



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** October 24, 2023

**TITLE:**

Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2023-159 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas approving the closure of Chestnut Street for the Lost Pines Christmas parade; providing for a repealing clause; and providing for an effective date.

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Kathy Danielson, Community Engagement Director

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

The Lost Pines lighted Christmas Parade has been a long-standing community event and has been part of Bastrop's unique character that makes the holiday season in Bastrop unlike any other. You can not only see the usual parade drill teams, dance teams school bands and Christmas themed lighted floats, but you can also expect long horns and cowboys gleaming ever so brightly covered in Christmas lights.

Now that the Parade has continued to grow, and it is not uncommon to see (100) one hundred or more entries who want to share in the tradition we need to close Chestnut Street. This is important to maintain the safety of the parade for the participants and the ten to fifteen thousand spectators. Chestnut Street also known as Loop 150 is a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) owner and maintained right of way. In order to close Chestnut for a few hours a permit is required from TxDOT. The application requires a resolution approving the request from the Bastrop City Council.

This is the second year a permit has been required to my knowledge. A resolution for future road closures is a future council agenda item you can expect to see every October or November. This will likely be a future consent item and will be part of the Lost Pines Christmas Parade standard operating procedures.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Kathy Danielson, Community Engagement Director recommends approval of Resolution No R-2023-159

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution No R-2023-159
- Parade Route TCP

