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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 315428

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO WAIVING THE PASSPORT PHOTO FEE FOR ELIGIBILE APPLICANTS AFFECTED BY THE JANUARY 21-23, 2024 STORM.

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2024, the City of San Diego (City) and surrounding areas experienced an unprecedent storm event that brought record level rainfalls in a short period of time; and

WHEREAS, the storm caused catastrophic flooding throughout the City including the communities of Mountain View, Encanto, Mt. Hope, Shelltown, Southcrest, Rolando, and San Ysidro (Impacted Communities); and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2024, Mayor Todd Gloria proclaimed a local emergency based on the storm, which was ratified by the Council of the City of San Diego (Council) on January 29, 2024, by San Diego Resolution R-315327 (Feb. 6, 2024); and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2024, the President of the United States of America (President) declared that a major disaster exists in the State of California in the areas affected by the severe storm and flooding from January 21-23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this major disaster declaration by the President allows the U.S. Department of State to waive U.S. passport replacement fees for those individuals who had active U.S. passports at the time of the disaster, and whose passports were damaged or lost as a direct result of the disaster (Eligible Applicants); and

WHEREAS, under this fee waiver by the U.S. Department of State, Eligible Applicants are required to submit a new passport photo; and

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WHEREAS, the Office of the City Clerk offers passport photo services and for the

purpose of recovering costs incurred by the City for providing these services the City, by

San Diego Resolution R-313899 (Feb. 26, 2022), adopted a passport photo user fee of \$10.50;

and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk now desires to provide a fee waiver for the passport photo fee

for those Eligible Applicants from the Impacted Communities whose U.S. passport replacement

fees are waived by the U.S. Department of State to ease financial strain and administrative

hurdles during recovery; and

WHEREAS, this fee waiver to Eligible Applicants will not require an increase in fees for

other users of this service as the waiver of the fee will be funded by the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the

information provided by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete, true,

and accurate; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego hereby waives the Office of

the City Clerk's passport photo fee for Eligible Applicants from the Impacted Communities

affected by the severe storm and flooding who are granted replacement fee waivers by the

U.S. Department of State.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

JAG:nsf

March 8, 2024

Or.Dept: City Clerk

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meeting of MAR 1 8 2024	tion was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this
	DIANA J.S. FUENTES City Clerk
	By KNYSTELL MOCKINGS Deputy City Clock
Approved: 3/20/24 (date)	TODD GLORIA, Mayor
Vetoed:(date)	TODD GLORIA, Mayor