

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF Kerman City Council Approving General Plan Amendment 2024-01 to Replace the Current Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2015-2023 Housing Element with the Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element Including Appendix 1G-Kerman Local Housing Element Section, and Adopt a Finding for a Common Sense Exemption Pursuant to Section 15061(B)(3) of CEQA Guidelines (Env 2024-04)**

WHEREAS, the General Plan is a long-range, comprehensive document that serves as a guide for the orderly development of the City of Kerman; and

WHEREAS, by its very nature, the General Plan is subject to periodic revisions necessary to accommodate the City's current and future needs; and

WHEREAS, Government Code § 65580 et seq. requires cities and counties to periodically prepare and update their Housing Element, one of the seven State-mandated elements of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, California State Housing Element Law establishes the requirements for Housing Elements. California Government Code Section 65588, a provision of the State Housing Element Law, requires that local governments review and revise the Housing Element of their General Plans not less than once every eight years. Additionally, the California State Legislature identifies overall housing goals for the State with the goal of ensuring every resident has access to housing and suitable living environments. The City's Housing Element was last updated in April 2016 for the 2016-2023 planning period, and an update is required for the planning period of 2023-2031 (known as the 6th Cycle Housing Element Update); and

WHEREAS, the 6th Cycle Housing Element was prepared for the City of Kerman based on input from the City Council, Planning Commission, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and public comment, including updated data in compliance with State Housing Law; and

WHEREAS, the draft Housing Element was made available for a 30-day public review and comments from May 17, 2023, through June 17, 2023, and public comments were received, considered, and incorporated into the draft revision before submitting to HCD on July 5, 2023 for a 60-day review; and

WHEREAS, a revised draft Housing Element was submitted to HCD on November 21, 2023, and February 27, 2024, along with minor revisions submitted on March 21, 2024, and April 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City received a “substantial compliance” letter on the revised draft Housing Element on April 19, 2024, allowing the City to proceed with adoption of the draft Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, a City-initiated General Plan Amendment 2024-01 application would replace the current Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2015-2023 Housing Element with the Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section included herein as Exhibit ‘A-1’ and ‘A-2’; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held at duly noticed public hearing on May 13, 2024, and adopted Resolution No. 2024-10 recommend to the City Council adoption of General Plan Amendment 2024-01 and a finding for a “common sense” exemption under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed all the evidence, staff report analysis at a duly noticed public hearing, and determined that General Plan Amendment 2024-01 is consistent with the City’s 2040 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to approve General Plan Amendment 2024-01 replacing the current Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2015-2023 Housing Element with the Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section and find the project is exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Kerman City Council as follows:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2. Based upon the evidence in the staff report, staff’s presentation, public testimony, and the project file, the City Council recognize the appropriateness of General Plan Amendment 2024-01 replacing the current Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2015-2023 Housing Element with the Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section, based on the following findings;

- A. The Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section addresses all of the requirements as set forth in Government Code §§ 65302 and 65580.
- B. The Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section is compatible with, consistent with, and integrated with all other elements of the City’s 2040 General Plan.

- C. Adoption of the Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section is the final requirement for certification of the 6th Cycle Housing Element updater per Government Code §65580.
- D. Adoption of the Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section is exempt as a “common sense” exemption under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

SECTION 3. Based on the foregoing the City Council approves General Plan Amendment 2024-01 replacing the current Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2015-2023 Housing Element with the Fresno Multi-Jurisdictional 2023-2031 Housing Element including Appendix 1G- Kerman Local Housing Element Section included herein as Exhibit ‘A-1’ and ‘A-2’, and find the project is exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Kerman City of Kerman City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is approved.

ATTEST:

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Maria Pacheco  
Mayor

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Josie Camacho  
City Clerk