

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION OF SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH, OR DESIGNEE(S), TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO PAY FOR A ONE-TIME CREDIT EQUAL TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE COST OF THE CURRENT ANNUAL FEE AND THE COST OF THE NEW ANNUAL FEES, IF INCREASED PURSUANT TO THE ORDINANCE PASSED HEREIN, AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$2,100,000, FOR CERTAIN EHS-REGULATED BUSINESSES WHICH QUALIFY AS SMALL BUSINESSES UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the series of state and local health orders restricting certain types of economic activity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, have had a devastating impact on certain sectors of the economy in San Mateo County, with revenue losses hitting small businesses and businesses in certain industries particularly hard; and

WHEREAS, some of these small businesses that have suffered the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are regulated by the County's Environmental Health Services (EHS); and

WHEREAS, these small businesses are required to pay EHS the fees specified in Section 5.64.070 of Chapter 5.64 of the County Ordinance Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.64.070 has been amended to adjust certain fees, which has resulted in some of the small businesses regulated by EHS now being required to pay higher fee amounts; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) authorizes funding to, among other things, assist businesses defined as “small” under ARPA; and

WHEREAS, to cushion the impact of increased costs on small businesses that have suffered from the pandemic’s impacts and face a fee increase under the newly passed Section 5.64.070, the County desires to use ARPA funds to provide qualifying small businesses with a Fee Increase Offset Credit (Credit); and

WHEREAS, this Credit would be a one-time issuance to qualifying small businesses facing an increase in annual fees equal to the difference between: 1) the cost of annual fees to these businesses established by the Board in Ordinance No.; and 2) the cost of the annual fees to these businesses that the Board establishes for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Director of EHS, or designee(s), is hereby authorized to implement a program to pay for a one-time credit equal to the difference between the cost of the current annual fee and the cost of the new annual fees, if increased pursuant to the ordinance passed herein, at a total cost not to exceed \$2,100,000, for certain EHS-regulated businesses which qualify as small businesses under ARPA.

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