

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NAPA,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CATEGORY FIVE TEMPORARY EVENT  
APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY AUCTION NAPA VALLEY, PURSUANT TO  
CHAPTER 5.36 OF THE NAPA COUNTY CODE**

**WHEREAS**, Napa County Code (NCC) Section 5.36.050(C) allows the Board of Supervisors of the County of Napa, upon notice and a public hearing, to approve applications for Category 5 Temporary Events; and

**WHEREAS**, NCC Section 5.36.015(H) defines a Category 5 Temporary Event as an event and any related ancillary activities that:

1. Will occur no more frequently than once per year; and
2. Is sponsored by a non-profit corporation in existence for a period of at least two decades during which it has furthered the general welfare of the residents of the county by providing over fifty million dollars to other non-profit groups or entities to fund health care, educational, housing or other charitable services to the needy within the County; and
3. Whose sponsor has, during the period of its existence, regularly conducted similar annual events in the County for the purpose of raising funds for the charitable purposes previously described; and
4. Will be conducted for the purpose of continuing to raise funds for the charitable purposes previously described; and

**WHEREAS**, by its letter dated March 24, 2006 and the attachments thereto, Auction Napa Valley applied for a Category 5 Temporary Event for Auction Napa Valley 2006 events occurring between June 1, 2006 and June 4, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 2, 2006, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 06-87, approving the 2006 Auction Napa Valley event being applied for by Auction Napa Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, Auction Napa Valley is a non-profit corporation that has been in existence for at least four decades, and has continued year after year to host the Auction, raising nearly \$250 million for charitable purposes for the benefit of the residents of Napa County, funding youth mental health, healthcare, education, fire resilience, housing, and other inclusive community services; and

**WHEREAS**, NCC Section 5.36.020(A)(2) describes a subsequent Category 5 event which may be lawfully advertised and conducted within the county without obtaining a license under this chapter or approval of the Board provided that: the event sponsor submits a written application to the department at least sixty days prior to the Subsequent Category 5 event which describes the event and identifies the date, nature, and location of any ancillary activities of the event; the ancillary activities are of the same nature and substantially of the same size as those held in conjunction with the previous Category 5 event approved by resolution of the Board; and the Subsequent Category 5 event and its ancillary activities are conducted in accordance with all

time, place and manner regulations imposed by the Board in its resolution which approved the previous Category 5 event; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 19, 2025, Auction Napa Valley applied for a Category 5 Temporary Event for Auction Napa Valley 2026 events occurring between June 5, 2026, and June 7, 2026. Staff reviewed the letter and determined the event had changed substantially since the adoption of Resolution No. 06-87 and therefore, a new Board resolution is required to approve the 2026 wine auction event; and

**WHEREAS**, staff is in the process of comprehensively updating the Temporary Events Ordinance (Chapter 5.36) and the Temporary Events Standards Manual and is reaching out to stakeholders soliciting feedback on the updates. Staff anticipate the ordinance will be considered by the Board in the Spring of 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Auction Napa Valley is currently planning the Auction Napa Valley 2026 event, including, but not limited to, planning logistics for the event venue and determining the ancillary activities and wineries that will be participating in Auction Napa Valley 2026. Because the event requires extensive lead time and financial commitment, Auction Napa Valley desires a clear understanding of County requirements for the Auction Napa Valley 2026 event and requests that the event be processed under the existing ordinance consistent with County past practices. Future Auction Napa Valley events would be processed under the updated Temporary Events Ordinance if in effect in the year 2027.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Napa County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Section 5.36.050(C) of the Napa County Code, that the Board hereby approves Auction Napa Valley to be issued a Temporary Event license for the events and ancillary activities for 2026 Auction Napa Valley activities, subject to providing the information required in Paragraph 5, and subject to the following time, place and manner restrictions:

1. All events and ancillary activities shall only occur between the hours of eight a.m. and midnight during no more than one five (5) day period;
2. No event shall be conducted in a building or a cave that has not obtained a temporary or final certificate of occupancy;
3. Main Event Sites located in the unincorporated County of Napa shall only occur on a parcel that is accessed from a State Highway; Silverado Trail; County Arterial as defined in NCC Section 18.112.070; a Collector County Road as defined in NCC Section 18.112.080 that is located between Silverado Trail and Highway 29/128; or California Drive;
4. Ancillary events must be officially sanctioned only by Auction Napa Valley organizers, must occur between Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>, and cannot exceed 50 people per event;

5. Auction Napa Valley will submit to the Director of Planning, Building & Environmental Services, or their designee, the following materials at least sixty (60) days prior to any Main Event and Ancillary events:
  - a. An identification in the form of a letter to the Director of the dates, times, and location of the 2026 Main Event and Ancillary Event Sites, including any offsite parking associated therewith;
  - b. A satellite photograph demonstrating road access to any event site located in the County of Napa and not located at a parcel eligible to be a Main Event Site where more than 50 persons will attend;
  - c. For activities with more than 50 persons, including Main Event Sites, a depiction of the use and arrangement of the interior portion of any structure that either is not already designated for accessory occupancy or will have temporary seating;
  - d. An indemnification agreement in a form acceptable to County Counsel;
  - e. A certificate of insurance showing that Auction Napa Valley for all Main Events has obtained insurance coverage in the amount and type required by the County's Risk Manager and from an insurance company acceptable to the County's Risk Manager; and
  - f. Payment of the Non-Profit Wine Auction related application fee, as stated in the current PBES fee matrix, and any applicable review fees.
6. No less than thirty (30) days prior to any Main Event, any activity requiring a building permit, food permit, or utilizing a tent shall separately obtain the required Permit and comply with all applicable requirements therefore;
7. At least 48 hours prior to any Main Event, the Napa County Fire Marshal, or their designee, shall conduct an inspection of the designated Main Event sites. Auction Napa Valley shall incorporate and abide by any conditions, modifications, or occupancy limits as determined by the Fire Marshal; and
8. Auction Napa Valley shall comply with state law and all standards, requirements and conditions applicable to a Category 4 event in the Temporary Events Manual during all phases of the event, including setup and cleanup.

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**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED** by the Napa County Board of Supervisors, State of California, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 27th day of January 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS	_____
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NOES:	SUPERVISORS	_____
ABSTAIN:	SUPERVISORS	_____
ABSENT:	SUPERVISORS	_____

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 AMBER MANFREE, Chair of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM Office of County Counsel  By: <u>McKayla McMahon</u> Deputy County Counsel  Date: <u>January 15, 2026</u>	APPROVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  Date: _____ Processed By: _____ _____ Deputy Clerk of the Board	ATTEST: NEHA HOSKINS Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  By: _____
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