



Agenda Report

25-1671

Agenda Date: 12/9/2025

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Action on Introduction of a “Special Event Zone” Ordinance Regulating and Prohibiting Certain Activities within a Protected Area in Connection with the 2026 Major Events at Levi's® Stadium

BACKGROUND

At the November 18, 2025 Council meeting, the City Council considered a proposed Special Event Zone ordinance (Ordinance) intended to support public health, safety, and general welfare, including mobility management, and operational logistics for Special Events, including the 2026 Super Bowl LX and FIFA World Cup events at Levi's® Stadium (Attachment 1, RTC 25-1591). The City Council conducted an extensive discussion regarding the proposed regulations for the 2026 Major Events and raised questions related to the geographic boundaries of the proposed Special Event Zone, the effects of temporary restrictions on local businesses and residents, enforcement roles, community outreach, and opportunities to ensure that local vendors are appropriately informed and able to participate within permitted activations.

In response, staff prepared a simplified ordinance, making it easier for the public to understand, and removing restrictions the City Council felt were too restrictive and not necessary to address public health, safety, and welfare concerns. To better evaluate the effects of event time periods and the geographic footprint involved, staff recommends narrowing the current ordinance to address only Super Bowl LX at this time. A separate resolution for the FIFA World Cup will be brought forward once the operational plans for those events are further developed and can be more accurately assessed. The updated Ordinance also expressly requires compliance with existing City Code provisions to ensure the City's standard protections remain in place. While staff continues to recommend adoption of the originally proposed map, a reduced-footprint alternative is also provided for Council consideration, along with clarifying explanations in the FAQ sheet, Attachment 2, and enhanced implementation and outreach strategies consistent with Council direction.

DISCUSSION

Overview of the Updated Ordinance Structure

The updated Ordinance, Attachment 3, restricts itself to six temporary special event specific regulations that apply only during the Special Event Time Period and within the designated Special Event Zone. A comparison of the original ordinance and the updated Ordinance, Attachment 4, is also included with this report.

All other regulatory frameworks for sidewalk vending, special events permits, temporary uses, counterfeit goods enforcement, signage, noise, and public safety requirements remain governed by existing State, Federal, and local (City Code) regulations and do not need restatement in the ordinance.

Key Elements of the Revised Ordinance

The simplified Ordinance introduces only the following Special Event-specific restrictions:

1. Pause on Sidewalk Vending Permits within the Zone

Only Chapter 5.05 permits within the Zone are paused during activation; permits remain valid elsewhere.

2. Prohibition on Outdoor Sales of Food and Beverage

The prohibition applies to outdoor sales when visible from public areas **except when** food and beverage sales are distributed in the ordinary course of business, at the usual location of properly permitted businesses.

3. Prohibition on Outdoor Merchandise Sales

The prohibition applies to outdoor sale or distribution of merchandise when visible from public areas **except when** merchandise sales are distributed in the ordinary course of business, at the usual location of a properly permitted business.

4. Prohibition on Mobile-Unit Vending and Advertising

The prohibition applies to any trucks, trailers, carts, bikes, or any wheeled vending unit not fixed to a foundation.

5. Prohibition on Free Product Sampling or Giveaways in Public Areas

This prohibition applies to promotional giveaways on streets, sidewalks, and outside an enclosed building. Based on feedback from the City Council, staff modified this section to expressly allow distribution of coupons when directly connected to businesses operating within the enclosed building, and where the distribution occurs wholly on private property outside of that building. Staff feels that adding this exception assists in narrowly tailoring the regulation in a way that still addresses the safety impact created by free product sampling or giveaways happening in public areas.

6. Permit Required for Temporary Structures. No temporary structure shall be constructed, placed, occupied or used (including, but not limited to, temporary location of tents, canopies, umbrellas and air supported, air-inflated and tensioned membranes) on non-residential property unless it is approved as an associated use with a Temporary Use Permit issued by the City pursuant to Santa Clara City Code Chapter 18.122.

In addition, and in response to concerns expressed from the City Council at the November 18, 2025 City Council meeting, staff removed the following prohibitions:

- 1. Permit requirements for Parades, Races and Block Events.** Staff felt comfortable removing this requirement as the City's Code provides sufficient protections in Chapter 12.15 (Parades and Processions).
- 2. Outdoor Commercial Signs and Advertising Displays.** Staff felt comfortable removing this requirement as the City's Code provides sufficient protections in Chapter 18.42 (Sign Regulations). Section 18.42.080 of the City Code broadly prohibits a wide range of sign types citywide including animated, inflatable, portable, rooftop, natural-feature-mounted, nonconforming, billboard, and certain illuminated signs unless expressly allowed elsewhere in the Sign Regulations.

These changes improve clarity, maintain public safety goals, and respond directly to the City Council concerns expressed during the prior meeting. The Ordinance also includes standard clarifying sections on compliance with existing laws, enforcement authority, and administrative penalties.

Special Event Zone Time Periods

The Special Event Zone time periods remain unchanged from the original Ordinance. They are proposed as follows:

- Super Bowl LX: Proposed activation February 1, 2026 (8:00 a.m.) - February 10, 2026 (10:00 p.m.).
- Additional Special Events, including, FIFA World Cup 2026: By separate Council resolution designating the event, dates, and map.

Special Event Zone Map Options

In response to the City Council's feedback, staff has developed an alternative Special Event Zone Map, "Map A", that reduces the overall boundary area, thereby limiting the application of regulations in residential and commercial neighborhoods farther from the Stadium and its associated impacts. Additionally, the initial proposed map, "Map B", is included in this staff report for reference and as an option for the City Council to consider, should it feel that the changes to the ordinance sufficiently address prior concerns and the initial zone is preferred.

The updated Special Event Zone boundary continues to focus on the streets, public access routes, and outdoor gathering areas surrounding the Stadium and the adjacent entertainment and transit corridors. The revised boundary reflects current patterns of pedestrian and vehicle activity anticipated during major event operations, including event load-in, active event days, and post-event load-out. It also incorporates key ingress and egress routes that remain essential for emergency response, transit services, rideshare operations, Stadium patrons, and credentialed event vehicles, ensuring that temporary commercial activity does not interfere with critical mobility needs.

The Special Event Zone boundary is important for the City to maintain public health, safety, and general welfare by allowing for predictable and coordinated management of outdoor commercial activity, crowd movement, and emergency access during Special Events. The boundary is intended to establish a refined geographic approach providing a consistent and transparent regulatory framework that builds on Santa Clara's established major-event practices, enabling the City to continue prioritizing public health, safety, and mobility while supporting efficient event operations and improved experience for residents and visitors.

A. Map A

Map A was designed to reduce the area affected by temporary restrictions while still retaining core public safety and mobility benefits. This area is a slightly smaller boundary and provides a more limited, tightly drawn zone, focusing primarily on:

- Immediate area surrounding the Stadium
- Critical emergency and transit corridors
- Key ingress/egress routes with historically high pedestrian and traffic congestion

B. Map B

Alternatively, Map B, Larger Boundary (Original Proposal) was designed to fully integrate all areas utilized for load-in/out, fan mobility, broadcast, temporary security perimeters, and emergency response staging. Map B reflects the full operational footprint identified for Super Bowl LX and FIFA World Cup 2026, including:

- Levi's® Stadium and immediate surroundings
- Circulation corridors used for pedestrian flow, shuttles, rideshare, and emergency access

- Large sections of the surface parking lots
- Adjacent properties expected to host hospitality, media operations, or credentialing
- Portions of Great America Parkway, Tasman Drive, and associated access point

Both maps are provided as Attachment 5 (Map B) and Attachment 6 (Map A) for City Council consideration. Map B remains Staff's recommendation because it most accurately reflects the full area anticipated to experience increased activity, traffic, and commercial impacts associated with Super Bowl LX. This broader boundary provides clearer expectations for residents and businesses while ensuring the City can effectively manage public safety, operations, and enforcement during the event period.

Enforcement

The updated Ordinance continues the enforcement structure previously discussed. Enforcement will happen primarily through Code Enforcement with back-up support from the City's Police Department, as well as partnerships with other law enforcement agencies to address particular violations, such as counterfeit goods. We have outlined the enforcement process to provide a clearer division of responsibilities. Enforcement will follow a coordinated, tiered approach:

1. Administrative Citations
 - Violations of mobile-unit vending restrictions within public streets/parks: penalties under City Code Chapter 5.05.
 - All other violations: administrative penalties under § 1.10.
2. Immediate Abatement and Seizure where applicable
3. Coordinated Field Teams
 - Police Department: primary response for safety risks, coordination of various law enforcement agencies, traffic management, and provides support for Code Enforcement when needed
 - Code Enforcement: monitoring of temporary structures, signage, and unpermitted activities
 - Public Works: right-of-way management
 - Event Security / NFL / FIFA: coordination for perimeter controls and credentialed access
4. Education-First Approach

Prior to the activation period, staff will emphasize education and voluntary compliance, including multilingual materials and on-site pre-event outreach to small businesses and vendors.

The Ordinance uses existing administrative citation authority and does not create any new enforcement mechanisms.

Community Outreach

In response to the City Council direction, staff have broadened and strengthened the outreach plan to ensure clear communication and wide community awareness:

- A dedicated Special Event Zone webpage featuring updated maps, FAQs, and related resources.
- Notices distributed through City email lists, social media channels, and local business associations.
- Coordination with residential HOAs and the Stadium Relations Ad Hoc Committee to support targeted outreach.

- Opportunities for community members to subscribe for updates and request additional information.

The goal is to provide consistent, transparent, and early information to ensure residents and businesses understand what the ordinance does and does not do.

Major Event Agreement Provisions Regarding Adoption of a Special Event Zone

Both the FIFA Assignment and Assumption Agreement (FIFA Agreement; Section 5.14) and the Super Bowl League Event Agreement (LEA; Section 6.9) contemplate City Council consideration and adoption of a Special Event Zone ordinance. Neither agreement, however, requires the City Council to adopt an Ordinance, and the City Council reserves the right to approve or disapprove such an ordinance in its sole discretion. There would be consequences, however, under the LEA if the City Council does not take action to approve an SEZ. As provided in LEA Section 6.9, if the Council doesn't initiate action to approve an SEZ by a specified date (now updated to be December 9, 2025), in a form consistent with NFL standards, StadCo and City shall meet and confer on what other lawful measures can be taken to assure that, to the maximum extent possible, equivalent protections can be implemented for the Super Bowl event. If such alternative measures cannot be agreed to by January 8, 2026, StadCo would have the right to terminate the LEA (and, if StadCo took such action, the City would have the right to terminate its agreements with BAHC for use of the Convention Center). Although a StadCo election to terminate the LEA seems unlikely, given the uncertainty this would create for all parties, the effect of such an election would be to revert the parties to their respective rights and obligations for hosting the Super Bowl under the original Stadium Lease (Article 21) and the related agreements with the City for public safety support for such events. Under these agreements, the SCSA's position has been that an LEA must be entered into to allow for a Super Bowl at the Stadium. SCSA also takes the position that while the City may be required to provide public safety support for the Super Bowl, StadCo would be responsible to reimburse City costs, and there is no "threshold" above which the SCSA would have to reimburse such costs to StadCo. While StadCo has agreed that they would be obligated to reimburse City public safety costs, they have not agreed that the SCSA can require an LEA as a condition to hosting the Super Bowl, or that no public safety cost "threshold" applies to this event. If agreements cannot be reached, such matters would likely need to be resolved under the applicable Stadium Lease arbitration provisions.

Next Steps. If introduced with the first reading waived, staff will return for final adoption at the next regular City Council meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of a California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a) as it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Even if adoption of the Ordinance was considered to be a project under CEQA, it would be exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that adoption of the Ordinance would have a significant effect on environment given that it does not involve or authorize any construction or physical activity that could impact the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no General Fund impact anticipated beyond staff time to implement and enforce time-limited

activations.

COORDINATION

This report and ordinance were coordinated with the City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, Police, Public Works, Community Development (Planning/Building/Code); Economic Development and Marketing; Communications; and the Stadium Authority.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official notice bulletin board outside the City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting, and hard copies of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, emailing clerk@santaclaraca.gov, or visiting the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

In addition, the City developed a dedicated Special Event Zone webpage to provide ongoing updates, information, and FAQs, and created a subscription option to allow interested community members to receive notifications. Direct email outreach was also conducted to businesses located within the original proposed zone, as well as to all permitted mobile vendors citywide, to ensure broad awareness of the proposed ordinance and engagement opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION

Introduce an uncodified ordinance entitled "An Ordinance of the City of Santa Clara, California, Regulating Certain Activities within a Protected Area in Connection with Major Events and Related Activities in the City of Santa Clara," with Map B, waive first reading, and direct staff to return for final adoption at the next regular meeting, with authority for the City Attorney to make non-substantive edits.

Reviewed by: Glen Googins, City Attorney
Approved by: Jovan Grogan, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. RTC 25-1591
2. FAQs on Special Event Ordinance
3. Proposed Ordinance
4. Ordinance Comparison
5. Special Event Zone Map B
6. Special Event Zone Map A

ORDINANCE NO. 2083

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA,
CALIFORNIA, REGULATING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES
WITHIN A PROTECTED AREA IN CONNECTION WITH
MAJOR EVENTS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY
OF SANTA CLARA**

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara (“City”) is home to Levi’s® Stadium (“Stadium”) which opened in 2014 and regularly hosts football events, concerts, soccer matches, and other events (“Events”);

WHEREAS, some of the Events hosted at the Stadium attract statewide, national and/or international interest, with increased potential for safety and security risks due to their large crowds, enhanced level of media attention, large number of high-profile attendees, and increased commercial and community activity at and around the Stadium (“Special Events”);

WHEREAS, in 2026, the Stadium will host two Special Events, Super Bowl LX (and related events) in February 2026, and FIFA World Cup 2026 (and related events), from late May through early July 2026;

WHEREAS, in addition to the Stadium, the City also has within its jurisdiction various other public and private facilities, parking areas, access roads, thoroughfares and other areas which may be used for the purposes of staging and conducting activities related to the Special Events at the Stadium, including support of Special Event security, logistics, traffic management and other community or commercial activities associated with the Special Events;

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WHEREAS, the Special Events will require extensive event load-in and load-out operations, including temporary structures, hospitality installations, security screening areas, broadcast compounds, fencing, and wayfinding systems, all of which necessitate maintaining clear and predictable access routes for emergency services, credentialed personnel, and freight deliveries;

WHEREAS, the primary ingress and egress corridors serving the Stadium are essential for the safe movement of attendees, emergency vehicles, transit providers, rideshare operations, and Event support staff;

WHEREAS, the Stadium is supported by extensive surface parking areas, pedestrian walkways, shuttle zones, and transit connections that experience significant pedestrian volumes before and after Special Events, and temporary restrictions on unpermitted vending and commercial activity within these areas are necessary to safeguard pedestrian travel and protect adjacent residential neighborhoods from spillover impacts;

WHEREAS, event and hospitality facilities adjacent to the Stadium, including the Santa Clara Convention Center, California's Great America theme park, and nearby hotels are expected to host Special Event related activities such as credentialing operations, media production, hospitality functions, fan activations, and community programming, creating additional demand for coordinated public safety, mobility management, and regulation of outdoor commercial activity;

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara City Code already prescribes regulations and restrictions to ensure smooth operations of Events at the Stadium, including local permit requirements and regulations for soliciting and peddling, signs, temporary short-term activities, and parades, races and block events;

WHEREAS, given increased security risks, increased number of people visiting the City to attend or participate in, and the large scale nature of Special Events, and related activities, the City has determined that it is within the public interest to adopt certain additional and temporary regulations (“Special Event Regulations”) to mitigate and manage these risks consistent with City’s interest in preserving the public’s health, safety and welfare;

WHEREAS, the City’s specific purposes for adopting the Special Event Regulations include: (1) promoting and protecting public health, safety, and welfare in and around the Stadium and other areas within the City impacted by Special Events; (2) exercising responsible public stewardship by managing Special Events to maximize economic benefits to the community, while protecting the public interest; (3) promoting and protecting good order and aesthetic qualities in and around the Stadium during Special Events and minimizing commercial blight; and (4) managing congestion and pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow within a specifically defined area around the Stadium (“Special Event Zone”) that would otherwise impede the free and safe flow of traffic, presenting safety and security risks, by hindering security operations and interfering with emergency vehicle access;

WHEREAS, the Special Event Zone boundaries will be specific to each Special Event, and will generally align with the autonomous vehicle geofenced rideshare map, underscoring the need to preserve adequate traffic flow, avoid congestion, and maintain safe and orderly transportation operations during Special Events;

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WHEREAS, establishing the Special Event Zone in advance of Special Events will allow the City to implement predictable and transparent regulations, coordinate enforcement, and maintain safe and efficient event operations from early event preparation through post-event crowd dispersal;

WHEREAS, certain Special Event Regulations regulate sidewalk vendors and those regulations are directly related to the health, safety, and welfare concerns identified in Santa Clara City Code section 5.05.440 which exist upon the sidewalks and other pedestrian paths within the Special Event Zone;

WHEREAS, in order to tailor the application of the Special Event Regulations to the time periods and the specific geographic areas where the public health, safety and welfare concerns are expected to arise, the Special Event Regulations will only apply, during the time periods designated for each Special Event and only within the Special Event Zone designated for each Special Event;

WHEREAS, these designated time periods are intended to encompass not only the days on which the Special Events occur, but also the necessary lead-up and operational phases including load-in, construction of temporary facilities, credentialing, security screening, and crowd-management preparations during which health, safety and welfare impacts similarly exist;

WHEREAS, maintaining these regulations continuously throughout the full preparation, event, and dispersal periods, rather than intermittently turning them on and off, is essential to ensuring consistent application, effective enforcement, operational clarity for the public and stakeholders, and the uninterrupted protection of public safety and orderly event operations; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the City has a substantial interest in adopting the Special Event Regulations set forth in this Ordinance, which shall be effective only during the specified dates and times applicable to Special Events and within the Special Event Zone designated.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the findings contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are determined to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council as a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: Definitions. For purposes of this Ordinance the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed thereto:

- a. “Special Event” shall mean (1) Super Bowl LX, (2) FIFA World Cup 2026, or (3) any similar event held at the Stadium, expected to attract statewide, national and/or international interest, with increased potential for safety and security risks due to their large crowds, enhanced level of media attention, large number of high-profile attendees, and increased commercial and community activity at and around the Stadium that is designated as a “Special Event” by resolution adopted by the City Council.

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- b. "Special Event Time Period" shall mean the time period leading up to and after a Special Event during which Special Event Regulations shall be in effect. For Super Bowl LX the Special Event Time Period shall commence on February 1, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. and shall expire on February 10, 2026 at 10:00 p.m. Other Special Event Time Periods, including FIFA World Cup 2026, shall be designated by the City Council by Resolution.
- c. "Special Event Zone" shall mean with respect to Super Bowl LX that certain area surrounding the Stadium expected to be impacted by the conduct of such events and any related activities thereby necessitating the imposition of the Special Event Zone Regulations as more particularly shown on the map and description attached hereto as Exhibit "A" including all publicly owned property, public rights of way and private property located therein. Other Special Event Zones, including for FIFA World Cup 2026 shall be designated by the City Council by Resolution.

SECTION 3: Special Event Zone Regulations. With respect to each Special Event designated in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance, the following regulations shall apply for the duration of the Special Event Time Period and within the Special Event Zone designated for such Special Event.

- a. Pause on Existing Permits within Special Event Zone. All permits issued pursuant to Chapter 5.05 of the Santa Clara City Code for approved locations within the Special Event Zone shall be paused. If any such permit holder peddles at alternative approved locations designated in the permit, the permit shall only be paused in part, as applied to the approved location within the Special Event Zone, and shall remain in full force and effect as applied to the alternative approved location.

- b. Prohibition on Outdoor Sales of Food and Beverage. The outdoor sale of any food or beverages to the public visible from any public street, sidewalk or public rights of way shall be prohibited, including alcoholic beverages, except food or beverages sold or distributed in the ordinary course of business at a location for which the City has issued a Certificate of Occupancy, Conditional Use Permit or other permit authorized by the Santa Clara City Code.
- c. Prohibition on Outdoor Sales of Merchandise. The outdoor sale or distribution of merchandise (used in its broadest sense and including commercial property or transaction(s) of every kind) to the public visible from any public street, sidewalk or public right of way shall be prohibited, except merchandise sold or distributed in the ordinary course of business at a location for which the City has issued a Certificate of Occupancy, Conditional Use Permit or other permit authorized by the Santa Clara City Code.
- d. Prohibition on Mobile Unit Commercial Vending. Commercial vending from any "mobile unit," which includes any vehicle, truck, trailer, pushcart, wagon, bicycle, dray, conveyance or structure on wheels, not firmly fixed to a permanent foundation, whether or not required to have a license to operate issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles, is prohibited.

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- e. Prohibition on Distribution of Free Products. The distribution or provision of free products, commercial services or coupons (otherwise referred to as sampling) and other promotional giveaways on public streets, sidewalks or rights of way or outside an enclosed building is prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to distribution of coupons outside of an enclosed building, and wholly occurring within private property, where the distributions provides direct support for the business operating within the enclosed building upon which the property is located.
- f. Prohibition on Mobile Advertising Displays. Mobile advertising (including, but not limited to signs on or attached to a “mobile unit” portable device or person) is prohibited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, buses, taxicabs, and other delivery vehicles that display advertising as a secondary use of the vehicle in the ordinary course of business, may travel within the Event Zone to pick up and drop off passengers and goods.
- g. Permits for Temporary Structures. No temporary structure shall be constructed, placed, occupied or used (including, but not limited to, temporary location of tents, canopies, umbrellas and air supported, air-inflated and tensioned membranes) on non-residential property unless it is approved as an associated use with a Temporary Use Permit issued by the City pursuant to Santa Clara City Code Chapter 18.122.

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SECTION 4: Compliance with Existing Federal, State and Local Laws. Nothing in this Ordinance modifies requirements to comply with existing federal, state, and local laws. This includes but not limited to requirements to comply with state and federal laws related to sale or distribution of counterfeit merchandise. It also does not change requirements to comply with the City's local regulations, including but not limited to requirements to obtain permits for activities when required by the Santa Clara City Code.

SECTION 5: Violations and Penalties.

- a. Mobile Unit Commercial Vending Violations. Violations of the "Prohibition on Mobile Unit Commercial Vending" provision within the public right-of-way or in a park owned and operated by the City, are punishable by the administrative remedies authorized in Santa Clara City Code Chapter 5.05.
- b. Administrative Remedies. Except as otherwise prohibited by state law, violations of any other provision of this ordinance by any person, firm, corporation, agent or employee thereof may be prosecuted as an administrative citation as set forth in Santa Clara City Code Chapter 1.10. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.
- c. Other Enforcement Options. In addition to any other remedies herein, this ordinance may be enforced by an injunction issued by the Superior Court upon any suit by the City. If any activity that constitutes a violation of this ordinance also constitutes a violation of any state, federal, local, or common law, this ordinance shall not be the exclusive remedy and shall not be deemed to abrogate any other rights and remedies that may exist under law.

SECTION 6: Severability. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or sections of the ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have adopted the ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 7: No Impact on Existing Prosecutions/Fees. The changes provided for in this Ordinance shall not affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any right established or accruing before the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall it affect any prosecution, suit or proceeding pending or any judgment rendered prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. All fee schedules shall remain in force until superseded by the fee schedules adopted by the City Council.

SECTION 8: CEQA. Adoption of this Ordinance is not a “project” as defined by CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378 because it does not have any potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and it involves only organizational and administrative activities of the City; it does not involve or otherwise authorize any construction or physical activity that could impact the environment. Even if adoption of the Ordinance was considered to be a project under CEQA, it would be exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that adoption of the Ordinance would have a significant effect on environment given that it does not involve or authorize any construction or physical activity that could impact the environment.

PASSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLICATION this 9TH day of DECEMBER, 2025,

by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILORS:	Chahal, Cox, Gonzalez, Hardy, Jain, and Park, and Mayor Gillmor
NOES:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSTAINED:	COUNCILORS:	None

ATTEST:



NORA PIMENTEL, MMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

SANTA CLARA this 16TH day of DECEMBER, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILORS:	Chahal, Cox, Gonzalez, Hardy, Jain, and Park, and Mayor Gillmor
NOES:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSTAINED:	COUNCILORS:	None

ATTEST:



NORA PIMENTEL, MMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference:

1. Exhibit A - Special Event Zone for Super Bowl LX

EXHIBIT A
Special Event Zone for Super Bowl LX

