IN-LIEU PARKING FEE PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish an In-Lieu Parking Fee Program (Program) for new hotel uses in the Village. The Program allows eligible development projects to purchase off-site parking spaces from the City in-lieu of providing on-site parking.

II. POLICY

New large hotels, as defined by Municipal Code section 17.03.320 which provide a valet service, proposed in the Central Village zoning district may request to participate in the Program by submitting an application to the Community Development Department. An applicant may request to purchase any or all of the allotted 57 parking spaces designated for the Program. Applications shall include an economic analysis showing both direct, and indirect economic impacts of the proposed project.

Applications shall be considered by the City Council, and may be approved if the following findings can be made:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the City’s Local Coastal Plan and the Coastal Act
2. Offsite parking for the proposed project would reduce traffic impacts and provide a design more consistent with the historic character of the village.
3. The proposed project will help to facilitate the City’s economic development goals.

If approved, the applicant shall be required to submit payment prior to issuance of a grading or building permit, whichever comes first. The in-lieu fee rate shall be determined by the City Council based on the cost of constructing a parking structure at the time the application is submitted. The applicant may propose the establishment of an annual assessment rather than an up-front payment of fees. Such annual assessment proposal may be approved or denied by the City Council.

Parking spaces designated for the Program shall be located in the upper Pacific Cove parking lot. The designated parking area shall be conspicuously marked and shall be for the exclusive use by employees and guests of Program participants. Prior to issuance of a building permit, applicants shall be required to submit a plan to secure, monitor, and enforce the use of purchased parking spaces to the satisfaction of City staff. The parking area shall be secured to the City’s satisfaction prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
The Community Development Department shall maintain a record of all properties that have fulfilled their parking requirements through payment of in-lieu fees. In the event that a property or use is sold to another party, the purchased parking spaces shall transfer to the new owner(s). Parking spaces may not be sold, transferred, or shared with other parties to meet parking requirements of other uses not authorized by the original permit. In-lieu fees paid to meet parking requirements shall be non-refundable.

Revenue collected from the Program shall be deposited into an interest bearing account established for the sole purpose of contributing to the financing of a future parking facilities, such as a multi-level parking structure located on the upper Pacific Cove property.

This policy is approved and authorized by:

Jamie Goldstein, City Manager