

RESOLUTION NO. 47-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA,
UPDATING AND ESTABLISHING VARIOUS USER AND REGULATORY FEES**

**THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Morro Bay, California**

WHEREAS, user and regulatory fees are established by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City recently completed a study to identify the cost of providing various user and regulatory fee-related services; and

WHEREAS, the study examined fee-related services provided by the City, the costs reasonably borne by the City in providing those services, the beneficiaries of those services, and the revenues produced by those paying fees and charges for direct services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that providing these services is of direct benefit to applicants both separate and apart from the general benefit to the public; and therefore, in the interests of fairness to the general public, the City desires to better recover the costs of providing these services from applicants who have sought or require the City's services by revising its schedule of fees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that the study provides adequate evidence to conclude that the revised fees do not exceed the cost to provide the services for which the fees are charged; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code section 66016, *et seq.*, specific fees to be charged for services must be adopted by City Council resolution or ordinance, after providing notice and holding a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed Master Fee Schedule for FY 2025-26 was properly noticed to be held on August 12, 2025 in compliance with all applicable legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, historically the City has consolidated various fees, rates, and charges in a Master Fee Schedule including development impact fees adopted pursuant to the procedural and substantive requirements of Government Code Section 66000 *et seq.* ("Mitigation Fee Act"); and

WHEREAS, in order to increase clarity regarding the user and regulatory fees governed by this resolution and ensure that development impact fees adopted and governed by separate actions are not inadvertently reviewed along with user and regulatory fees, these items will be identified in distinct schedules moving forward; and

WHEREAS, development impact fees are not being considered, modified, or increased as part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that annually the City Manager, or City Manager designee may update the fees by an amount not to exceed the prior year annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index All Urban Consumers, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim,

CA (CPI). If the CPI does not change or goes down in a given year, no change shall be made to the fee schedule that year; and

WHEREAS, in adopting this Resolution, the City Council is taking action only on those fees for the services, programs or products set forth in Exhibit "A" which have been modified from prior resolutions of the City Council. The remaining fees that have not been modified from prior resolutions shall remain in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and CEQA Guidelines 15273(a)(1) because of the subject fees are designed to defray the portion of the Town's operating expenses associated with processing applications; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Morro Bay, California, that the.

SECTION 1. City's User and Regulatory Fee Schedule is amended as outlined in "Exhibit A", attached hereto.

SECTION 2. Fees adopted by this Resolution shall be effective November 1, 2025, over sixty days after adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Morro Bay at a regular meeting thereof held on the 12th day of August 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSED:

CARLA WIXOM, Mayor

ATTEST:

DANA SWANSON, City Clerk

Exhibit "A"