



**City of Grass Valley
City Council
Agenda Action Sheet**

Title: Establish a Policy Governing the Use of the Mill Street Plaza Area by the Public and for City-Sponsored Events

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council review and approve the Mill Street Plaza Use & Events Policy subject to legal review.

Prepared by: Timothy Kiser, City Manager

Council Meeting Date: 02/5/2024

Date Prepared: 01/31/2024

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information: With the imminent completion of Mill Street Plaza, the administration is in the process of formalizing previously informal policies regarding the closure and utilization of public right of way for downtown events. The City is committed to creating safe, healthy, and inviting public spaces that are accessible to everyone on an equitable basis. This policy delineates procedures and guidelines for the coordinated use of Mill Street Plaza and/or the historic district area of the City (referred to as Mill Street Plaza Area).

The primary objective of this policy is to safeguard individuals' rights to engage in expressive activities within the City's public spaces, establishing regulations that are minimally restrictive and reasonable in terms of time, place, and manner. While the City acknowledges the importance of facilitating expressive activities, it does not intend to designate Mill Street Plaza as a public forum for events and installations that deviate from the typical uses of all public rights of way in the City, except for the City's own events.

Private events and installations are permitted in alternative City venues, such as parks, ensuring a balance between public use and the preservation of Mill Street Plaza's intended purpose. The proposed policy is attached for the Council's review.

Council Goals/Objectives: This item executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining the Strategic Plan - Economic Development and Community Safety.

Fiscal Impact: The proposed action under this item would not create a Fiscal Impact beyond our budgeted positions.

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: General Fund

Reviewed by: ___ City Manager

Attachments: Mill Street Plaza Use & Events Policy