

**HERCULES CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. ____**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERCULES ADOPTING
A REVISED MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26.**

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, staff conduct a thorough examination of all fees and charges. This review serves to ascertain that the fees are both current and appropriately calibrated in accordance with legal requirements and established market standards. Furthermore, it evaluates the competitiveness, fairness, and affordability of these fees, ensuring that they yield a reasonable return to the City for the expenditure incurred in delivering the respective services; and

WHEREAS, staff hereby submit a formal recommendation to introduce new fees, eliminate certain existing fees, and amend various other fees as delineated within the City's comprehensive Master Fee Schedule. This initiative seeks to optimize the efficacy and precision of our fee structure in accordance with prevailing financial imperatives; and

WHEREAS, the recommended modifications to the fee structure, encompassing additions, deletions, and adjustments, have been meticulously evaluated and reviewed by the relevant departments. This comprehensive assessment reflects our commitment to ensuring a fair and transparent approach in aligning our fees with organizational objectives.; and

WHEREAS, staff recommend adopting a revised Master Fee Schedule for the fiscal year 2025-26. This Master Fee Schedule sets forth the fees associated with a wide array of services rendered by the City, including those related to development projects in accordance with Government Code section 66017.

WHEREAS, the proposed new fees in the Master Fee Schedule and fee increases comply with Article XIII-C of the California Constitution because they are either (1) charges imposed for a specific government service or product that are not imposed on those not receiving the service or product and do not exceed the City's reasonable costs of providing the service or product; (2) charges imposed for the reasonable regulatory costs to the City for issuing licenses and permits, performing investigations, inspections, and audits, and administrative enforcement and adjudication thereof; or (3) charges imposed for entrance to or use of City property, or the purchase, rental, or lease of City property which do not exceed the reasonable value of the property interest being utilized; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has properly noticed and convened a Public Hearing for the purpose of soliciting comments and insights from the community regarding the proposed modifications, including additions, deletions, and adjustments to the fee structure.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code sections 66016 and 66017, fees imposed on a development project that apply to the filing, accepting, reviewing, approving, or issuing of an application, permit, or entitlement to use shall not take effect

until at least sixty (60) days have passed since the final action on the adoption or increase of the fee.

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

1. The Council hereby approves the revised Master Fee Schedule for the fiscal year 2025-26, as noted on Master Fee Schedule. The fees that are not highlighted and the fees highlighted in yellow are not changing or increasing as a result of this Resolution. The fees that are not highlighted remain unchanged and the fees highlighted in yellow are increasing pursuant to a previously adopted inflationary metric. As such, these fees are not being readopted or increased by this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hercules held on the 23rd of September 2025, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Dion Bailey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eibleis Melendez, City Clerk