

RESOLUTION 2020-66

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA
APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF THE TEMPORARY PARKLETS
ON THIRD STREET NINETY-DAYS OR
UNTIL MARCH 30th 2021**

WHEREAS, in an effort to control the pandemic caused by the COVID-19 Virus, City Council declared a State of Emergency March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the shelter in place health orders that followed the state of emergency closed all but essential businesses; and

WHEREAS, this closure of businesses was harmful to the City's economy and the City, among many other things, initiated the Transformation of Third Street by adopting Resolution 2020-24, on May 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, to implement the Transformation of Third Street, business owners were offered the opportunity to expand their business onto the public right-of-way and build decks, also known as "parklets," where customers could sit safely and enjoy their services; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to protect the historic nature of the downtown, these Parklets have to be built in compliance with the City historic design guidelines and, on June 18, 2020, the Historic Resources Board approved design guidelines, and approved an amendment to them November 10, 2020 for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Parklet program was approved by the City Council for a period of six months ending December 31, 2020, but many have asked the City to consider making them permanent; and

WHEREAS, making the Parklets permanent takes time to develop several different policies, lease agreements and environmental review, but this could be accomplished in ninety-days; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Resources Board recommends to the Planning Commission that it adopt a Resolution recommending a ninety-day extension of the parklet program to the City Council for approval to allow time for consideration of making parklets permanent; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2020, the Planning Commission approved a Resolution 2020-08, recommending to the City Council that the term of the Parklets on Third Street be extended for 90-days or until March 30, 2021.

Resolution 2020-66
Extend Temporary Parklets Until March 30, 2021

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Agrees with the recommendation from the Historic Resources Board and Planning Commission;
2. Extends the term of the Transformation of Third Street and the Parklets for ninety-days, or until March 30, 2021; and
3. Directs staff to prepare the policies and procedures necessary for a public debate for making the parklets permanent.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista on the 17th of November, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: **Edge, Freeman, Flores, Jordan, DeVries**

NOES: **None**

ABSENT: **None**

ABSTAIN: **None**



Mayor Mary Vazquez Edge

ATTEST:



Laura Cent, City Clerk