

RESOLUTION R2026-__

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE
FINANCE DIRECTOR TO WRITE OFF FALSE ALARM
FINES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,332.00**

WHEREAS, the Fire Department currently manages resources committed to responding to excessive false fire alarms and issues fines to entities that violate Napa Municipal Code Chapter 9.65, Regulation of False Fire Alarms. 3; and

WHEREAS, the Napa Valley School District ("NVUSD") have received 17 invoices totaling \$13,332.00 for fire false alarms; and

WHEREAS, under previous practice, if the alarm was determined not to have been activated by a true fire emergency, NVUSD was fined, regardless of the circumstances that triggered the alarm. Chapter 9.65 defines a false fire alarm as "the activation of a fire alarm not caused by heat, smoke, or fire which results in a response." In these cases, the alarms are being activated by smoke or aerosol particulates, consistent with their intended purpose of detecting potentially hazardous conditions. Due to the incorrect classification of these incidents, we request that the existing fire false alarm fines be written off, as the alarms should not have been deemed false; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered all information related to this matter, as presented at the public meetings of the City Council identified herein, including any supporting reports by City Staff, and any information provided during public meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Napa, as follows:

1. The City Council hereby finds that the facts set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct, and establish the factual basis for the City Council's adoption of this Resolution.
2. The City Council hereby authorizes the Finance Director to write off false alarm fines in the amount of \$13,332.00.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Napa at a public meeting of said City Council held on the 3rd day of February 2026, by the following vote:

ATTACHMENT 1

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: _____

Tiffany Carranza
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Christopher Diaz
Interim City Attorney