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RESOLUTION – BILL – (For introduction) – Adding Section 3-125 to Chapter 3 of the Fresno Municipal Code relating to Stipends for City Council Interns

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FROM: Esmeralda Soria, Councilmember
City Council

BY: Terry Cox, Chief of Staff
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SUBJECT: An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Fresno, California, adding Section 3-125 to Chapter 3 of the Fresno Municipal Code Relating to Stipends for City Council Internships.

RECOMMENDATION It is recommended that the Council approve ordinance allowing each council district authority to pay internship stipends up to \$500 per month per intern.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council district offices have actively engaged college interns for constituent services, research and special projects for many years. These students donate their time to the City Council and the City of Fresno.

BACKGROUND

Internships benefit both the City of Fresno and the student. The City of Fresno benefits from the hours of service offered by the students as well as the energy, ideas and skills they bring to the council offices.

What the City of Fresno and City Councilmember Offices offer to the student interns is the opportunity to gain valuable work experience, perspective of legislative and government process, first hand exposure to their field of study as well as the ability to develop skills only offered in the work force. In addition, the internships allow many of the interns to be eligible for additional school credits applied to their graduation credits.

This ordinance would allow the City of Fresno through the Council Offices to provide a small stipend that would assist the student in costs associated with their volunteering, such as gas or childcare. It can also assist the student intern with their costs for college, such as books and tuition.

The stipends will be at the discretion of each individual council office. This ordinance allows each council office to offer the intern a stipend of up to \$500 per month. The council office can offer less than the \$500 and is not bound to offer any stipend with the adoption of this ordinance.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

By the definition provided in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, this item is not a project for the purposes of CEQA.

LOCAL PREFERENCE

Local preference does not apply for this ordinance because it does not include a bid or an award of a construction or services contract.

FISCAL IMPACT

This ordinance will not impact the General Fund. Funds will be utilized from existing council district budgets.