

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BAKERSFIELD CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING A
TWO-YEAR EXTENSION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SB-743.**

WHEREAS, the State of California is experiencing a growing number of homeless citizens who cannot afford the cost of housing in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is also struggling to provide affordable housing to those in need of affordable housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a surge in unemployment and subsequent negative economic impacts that further adversely effect the vitality of the City of Bakersfield, the Central Valley and the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, by implementing SB-743 on July 1, 2020, adds additional costs to the construction of housing, exacerbating the housing crisis the State is currently is struggling to resolve; and

WHEREAS, VMT builds impenetrable barriers to the creation of jobs, housing and infrastructure development in communities because it imposes costly and unnecessary requirements that new development must achieve an at least 15 percent reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled, as recommended by OPR in a technical advisory; and

WHEREAS, in making new housing more expensive by imposing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction requirements, SB-743 will further limit the construction of housing, including affordable housing, for the residents of California; and

WHEREAS, the California Building Industry Association estimates that 10,000 Californians are priced out of a home for each \$1,000 added to the overall cost; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bakersfield is negatively impacted by the implementation of the VMT standards created by SB-743 because of the additional construction costs added to the price of housing and the subsequent adverse impact on homelessness, affordable housing and the economic vitality of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bakersfield is compelled by duty and honor to fight and oppose anything that might stand in the way of the prosperity of its citizens, businesses and workers during this period of unprecedented crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bakersfield City Council that implementation of the VMT standard as recommended by Governor's Office of Planning and Research should be delayed for two years so that the disastrous effects of the COVID-19 recession have subsided enough to safely pursue a sensible path forward that benefits Bakersfield citizens, businesses and workers, the Central Valley region and the State of California overall.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Bakersfield at a regular meeting held on _____, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBER:	RIVERA, GONZALES, WEIR, SMITH, FREEMAN, SULLIVAN, PARLIER
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBER:	_____
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBER:	_____
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBER:	_____

JULIE DRIMAKIS, CMC
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Council of the City of Bakersfield

APPROVED

KAREN GOH
MAYOR of the City of Bakersfield

APPROVED as to form:
VIRGINIA GENNARO
City Attorney

By: _____
VIRIDIANA GALLARDO-KING
Deputy City Attorney

By: ____ \