

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA,  
TO REPEAL THE BUTLER/WILLOW SPECIFIC PLAN (PLAN  
AMENDMENT APPLICATION P22-00400)

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2014, by Resolution No. 2014-226, the City Council adopted the Fresno General Plan which established a long-term comprehensive planning strategy for the City of Fresno; and

WHEREAS, Policy D-7-a of the Fresno General Plan contemplated the repeal or amendment of several specific, neighborhood, and community plans, including the Roosevelt Community Plan and the Butler/Willow Specific Plan; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2014, by Resolution No. 2014-225, the City Council certified Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2012111015 ("MEIR") which evaluated the potentially significant adverse environmental impacts of urban development within the City of Fresno's designated urban boundary line and sphere of influence; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020, by Resolution No. 2020-147 pursuant to Fresno Municipal Code Section 15-4902-B, the Fresno City Council initiated the Central Southeast Area Specific Plan based on the Draft Land Use Map and Guiding Principles and initiated amendments to the Plan Boundary and the amendment or repeal of the Butler/Willow Specific Plan and the Roosevelt Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, by Resolution No. 2021-270, the City Council amended the Fresno General Plan to incorporate Vehicle Miles Traveled revisions, consistent with Senate Bill 743, and by Resolution No. 2021-269, certified Program Environmental Impact

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Date Adopted:

Date Approved

Effective Date:

City Attorney Approval: 

Ordinance No.

Report SCH No. 2019050005 (“PEIR”) which updated the MEIR and converted it to a PEIR; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Director has initiated Rezone Application P22-00400 to rezone land to be consistent with the Proposed Planned Land Use Map; and

WHEREAS, the Butler/Willow Specific Plan, adopted by the Fresno City Council on November 18, 1971, by Ordinance 71-116, geographically overlaps with the proposed Central Southeast Area Specific Plan and, due to its age, is outdated; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of 15-5809 of the Fresno Municipal Code, the Planning Commission of the City of Fresno held a public hearing on May 31, 2023, to consider the subject applications and the associated Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Environmental Assessment No. P22-00400, and voted to recommend approval of the subject applications; and

WHEREAS, the environmental assessment conducted for the Central Southeast Area Specific Plan resulted in the preparation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration, prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA dated February 1, 2023.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Council finds in accordance with its own independent judgment that there is no substantial evidence in the record to indicate that Plan Amendment Application No. P22-00400 may have a significant effect on the environment as identified by and evaluated within Environmental Assessment No. P22-00400, there is no substantial evidence in the record that this Project may have additional significant, direct, indirect or cumulative effects on the environment that are significant and that were not identified and analyzed in the Fresno General Plan PEIR.

SECTION 2. The Council finds the adoption of Plan Amendment Application P22-

00400, as approved by the Planning Commission, is in the best interest of the City of Fresno.

SECTION 3. The Council of the City of Fresno hereby adopts Plan Amendment Application P22-00400, repealing the Butler/Willow Specific Plan (as depicted in Attachment 1 - Butler/Willow Specific Plan Area Map).

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective and in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first day after its passage.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO ) ss.  
CITY OF FRESNO )

I, TODD STERMER, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

TODD STERMER, CMC  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
ANDREA JANZ  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Talia Kolluri Date  
Assistant City Attorney

Attachment:  
Attachment 1: Butler/Willow Specific Plan Area Map

