



## City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

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**Title:** 309 Mill Street Parking Lot Project - Approve Settlement Agreement

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) approve a Settlement Agreement with Malou Thompson to mitigate concerns related to the Mill St Parking Lot Project, 2) authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, and 3) authorize the City Engineer to record an easement grant deed for a permanent access easement across the City property at 309 Mill St (APN# 008-410-007)

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**Prepared by:** Bjorn P. Jones, PE, City Engineer

**Council Meeting Date:** 04/12/2022

**Date Prepared:** 04/07/2022

**Agenda:** Consent

**Background Information:** On July 27, 2021, City Council denied an appeal by Malou Thompson to the Mill Street Parking Lot Project, a proposed public parking lot on the City's property at 309 Mill St. Since this meeting, Ms. Thompson and the City entered into a tolling agreement to toll the CEQA statutes of limitations and engaged in settlement discussions to resolve Thompson's concerns regarding the impacts of the Project on the neighborhood and on her property at 305 Mill St.

Thompson and the City have negotiated in good faith and reached a settlement agreement, which is attached. The majority of the agreement terms consist of minor adjustments or project additions to reconcile Thompson's concerns. Primarily, the agreement offers a permanent access easement across a corner of the City's property to serve as a connection to Thompson's private driveway.

Staff recommends that Council approve the terms of the settlement agreement, authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, and authorize the City Engineer to record a easement grant deed for a permanent access easement across City property.

**Council Goals/Objectives:** Agreement approval executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining Strategic Goal - Economic Development and Vitality.

**Fiscal Impact:** Minimal reimbursement costs associated with the installation of a sewer backflow device on the Thompson property will be absorbed from the project budget.

**Funds Available:** Yes

**Account #:** 300-406-TBD

**Reviewed by:** City Manager

**Attachments:** Settlement Agreement