



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

**FROM:** Blake Hayward – Fire Chief

**DATE OF MEETING:** February 12, 2024

**ITEM TITLE:** Road Closure for Soup Supper – Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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### **BACKGROUND:**

During COVID we started a drive-through option for our Annual Soup Supper. Over the years this has started to become more and more popular with nearly half of our orders going through the drive-through last year. With the increased popularity of the event, and to make it easier for our residents, we are requesting approval to close 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE again this year on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> for the event.

### **DISCUSSION:**

We are requesting approval to close 4th Ave SE from 1st Street to 2nd Street SE from 4 PM – 7 PM on February 20th (a Tuesday evening). Closing 4th Ave will allow traffic to enter from the corner of 2nd Street and 4th Ave SE and drive North. This allows the driver's side window to be on the station side and allows firefighters to serve people while being able to stay on the east side of the road and not have to potentially walk out into traffic. Closing the road also ensures that we don't cause any traffic issues or accidents. Our Soup Supper goes from 5-7 PM but we are requesting approval to close the road at 4 PM to set up barricades, and we often have people start showing up around 4 PM. We have attached a map for reference.

### **RESULTS:**

This has been one of the longest fundraisers in IFD history and continues to be a staple for many residents. This fundraiser generates approximately \$1500 – \$2500 yearly depending on the weather. With the addition of the drive-through, we have noticed that inclement weather doesn't seem to affect our drive-through sales nearly as much.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

This is a regular fundraiser for us and helps offset our operating budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a motion to authorize the closure of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE from 4 PM to 7 PM on February 20th.

