

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: April 5, 2021
Reviewed by: NA

SUBJECT: Encroachment Permit Fee Waiver for Berkeley Humane Society
REPORT BY: Anne Hersch, AICP, Planning Manager

SUMMARY

The Berkeley Humane Society is seeking an encroachment permit fee waiver to host mobile pet adoptions at 901 Kains Avenue on Saturdays from 11am-2pm.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-29 approving an encroachment permit fee waiver for the Berkeley Humane Society for three years.

BACKGROUND

The Berkeley Humane Society is a non-profit organization that provides animal rescue and medical services. The organization recently entered into a lease at 1120 Solano, formerly Foam Creations, to operate a thrift store. The store includes a curated selection of gently loved vintage clothing, household goods, home décor, framed artwork, jewelry and small pieces of furniture. A soft opening was held on March 24, 2021. 100% of the proceeds benefit shelter animals and are allocated to the Hope Medical Fund. The Fund is a restricted fund directly supporting Berkeley Humane's onsite veterinary hospital.

ANALYSIS

As part of the business operation, Berkeley Humane has indicated they would like to conduct mobile adoptions in the existing yellow zone located at 901 Kains Avenue, adjacent to the building. Adoptions are proposed to be held on Saturdays from 11am-2pm, weather permitting.

The proposed location is currently painted and posted as a loading zone. Thus, the temporary mobile adoption will not result in any loss of on-street parking.

The fee for single-day reserved parking is \$31.71. Over the course of a year, this cost would add up to approximately \$1,648.92. With annual changes in the fee schedule, this number would increase slightly year to year. Due to limited funds and intent to fund raise for operations, Berkeley Humane is seeking a fee waiver for the encroachment permit request.



Image 1. Business Location

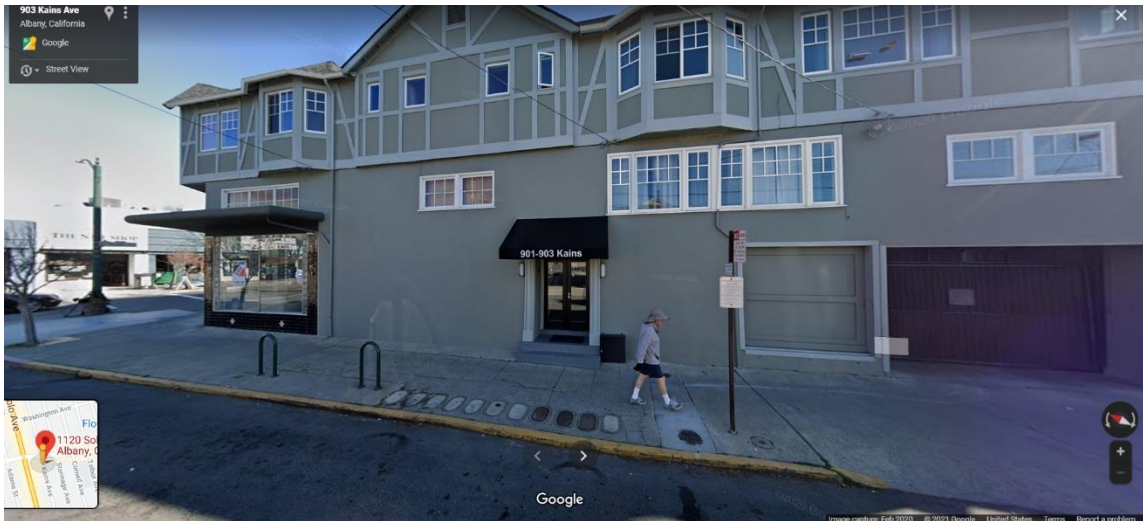


Image 2. Loading Zone

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

If approved, the fee waiver would result in a loss of approximately \$1,700 in revenue per year.

Attachments

1. Resolution No. 2021-29
2. Letter from Berkeley Humane Society

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-29

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
A FEE WAIVER FOR AN ENCROACHMENT PERMIT
FOR BERKELEY HUMANE MOBILE ADOPTIONS FOR A PERIOD OF
THREE YEARS**

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Humane Society is a non-profit animal rescue organization that provides medical and adoptions for kittens, puppies, cats and dogs; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Humane Society has opened a thrift shop at 1120 Solano Avenue and proceeds from the store will fund their veterinary hospital; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Humane would like to offer mobile adoptions on Saturdays from 11am-2pm in an existing loading zone at 901 Kains Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the cost for an encroachment permit to authorize on-street parking would be approximately \$1700 per year; and

WHEREAS, due to limited funds and the intent to raise funds for hospital operations, Berkeley Humane is seeking a fee waiver for the encroachment permit and will otherwise comply with the requirements of the permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby approves an encroachment permit fee waiver for mobile adoptions sponsored by the Berkeley Humane Society for three years.

GE'NELL GARY, MAYOR



March 13, 2021

Ge'Nell Gary, Mayor
City of Albany
1000 San Pablo Avenue
Albany, CA 94706

Dear Mayor Gary and Members of the Albany City Council,

With respect, I am writing to request a fee waiver for an encroachment permit to allow the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society's (Berkeley Humane) Mobile Adoption Center (MAC) to be temporarily parked in a loading zone on Saturdays for the remainder of this calendar year. The purpose of this request is to conduct public on-site pet adoptions. The weekly expense of the permit would be cost prohibitive for the organization.

Berkeley Humane is a local non-profit shelter dedicated to animal welfare. Berkeley Humane has been in continuous operation since approximately 1895 and has had a long and dedicated history in serving the needs of the people and animals in the City of Albany.

The specific location for the permit is Kains Avenue at Solano Avenue immediately adjacent to 1120 Solano Avenue, the location of the newly opened Berkeley Humane Thrift Shop. The goal of the Thrift Shop is to raise badly needed funds to support our Hope Medical Fund which pays for the medical care of shelter animals.

The MAC will provide available animals for adoption every Saturday from approximately 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, weather conditions permitting, and will be led by a dedicated team of local volunteers.

The MAC is a specially designed vehicle to safely house animals. It has large windows so animals can be viewed from the sidewalk and has a front and back door to allow for potential adopters to walk inside for a more up-close experience.

Berkeley Humane is also committed to the health and safety for people and animals and all COVID-19 protocols will always be strictly adhered to.

Berkeley Humane is proud to be able to expand our programs and services in the City of Albany and we appreciate your support and attention to this request.

For the animals,



Jeffrey Zerwekh
Executive Director

