

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VISALIA,
APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2025-05: A REQUEST BY TULARE
COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION TO EXPAND THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY
FOR 24.32 ACRES EAST OF THEIR CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES LOCATED AT
6200 SOUTH MOONEY BOULEVARD AND TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF
APN: 122-480-004 FROM COMMERCIAL MIXED USE TO PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL AND
APNS: 122-470-003, 122-480-008, 122-480-018 FROM AGRICULTURAL TO
PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL. THE SITE IS LOCATED AT 6200 SOUTH MOONEY BOULEVARD
AND 11720 AND 11836 AVE 264
(APNS: 122-470-003, 122-480-004, 122-480-008, and 122-480-018).

WHEREAS, General Plan Amendment No. 2025-05 is a request by Tulare County Office of Education to expand the Urban Development Boundary for 24.32 acres east of their current administrative offices located at 6200 South Mooney Boulevard and to change the land use designations on APN: 122-480-004 from Commercial Mixed Use to Public/Institutional and APNs: 122-470-003, 122-480-008 and 122-480-018 from Agriculture to Public/Institutional. The site is located at 6200 South Mooney Boulevard and 11720 and 11836 Ave 264 (APNs: 122-470-003, 122-480-004, 122-480-008, and 122-480-018); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Visalia, after duly published notice, held a public hearing before said Commission on March 23, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Visalia considered the General Plan Amendment in accordance with Section 17.54.060 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Visalia based on evidence contained in the staff report and testimony presented at the public hearing, and recommended approval of said General Plan Amendment; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Visalia recommends approval of General Plan Amendment No. 2025-05; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Visalia, following a period of ten (10) days after published notice, held a public hearing for General Plan Amendment No. 2025-05 on April 6, 2026.

WHEREAS, the proposed project was previously evaluated pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by the Tulare County Office of Education which acted as the Lead Agency for the project. Tulare County Office of Education prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project and, following a 30-day circulation of the document for public review, the Lead Agency adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approved moving forward with the project finding that, with implementation of identified mitigation measures, the project would not result in significant environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the City, acting as a Responsible Agency for purposes of CEQA, is required to consider the environmental effects of the project as shown in the environmental document prepared by the Tulare County Office of Education before acting on the project and the City is required to impose feasible mitigation measures within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study prepared for the project disclosed that no significant environmental impacts would result from this project subject to the mitigation measures identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the project. The table recognizes measures intended for, Agricultural Resources related to impacts to Prime Farmland, Biological Resources related to protecting nesting Swainsons hawks, roosting pallid bat and western mastiff bat, obtaining a permit from the SWRCB for impacts to jurisdictional waters, protecting nesting birds, and Cultural Resources related to whether any accidental discovery of unidentified archaeological remains or human remains during development or ground-moving activities in the project boundary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council adopt the Tulare County Office of Education's Mitigated Negative Declaration for General Plan Amendment No. 2025-05 that was prepared consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Visalia approves General Plan Amendment No. 2025-05, based on the following specific findings and evidence presented:

1. That the proposed General Plan Amendment is consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan, and is not detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity.
2. That the proposed General Plan Amendment from 23.32 acres of Agricultural to Public Institutional will not impose new land uses or development that will adversely affect the subject site or adjacent properties.
3. That the proposed land use designation under the proposed General Plan Amendment results in a land use that will suitably buffer and provide an efficient transition between the existing commercial, agricultural, and residential uses surrounding the site.
4. That TCOE prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project and, following a 30-day circulation of the document for public review, TCOE adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approved moving forward with the project finding that, with implementation of identified mitigation measures, the project would not result in significant environmental impacts. TCOE consulted with City staff on the preparation of the Initial Study and MND. The City has independently reviewed and considered the Initial Study and MND, together with the administrative record associated with the Lead Agency's approval of the project and finds that the environmental document adequately evaluates the environmental impacts of the project. Therefore, staff recommends the Mitigated Negative Declaration be adopted for this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Visalia approves General Plan Amendment No. 2025-02, as shown on Attachment “A” of this Resolution, on the real property described herein, in accordance with the terms of this resolution and under the provisions of Section 17.54.080 of the Ordinance Code of the City of Visalia.

PASSED AND ADOPTED: April 6, 2026

LESLIE B. CAVIGLIA, CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF TULARE) ss.
CITY OF VISALIA)

I, Leslie B. Caviglia, City Clerk of the City of Visalia, certify the foregoing is the full and true Resolution 2026-19 passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Visalia at a regular meeting held on April 6, 2026.

Dated: April 06, 2026

LESLIE B. CAVIGLIA, CITY CLERK

By Reyna Rivera, Chief Deputy City Clerk

ATTACHMENT "A"

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