

RESOLUTION NO. NS-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ DESIGNATING THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY OF A TEMPORARY SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ZONE FOR HALLOWEEN 2007, INCREASING FINES AND PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATIONS IN THE SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ZONE, AND DESIGNATING THE EFFECTIVE TIME FOR THE SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ZONE

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2006 an estimated 20,000 people gathered in downtown Santa Cruz to celebrate Halloween, which resulted in numerous altercations and injuries, 51 arrests and 2 gang-related stabbings; and

WHEREAS, the large and unruly crowd downtown on Halloween was such that public safety and medical personnel were limited in regards to access to key downtown points, and the extraction and transportation of injured individuals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has expressed concerns about the history of Halloween gatherings downtown and the potential future risks to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Enhancement Zone ordinance, codified as Santa Cruz Municipal Code Chapter 9.02, adopted July 11, 2006 and effective August 11, 2006, was designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of, and visitors to, the City of Santa Cruz and authorizes the City Council to designate temporary Safety Enhancement Zones and enhance the penalties for the violation of certain Municipal Code chapters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz that the City Council finds that unique conditions and circumstances exist on Halloween (October 31 – November 1, 2007) that pose a threat to public health and safety for the residents and visitors of Santa Cruz.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council designates a Safety Enhancement Zone downtown, which will be effective for a 24-hour period, from 12 p.m. on October 31, 2007 to 12 p.m. on November 1, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the boundaries of the Safety Enhancement Zone will encompass the downtown area as delineated on the attached map with, generally, Sycamore Street serving as the extreme southern boundary, Center Street serving as the western boundary, the intersection of North Pacific Avenue and River Street forming the point of the northern boundary, and the inner levee of San Lorenzo River to the river's edge serving as the eastern boundary, with the outermost side of each street serving as the official boundary line.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that within the effective hours, the following violations of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code that occur within the Safety Enhancement Zone will be subject to triple fines: Chapter 6.12 (Solid Waste); Chapter 6.75 (Graffiti); Chapter 9.12 (Possession of open containers or consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places); Chapter 9.20 (Defacing

sidewalks); Chapter 9.28 (Discharge of firearms); Chapter 9.36 (Noise control); Chapter 9.50 (Conduct on public property); Chapter 9.60 (Trespassing); Chapter 9.62 (Trespass – public transit facilities); Chapter 10.12 (Traffic regulation obedience); Chapter 10.16 (Traffic control device obedience); and Chapter 10.40 (Vehicle parking, standing and stopping).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk