

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING UPDATED CITY OF PALM DESERT STANDARD DETAILS AND DESIGN GUIDELINES AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Desert City Council adopted Ordinance 125 in 1976 to help the development community install roadway improvements that were consistent within its City boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer and Public Works Directors completed a comprehensive update of the Roadway Standards and Specifications to ensure consistency and the General Plan and follow best practices and to ensure consistent material for the daily operations and maintenance of public facilities by City Staff; and

WHEREAS, over the years some of the standards were out of date and not consistent with our General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the standards are not intended to be all inclusive and shall be used as a design guide, thereby allowing exceptions to these standards to be considered by the City Engineer on a case by case basis when deemed appropriate for a specific application; and

WHEREAS, City staff will update this manual periodically as needed subject to review by the Engineering, Development Services, and Public Works Departments to ensure standards and guidelines remain current with industry standards, address best practices, and consider improvements recommended by the development community and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Palm Desert, California, did on its regular meeting of October 10, 2024, consider the request by the City Engineer of the City of Palm Desert to recommend approval of updated City of Palm Desert Standard Details and Design Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, The City, in its capacity as the Lead Agency for this project, finds that the project is exempt from CEQA since the proposed Standard Guidelines do not alter the physical environment and qualify for a CEQA exemption under Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) since there is no substantial evidence that there is any possibility that the approval of these Standards will have a significant effect on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Palm Desert, California, as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The City Council finds and determines that the recitals set forth above are true and correct, that the recitals are incorporated herein by this reference, and that the recitals constitute the City of Palm Desert City Council's findings for recommending approval of the updated City of Palm Desert Standard Details and Design Guidelines.

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Section 2. Findings. The City Council finds that the facts and reasons, which are outlined in the staff report, sufficient to recommend approval of said request

SECTION 2. CEQA. The City, in its capacity as the Lead Agency for this project, finds that the project is exempt from CEQA since the proposed Standard Guidelines do not alter the physical environment and qualify for a CEQA exemption under Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) since there is no substantial evidence that there is any possibility that the approval of these Standards will have a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 3. Recommendation. 1. That the City Council does hereby recommends approval of the City of Palm Desert Standard Guidelines and Design Guidelines, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

ADOPTED ON \_\_\_\_\_, 2024\_

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KARINA QUINTANILLA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ANTHONY J. MEJIA, CITY CLERK

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**EXHIBIT A**

**City of Palm Desert Standard Details and Design Guidelines**