXPAND AUTHORIZATION OF EASEMENT ACCEPTANCE

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 21-002 authorizing the City Manager to accept easements after review by the City Engineer or Capital Project Engineer and City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, under Resolution No. 21-002, easements can be accepted by the City Manager unless they create a significant maintenance burden or require City funds to acquire; and

WHEREAS, the widening of roads and installation of utilities often requires easements from landowners to ensure orderly development; and

WHEREAS, the City also acquires temporary and permanent easements in order to implement master planned roads, water, and sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, currently all proposed City easements that require City funds to acquire are presented to Council for acceptance; and

WHEREAS, easement presented to Council include right of way, slope, sewer and water, trail, slope planting and pedestrian access; and

WHEREAS, the easement acceptance process takes time and can delay a project from obtaining permits, certificates of occupancy and use valuable staff time for report preparation; and

WHEREAS, City staff is proposing an amendment to Resolution No. 21-002 to expand the City Manager's authorization to accept easements that require City funds to acquire, up to an amount equal to the City Manager's spending authority; and

WHEREAS, easements that create a significant maintenance burden or requires City funds to acquire above the City Manager's spending authority would be brought to Council for acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.

Section 3. The City Council finds that the following easements can be accepted by the City Manager or his authorized designee:

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- Right of way dedications for roads or road widening for the planned buildout of the City circulation system.
- Right of way easements to complete existing roads.
- Pedestrian access and equestrian access easements that are included in the City’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
- Temporary Construction Easements for City projects.
- Easements for maintenance of City facilities.
- City utility system easements including, but not limited to water, wastewater, communications, and recycled water.
- Avigation easements (to support Airport operations).
- Drainage easements.
- Parking easements without a new maintenance burden.
- Easements required as part of a Planning Commission or Council approved development project.

Section 4. The City Manager may sign the easement acceptance on the City Council’s behalf, after review by the City Attorney and City Engineer or Capital Project Engineer, for the qualifying list of easements within Section 2, above. All other easements, including easements that create a significant maintenance burden or requires City funds to acquire above the City Manager’s spending authority, would still be brought forward for City Council acceptance.

Section 5. The City Manager or his authorized designee will include the attached Exhibit A – Grant of Easement Acceptance with each signed easement for recordation.

APPROVED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles by the following vote on September 16, 2025.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

John R. Hamon, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Martin, City Clerk

Exhibit A – Grant of Easement Acceptance

Exhibit B – Resolution 21-002