

SAB RESOLUTION NO. 24-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SUSTAINABILITY
ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST,
FLORIDA, OFFERING ALTERNATIVES TO
PARKING FEE REDUCTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, approximately 4,000 residents voted Traffic and Pedestrian Friendliness as one of the top 6 Priorities of the City's Strategic Plan and six action items from that Priority include 6 items that speak to decreasing vehicle traffic; and

WHEREAS, "Less Cars on the Road" has been a major goal of the Sustainability Advisory Board for 6 years in a row and action items include: Additional funding for Transit; Increase Alternative Transportation education; Implement Bike Ped Master Plan; and Raise Parking Rates.

WHEREAS, the City has a progressive history of promoting alternative transportation in order to reduce traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, increasing parking fees provides revenue for the General Fund which supplants ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, supplanting ad valorem taxes helps all Key West residents whether they choose to drive or not; and

WHEREAS, parking lot data have shown that raising parking rates will have minor effects on locals; and

WHEREAS, reducing parking fees creates a large General Fund deficit and directly decreases funding to Public Transit, Transportation Alternative Fund, Affordable Housing Fund, and Truman Waterfront; and

WHEREAS, the City already provides multiple low-cost, high value options available to City and Monroe County residents and employees that work downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Advisory Board believes that the City simply needs to educate the public on their options.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Sustainability Advisory Board opposes any decreases in parking fees for residents or employees;

Section 2: That the Sustainability Advisory Board recommends the increase of all parking meter fees by \$1

Section 3: That the Sustainability Advisory Board recommends a pilot period for FY25 that involves strong outreach on the great parking permit programs the City already has and explore hardship parking fee reductions for special cases only;

Section 4: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Sustainability Advisory Board.

Passed and adopted by the City of Key West
Sustainability Advisory Board at a meeting held this 1st day of
October 2024.

Filed with the Clerk on October 1, 2024.



SHELLY KRUEGER, CHAIR

ATTEST:



KIYA TABB, SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK